

COMMERCIAL STATISTICS.

In pointing out that the provincial government would be only partially successful in collecting commercial statistics from business men, the Times did not, as alleged by the government organ, "suggest to merchants that it may not be advisable" to furnish the information asked for.

The Times was not repeating the view of an official which coincided with its own. In the circular referred to the statisticians say:

"Business men have a natural and proper prejudice against disclosing their business affairs. The object, however, is in no sense to be inquisitorial except in so far as it is necessary to get certain information, and if they clearly understand two things, (1) the great importance of what is wanted, and (2) that returns will be published in the aggregate only, and that the individual schedules will be represented as absolutely confidential and destroyed after being summarized and compared, there ought to be no difficulty in procuring complete returns."

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Have that the large majority of the people of Canada are in favor of settling the question by already disposed of. But the visit of Mr. del Val may be productive of much good if he persuades the bishops in Quebec to accept the inevitable and stop on agitation which can cause nothing but trouble.

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It is not the Times that is disturbed. For many years we have been directing public attention to the starting fact that the province was being impoverished at the rate of millions a year, by the operation of the customs laws principally, but our efforts were never supported by the Victoria apologist for the Ottawa handbill.

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Champion Fitzsimmons Reiterates His Decision to Retire Forever from the Ring.

San Francisco, March 22.—Robert Fitzsimmons, champion of the world, has departed. When he left he was very angry and his countenance was free from any marks of the great battle, with the exception of his lower lip, and that is healing rapidly.

San Francisco, March 22.—Bill Brady is set on the warpath and seems determined to find some way of making Fitz give him life opponent one more chance before he puts into effect his announced retirement from the business.

Another band of colonists will tempt fortune in the South Sea Islands after the style of the Brotherhood of the South Seas that left in the Percy Edwards, says a San Francisco dispatch.

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