

# Free Trade

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# National Policy.

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THE AMERICAN WATCH CASE COMPANY OF TORONTO

Vs.

W. F. DOLL, OF WINNIPEG

Via JUDGE ROSE, *the Good Tory.*

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JUDGE ROSE did the honors at the second trial of the now celebrated suit wherein the so-called American Watch Case Co., of Toronto (no connection with the well-known—the *genuine*—“American Watch Case Co.” of the U. S.) brought suit against W. F. Doll, of Winnipeg, claiming \$5,000 damages for alleged slander.

Mr. Doll and over 150 of his fellow jewellers, it appears, have for some years been petitioning the government to reduce the absurd 35 per cent. duty on watch cases and clocks. They pointed out that clocks were not being made in Canada, and had not been for over 12 years; that clocks were a necessity to the poor man, and the duty, which practically amounted to robbery, should be reduced to at least 10 per cent., and if more revenue must be raised, the Government should put a duty on *diamonds*, which are absolutely free, and which should certainly not be free, while the farmers' plows, harness, clothing, etc., are being so heavily taxed. It was also pointed out that the American Watch Case Co., of Toronto, who claimed to control the output of Canadian watch cases, “were only prosperous because of the similarity of its name to that of one of the largest and oldest watch case companies in the world, the “American Watch Case Co. of the United States,” and because a large portion of the Canadian watch cases resembled, in *everything but quality*, those of the U. S.

The Government were also requested to make it a criminal offence to stamp watch cases, jewelry, etc., with “fictitious” stamps, or stamps that did not denote the exact quality of materials that the cases, etc., were made of. This would have put a stop to the *dishonorable practices* of those protected manufacturers of