

PROTECTIONIST FARMERS.

Canadian politicians of both political parties have always been too ready to assume that by giving adequate protection to home industries they would incur the hostility of the farming community.

In the United States the Republican party, which has always consistently favored high protection, has generally had the support of most of the agricultural districts in the Northern States. The agricultural sections of the south have generally supported the Democrats, but their opposition to the Republicans during the last forty years has been chiefly due to other causes than protection.

New York has always been regarded as a doubtful state, but the Republicans have usually been sure of a large majority in the agricultural districts of that state. The Democrats have been so thoroughly organized in New York City that they have usually had a big majority there, and the question has always been whether the Republican majority in the state outside the City of New