

PROTECTION OR FREE TRADE?

Review of the Platform of Both Political Parties.

IN order that the attitude of both Conservatives and Reformers, on the trade question may be fully understood, recent utterances of the leaders of the Reform party, and also of Sir John Macdonald, are given below. All those who believe in the National Policy will do well to contrast both platforms.

What Sir John Says.

(Extract from his speech at Conservative Convention, Toronto, Dec. 17th, 1884.)

"I therefore say that the National Policy has not in one single particular been a failure. And I nail my colors to the mast on that point. I am a National Policy man. Those who do not agree with me on that subject, though they may support me on others, will fail me on the point which is more essential and more important to the future prosperity of Canada than any subject that can be submitted to the Legislature of a nation."

What Sir Richard Says.

(Extract from speech in House of Commons February 24th, 1882. Vide Hansard.)

"But as far as this Tariff is concerned the fact of the matter is simply this, that with respect to most of the manufacturers, the Tariff has either directly injured them, or it has left them exactly where they were. What interest have these manufacturers in seeing that wages are raised, and under this tariff wages