

ject of the interview, the Inspector General replied, that the Government was disposed to carry out the views of the deputation as far as consistent with the general interests of the country, and the requirements of the Revenue, and that measures would be submitted during the present session, which, if they did not meet their views in all cases, would, he believed, be generally satisfactory.

Several gentlemen present entered into explanations respecting the requirements of their particular branches of trade, and urged upon the Inspector General, and the other Members of the Government present, the necessity for immediate legislation on this important question. In answer to a question from Mr. McGee, whether the modifications in the tariff to be introduced were likely to meet the views of the gentlemen present, the Inspector General replied, that the tariff would certainly be adjusted with the view of so equalizing the duties, as to place all branches of trade on a more equal footing, and encouraging our home industry.

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It is impossible in this place to enter upon a discussion of the measures recommended in this report—they will at once commend themselves to all who are disposed to give them due consideration. It is to be regretted that much misapprehension exists, and much misrepresentation is resorted to, to defeat the objects we have in view. The friends of the movement, it is hoped, will exert themselves in disseminating correct information in their respective neighbourhoods. We ask no increase of taxation, but a change in the mode of levying duties. We desire to admit Tea, Sugar and Coffee free, as we cannot produce them, and to increase the duty on articles competing with our own industry, thus encouraging the growth of manufactures amongst us, and thereby promoting the best interests of every class in the community.

W. WEIR, *Secretary.*

TORONTO, 24th April, 1858.

It is particularly requested that parties who have any suggestions to offer, communicate (*post paid*) with the Secretary.