

## ***The Fallacy of "Free Food" Exposed***

### **LAURIER'S LATEST THEORY A BLOW AT THE NATIONAL POLICY.**

It has been shown beyond reasonable doubt that the theory of the tariff being a factor in the high cost of living is **false to facts**, false to the teachings of fiscal science, and false to the fundamentals of sound economics; it has been shown conclusively that the high cost of living is world wide and that even if a tariff never existed it would be impossible for Laurier to import cheap food under existing conditions for the simple reason that **there is no cheap food to buy**; it has been shown by plain figures and facts that all this talk about "free food" raising from our shoulders the "burden of food taxation" is the merest cant, for the simple reason that this so-called "crushing" food taxation, is a Laurier myth, a befogging mist that dissolves before facts, like figment shadows before the morning breeze. We will now endeavor to prove that not only is this false policy of "Free Food" wholly and absolutely useless to effect the purpose for which it is supposed to have been conceived, but that it is **really fraught with great danger, constituting as it does, an attack on the National Policy**, under the guise and in the name of reform in the interests of those, who would be the greatest sufferers from the dire consequences with which it is pregnant.

### **"FREE FOOD" MEANS "FREE TRADE."**

"Free food" means free trade in natural products, and free trade in natural products means the removal of the very corner stone of the super-structure of adequate and reasonable protection to every Canadian industry. **If you refuse to protect the farmer from outside competition, how long is the farmer going to agree to the protection of our manufacturers.** How long will he remain content to sell in an unprotected market, and buy in a protected market? **The**