

FREE TRADE OR PROTECTION

Consideration of Best Course for Great Britain to Pursue.

From Forthrightly Review. The great industrial condition justifying protection is where countries of great natural advantages and of a high intellectual and political outlook, come late into the field of industry, so that like some infant Zeus or Hercules, they have to be guided and protected with sedulous care until they arrive at industrial manhood.

And here, at the outset, I may perhaps be permitted to say that I am not prepared to do so much in the interests of a free trade as some of the more important of the present time, namely, of immediate and urgent industrial necessities. I am not prepared to express merely my own changed opinion, drawn from my studies of historical evolution, but to feel that some of the more clear-sighted of the younger economists, of many public men, both parties in turn, and of a large number of thoughtful and penetrating minds of all shades of opinion, have not only been led to this, but thought adequate public expression.

But before proceeding to my main argument, I think it expedient to point out that the expediency and validity of the policy of free trade never really rested on any abstract economic arguments by which it was supported, either by the economic or the practical politicians of the day. It was supported, rather, on certain industrial conditions which did not appear in the argument, and which, although never carried, it, but rather on certain industrial conditions which did not appear in the argument, and which, although never carried, it, but rather on certain industrial conditions which did not appear in the argument.

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