

Contrast with this our own trade for the same period under a moderate revenue tariff and we find our total imports and exports for each of the same years increasing in a healthy relative proportion as follows :

	1901	1902	1903
Imports.....	\$181,237,988	\$202,791,595	\$233,790,516
Exports.....	177,431,386	196,019,763	214,401,674
Agricultural exports.	80,276,797	96,313,897	114,441,863

Protection for the Market Gardener.

The Hon J. I. Tarte, while Minister of Public Works in the Liberal Ministry, was recognized as a constant adherent to the protective principle. His uncompromising attitude on the question, repeatedly expressed in public, led to the open rupture with the Prime Minister, and to his withdrawal from the Cabinet and from the party.

NOW IN THE TORY RANKS

During the session of 1902, Mr. Leonard, M.P. for Laval, introduced in Parliament a motion in favor of considerably raising the duties on vegetables. He was supported in the debate by the member for Jacques-Cartier, Mr. Monk. At that time the same arguments were used which have since been repeated with great emphasis by Mr. Blain, the Conservative member for Peel, Ontario.

Mr. Tarte, who—immediately after severing his connection with the Liberal Government—was recognized by the Conservatives, and was especially paraded before the public by the "Montreal Daily Star," as the high priest of protection on April 28th, 1902 spoke in the House of Commons, in opposition to Mr. Leonard's motion as follows :

"My hon. friend wants us to raise the duties upon lettuce, cucumbers, tomatoes, asparagus, celery, beets, onions, etc. It is well known that in the winter months we do not grow cabbages nor cucumbers. We are also aware that it is extremely difficult to raise tomatoes in the winter season. We had to pay, last winter, fifty cents a pound for tomatoes of Canadian growth, whilst American tomatoes were being sold on the Montreal market at twenty cents a pound.

"It is idle to appeal to prejudices. There are enough people buying tomatoes and lettuce, for let it be known that I am speaking the plain, unvarnished truth. Cauliflowers are not grown in the winter months in Canada. I agree that during a certain season of the year they can be kept, perhaps during two or three months. The cauliflowers we buy in the winter are imported from the United States.