

as is well known, depression had brought about over-production in the ready-made clothing trade, with a collapse of prices, the comparison does not favor the poor man. In this comparison we must make due allowance for the fact that the cost of manufacturing in 1905 was 10 to 25 per cent. higher than in 1896, the price of wool being about the same at both periods. But suppose it could be shown that the poor man paid no more for his cheap suit in 1905-8 than in 1896, it is still undeniable that the suit of to-day is infinitely less durable than before the flood of shoddy goods swept in. The mere fact that numbers of firms in Galashiels, Huddersfield and other medium and fine cloth centres have lost their Canadian trade in recent years, while Batley, Dewsbury and other centres of the shoddy trade have enormously gained in this market is a simple proof of this.

It is true that under such a tariff the finer fabrics would be slightly raised in price in consequence of the duty on imported wools, but those

Better Values,	who wear fine fabrics can afford
More Capital,	to pay for them. The enormous
More Employment.	gain through the circulation of
	money, first among Canadian

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1896.—Throughout November and December the T. Eaton Company continuously offered ready-made 4-button all wool tweeds with best Italian cloth linings, sizes, 36-44 at \$6 to \$7.50.

1896.—Throughout November and December the R. Simpson Company advertised ready-made all wool 4-button sack suits of English and Canadian tweeds at \$5.99, \$6.49, and \$6.99.

1905.—Throughout November and December the T. Eaton Company continuously advertised same classes of ready-made suits at \$10.50, \$15, and \$18.

1905.—Throughout November and December the R. Simpson Company advertised same class of suits at \$9, \$11.75, \$14, and \$16.

1907.—Eaton and Simpson advertised early in November all-wool and worsted winter suits, sizes 36-44 at \$12 to \$14, but later advertised in December towards Christmas manufacturers stocks at slaughter prices of \$7.95 to \$8.59.