

have but to look at the Conservative newspapers to get any quantity of such testimony. Now, if these papers thought there was anything in the "stolen clothes" idea, they would not hesitate to exploit it, for the theft would be the strongest possible tribute to their policy. But they emphasize the fact that the Liberals do not stand for protection and appeal to the protectionists to have nothing to do with the party that dares to show any consideration for the consumer. Here are a few quotations in this connection:

TORONTO MAIL AND EMPIRE, chief Conservative organ, Feb. 15th, 1902:

"We cannot allow our own industries to be wiped out, as they would be, if the Sifton view should prevail."

MAIL AND EMPIRE, April 19th, 1902:

"At this moment the Provincial Government supports Mr. Sifton, who says that Ontario industries, if insufficiently protected, had better shut up."

MAIL AND EMPIRE, Sept. 8, 1902:

"Mr. Tarte has lost no time in replying to his colleague, Mr. Sifton. Immediately that Mr. Sifton issued his lower tariff interview, Mr. Tarte hastened to Toronto with a higher tariff oration. Although Mr. Tarte does not say in so many words that the Liberal-Conservative policy of Canada for the Canadians is, and always was, right, that is what his speech means. He points to the growing importations from the United States, and wants to know why we cannot have proper tariff laws, building up our own industries for our own operatives and our own farmers. Mr. Sifton, who says that proper tariff laws rob the consumer, now has the floor. It rests with him to justify his lower tariff crusade."

"Where are Ontario's Cabinet representatives in the tariff fight? Are they all afraid of Mr. Sifton?"

OTTAWA CITIZEN, Sept. 16, 1902:

"The Toronto Star, the newspaper organ of Hon. Mr. Mulock, demands that the leaders of the Liberal party shall not forget those who journeyed with them long years in the wilderness; namely, the free traders, and says the latter expect that, although they may sometimes sit at the table of the Philistines" (meaning thereby the protectionists), "they will remain true to Israel."

"The utterances of the Liberal press, both in its virulent attacks on Hon. J. Israel Tarte, and its subsequent comments on the existing situation, give ground for serious surmise that there is more in the present row than appears on the surface. Has the Liberal party, or at least its leaders, been meditating the overthrow