

any such question as the present, which affects vitally the future interests of our young nation, arises, that we shall rest rather upon the ideals which we have been taught in the Mother Country by her public men, than upon that which seems to be the besetting curse and sin of public life here to-day, namely, to look at everything merely from a party standpoint and whether it would benefit the ins or the outs.

I trust we shall not have a policy framed on lines which apparently all are agreed upon as the best result to be obtained, having in view the conflicting interests involved, suddenly repudiated because political opportunism embraces an alliance with discontent which, however prejudicial to the whole country, is for the immediate benefit of party.

This question is bound to be dealt with in the near future. The consumer is likely to criticize, more and more carefully, tariff legislation, which should be framed intelligently. He is more and more likely to narrowly scrutinize the enormous capitalizations which are nursed and fostered by the tariff, and he is likely, more and more, to call his representative in Parliament to account and to ask that tariff legislation shall be framed, not in the nature of what is called the "pork-barrel conference," namely, "scratch my back and I will scratch yours!" but upon a consideration of whether the business is one that should receive any tariff protection at all, whether it is one that in the common good of the whole had better not be allowed to languish and die rather than to maintain a mushroom or hot-house existence at the expense of the general community!

My suggestion finally is, to treat all proposals with the utmost courtesy and consideration; to examine them under