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about nine columns of a description of the Canadian tobacco fields and Canadian tobacco as written by this same Alexander Harthill, of Kentucky. I do not wish to weary the House, but I will read one or two short extracts:

"I saw little of Canadian cigar tobacco. One specimen of Zimmer's Spanish was a beautiful, silky leaf, but very light in color, while another was a desirable brown color, with fine texture. I gave to a friend a cigar made of Canadian cigar leaf of the 1897 crop with Sumatra wrapper, and he pronounced it a good full-bodied smoke."

Now, if the western district is capable of producing a cigar tobacco—and we all know that Zimmer's Spanish is a cigar tobacco of rich brown color—acceptable to an expert like Harthill, and yielding, as his friend declared, a large full bodied smoke, then, the western district of Canada is capable of producing a tobacco equal in quality to that which we at present import from the United States. Now, one word more. Hon. gentlemen opposite, the opponents of Canadian tobacco have a tendency rather to hold up the McDonald tobacco, the Prince of Wales chewing and the pipe tobacco, as manufactured by McDonald, at Montreal, as the standard, and to say that the Canadian tobacco is not equal to that which he manufactures from the foreign leaf, the imported article far excelling the domestic. This Mr. Harthill, speaking of McDonald, says:

"His using Canadian-grown Burley would be no greater change, if as great, as his changing Kentucky chewing fillers some years ago from Green River (a much stronger tobacco) to Burley entirely, which he uses now."

'To Burley entirely which he uses now.' If that is to be the standard, it seems to me that all that remains to be proved is that the Dominion of Canada is capable of producing Burley varieties equal to those produced in the United States, because of the Canadian we receive 1½ pounds for the same price we paid for a pound prior to the days of 1897. In the fertile imagination of the hon. member for Bothwell, if you give a man a pound and a half of tobacco for the same price that he paid for a pound before, the member for Bothwell argues that the people of Canada are having taxes wrung from them on that article. Mr. Harthill goes one step further, and in the same article, he says:

"Meantime the new Dominion is on the road to making the great staple one of her important industries, and to grow at home, in future, what she has spent millions for abroad in the past."

This is not the statement of any man interested in Canadian tobacco, this is not the statement of any Canadian manufacturer, this not the statement of any man who would make a single dollar by virtue of the tobacco duties of 1897. There is an authority quite above the interest that radiates from the breeches pocket; it is an authority sent here for the purpose of investigating the tobacco fields of Canada, and he says that we can produce as good a tobacco of the same grades and the same varieties as we are now importing from the United States.

The most convincing and irrefutable evidence that can possibly be cited as to the quality and merits of our Canadian tobacco is found in the columns of the *Canadian Cigar and Tobacco Journal*. This publication is the recognized organ of all branches of the trade, an admitted authority on all matters pertaining to the great tobacco industry, and having the same relationship