

prospered there more than they had ever done before, notwithstanding the assumption of the hon. gentleman to the contrary; yet upon that assumption the hon. gentleman has chosen to risk the fortunes of his political party in this country; for that is the very basis and essence of the policy to which the Hon. the Finance Minister pledges his adhesion. I will take another instance: Nor is it true as to France, where the special industries of the country have been nurtured by the Government, where they have been protected by the Government, and been brought to a degree of perfection and excellence unequalled in the world—that the fostering care of the Government, in creating these industries, has resulted in the destruction of other industries. I maintain that agriculture and all the other industries in France, as in England, have grown concurrently with the growth of the manufacturing industries, and have kept pace with them. If France has risen from her ashes like the Phoenix, after the late war, and stands out before the world a marvel of recuperative energy, it is for the very reason that, by a continuous policy of that kind, the farmers of that country had been able to hoard their savings, in large sums, which they were able to give to the Government in its hour of need, thus redeeming the honor of France, and saving the credit of France, and vindicating the integrity of France, notwithstanding the great blow that had almost stricken her to the earth. If we apply that rule to England, it is historically untrue; and if we apply it to France, it is historically untrue. If, also, we apply it to Germany, to Russia, to the United States, to any other country where the system had been wrought out, we will find that it is historically untrue. This was assertion against assertion, but I will give proofs. I will go further. I will give proofs of industries that have flourished, that have admittedly flourished, that have been built up by a protective policy, and have been of inestimable advantage to the country in which they existed:

#### **The Beet Root Sugar Industry in Europe a clear Refutation.**

I beg to refer the Hon. the Premier, for an instance in confirmation of this view and to the overthrow of the hon. gentleman's own view, to the beet root sugar industry of France and Germany. I will hardly venture to attempt to prove a fact in refutation of a principle so emphatically, not to say dogmatically laid down, and rest upon any other than recognized Free Trade authorities. I will cite an authority which the Hon. gentleman and every Free trader will recognize as being a good one—the works of J. R. McCulloch, who was as keen a free trader as the Hon. the Minister of the Interior (Mr. Mills) himself. This was his statement with regard to beet root sugar. This gentleman would not be disputed as a free trade authority; he was sound; he was Gospel in this respect:

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