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NEARLY three hundred small towns and villages in Canada have woollen industries, which in many cases are their mainstay, giving employment to hundreds of workmen, who buy all the necessaries of life from the local merchants and the farmers of the surrounding country. Unless the tariff on woollen goods is increased many factories will be forced to close, causing ruin to thousands of homes and blighting the prospects of many thriving villages. Doctors, lawyers and other professional men, as well as the local tradesmen would be seriously affected by so many people being thrown out of employment. The circulation of the local newspapers would fall off and the ruin of the tradespeople would take away the most profitable source of newspaper advertising. The banks in many small places would be withdrawn for want of business. The farmers who now find a profitable market for many of their products in these

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