

rating the insurgents at the same time, much in the language in which Granville and Townsend rated the Colonists when they protested against the Stamp Tax. "Ungrateful Manitobans, planted by our care, nourished up by our indulgence to strength and opulence, will you grudge to contribute your mite to relieve us from the heavy burden under which we lie?" The Manitobans of both political parties reply, as the Colonists replied, and with equal justice. The Indians have been managed, and apparently well managed; otherwise Ottawa has done nothing for the people of the North-West which they could not have done better for themselves. The development of their railway system, which is absolutely vital to their interests, has been shackled, and there is too much reason for their complaints that their country has been turned into a job-warren for broken-down or needy partisans. These are not benefits in return for which submission to a protective duty on agricultural implements, in the interest of Eastern manufacturers, can be required. Nor is it the price of the instruments alone that is in question. Protection almost invariably degrades the quality, and it is alleged that in this case the Protected makers scamp their work and do not produce implements such as are produced in the States. The Finance Minister must be careful, or the people will settle the controversy by sweeping away the Customs line. Smuggling, the irregular antidote to protection, already seems to be active along the frontier.

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regard of his rights as a squatter. The fact that large sums have been spent on the railroad here is held up to us as a proof of the beneficent treatment we are receiving at the hands of the older Provinces. That we pay three times as much per capita into the Dominion treasury as the Eastern taxpayer, that the National Policy increases the price of everything we buy without adding a mill to the price of wheat, oats or barley, that even with a free homestead the settler's life is for some years a hard and unprofitable one—these and such like considerations are quietly ignored. To make matters worse, the people at Ottawa forget that not many miles from here a foreign flag offers the settler nearly all the advantages he can obtain here with others, good railroad facilities for instance peculiar to old settled regions. He gets nothing here which he could not get elsewhere, and it should be the policy of the East to treat him, not as though he were beholden to it for special favours, but on terms of equality and in a spirit of fair play. A few more blunders, a little more stamping on his corns, may provoke him until he becomes "unreasonable in earnest."—*Winnipeg Times, Conservative Journal*, in an editorial on the failure of the Government sale of lands.