

chapters of our mercantile code should appear likely to occasion too sudden and complete a revulsion, the change might be brought about by slower degrees, and colonial timber might enjoy a diminished protection for a few years longer, as recommended in the Report of the Lords' Committee. At any rate, it would be highly advisable that the old duties, with all their artificial distinctions, should be totally abolished, and one uniform duty be laid on deals and timber, by the load or cubic foot, which would leave the British consumer a perfectly free choice among all the markets of Europe, and would allow him either to convert his wood here or abroad, as his own interest, that is to say, as the welfare of the community should require.

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