

farmers, second among manufacturers and operatives by the investment of fresh capital in the worsted and woolen trade, and third, among the merchants and general public through the expansion of an industry which employs more operatives than any other for the capital invested, will surely offset this in the public mind here, as it has done in the United States, and as it did in Great Britain for the six hundred years during which it was necessary to protect her woolen industry from within and without. And if we justify the expenditure of millions, both by bonus and by protective duties, in developing an iron and steel industry, among others, why should we hesitate to establish a native woolen industry, which, as before shown, is more vital to our national existence?

While it is true that tailor-made clothing is dearer in the United States, especially when made from imported cloth, it is not true that the

The United States and Cheap Clothing. poor man's ready-made suit is dearer there. As a matter of fact, there are at least fifty towns in Ontario alone

where one or more clothing dealers have a special agency for some United States clothing firm, whose goods are selling against the product of Canadian factories after paying the duty. On this subject Justice, Bateman & Co., wool merchants, of Philadelphia, write us: "You will see by enclosed article that, notwithstanding the duty on raw material, ready-made clothing can be sold at a lower price in the United States than anywhere else in the world, and that the French Government is sending a commission here to investigate the wholesale clothing manufacturing in the United States, the fame of which is spreading throughout the world."

It may be asked, is it certain that a protection on wool will arrest the decay of the Canadian sheep industry? On this question we have not

The Principle and Its Proof. only the evidence of the direct effect of wool protection on sheep-raising, but we have the evidence of the disaster caused to both the wool-growing interest and the woolen