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OWING to sickness and other causes the November issue of the *Miscellany* has been unavoidably delayed beyond the proper date, and a large amount of correspondence crowded out.

### Home Industries.

Many of our Canadian readers may not be aware that one of the many industries that are springing into life in this Dominion is the manufacture of printing ink. Until within the last ten years, printing ink was altogether imported from Great Britain and the United States; no enterprising manufacturer deeming it worth his while to start a factory here, probably because the demand would not warrant it, or owing to the anomalous state of our tariff in regard to this article. While the printing community are aware that printing ink comes into this country duty free, many must be ignorant of the fact that all the materials which enter into its composition have to be imported, and upon these our government exact a duty of 17½ per cent. To put the matter plainly, it amounts to this: that were the parties who have invested their capital in this industry to close up their factories here and remove to the other side of the line 45 deg., they would be in a much better position to sell in this country than they are to-day, besides having a wider field for the sale of their ink.

Canada has her paper mills and type foundries, and many of the smaller printing presses are now produced here, and last, through not least, her printing ink factories (for what would the printers do without printing ink). Our brother craftsmen are aware this article has, up to the present time, always been placed upon the free list. This, in the olden days, was well enough; but during the past ten years two manu-

factories of this article have been started, one in Montreal and the other in Toronto, and surely it is not asking too much when we say that it is very desirable that these "infant industries" should be, at least, placed upon an equal footing with their more mature and formidable rivals in Great Britain and the United States.

This is not a question of Protection versus Free Trade. However men may differ in opinion as to this vexed question, all will agree that to make a charge of 17½ per cent. for the privilege of doing business in this country, is an outrage upon all sound principles of political economy.

We feel assured that our brother typos throughout Canada will endeavor to sustain these two firms even at a little extra cost to themselves, until our new Government (who have promised much) will see the necessity of either allowing the raw material to pass in duty free, or imposing a duty on printing ink. In this matter we have hitherto protected the outside manufacturer, let us now try what protection will do for ourselves, "at any rate on printing ink." We have been assured that in either case of reducing the duty on the raw material, or imposing a duty on printing ink, our Canadian manufacturers will not advance the price.

In closing we desire to impress upon our readers and patrons in Canada the necessity of bringing this matter to the attention of their representatives in the new Government upon every favorable opportunity, and we do here directly ask *our* representative in the Executive to give the matter his close consideration.

DEALERS in and manufacturers of printing machinery, paper, ink, type, and any article used in printing, or by printers and editors, will find the *Miscellany* an excellent medium through which to advertise their stock. It will prove itself the cheapest and best medium they can adopt if they wish to put their materials into the hands of the printers of Canada and the United States. The *Miscellany* is sent to every printing office in the Dominion, and it has also a large circulation in the United States. As will be seen by reference to the advertising rates the figures have been made very low in consideration of the fact that the terms are cash.

How to lose flesh—Start a meat market and trust every one that comes along.—*Ex.*