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We submit that this reduction in the duty will not benefit the ordinary man and woman in Canada by lowering the cost of clothing and wearing apparel. It will merely mean that a small extra profit on imported goods will be absorbed in the channels of distribution. On the other hand this small difference will increase the flood of buying of British goods, will deepen old, and establish new channels of trade which cannot be closed again, and will eventually end in disaster for our home mills and cause hardship to the skilled mill employees of Canada.

As you are well aware, the present decrease in the British duties comes at a time when our mills are experiencing the most severe and ruthless competition they have ever known, and this competition is increasing in intensity. Every extra yard of cloth, every extra knitted garment which is brought into country, results in an increased flow of money abroad and work is taken out of the hands of the people of Canada.

We will admit that the larger and more powerful mills will possibly be able to maintain a fight for a time, but others will be forced to close their doors.

We have most carefully considered all items affected and we believe it is imperative in order to preserve the life of our industry that 10% discount do not apply to tariff items 567, 568 and 568a.

We are,

Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Canadian Woollen Mfrs Ass'n.

President.

Secretary.