

plication of manufacturing industries, the competition among them would so reduce prices that the element of the greater price would become eliminated. In this they have not been deceived, for they well know that about everything that they find necessary to their comfort and welfare can be produced in Canada at as low cost as it can be imported for. It is true that in many lines the tariff gives Canadian manufacturers the benefit of the home market; and it is also true that in the same lines domestic competition has brought prices down to a scale that could not possibly be lower even if free trade prevailed.

The Globe asserts that the impression prevails that our manufacturing industries rest upon an artificial basis, and that if the props be withdrawn they will totter; and that this condition makes for unsound politics and unsound business conditions. Is this correct? Protection in some form or another has existed in human society beyond a time when history became a recorder of facts. It is to be seen everywhere and in every sentient thing, and it is nowhere more forcibly and emphatically expressed than by the mother when she shields her child from any impending or apparent danger. We find parental government protecting the home brood against the encroachments of the intruder. We find the local government protecting its interest against the incursions of the stranger. We find the law protecting the just against the outrages of the unjust—protecting the innocent against the machinations of the vile. We find it guaranteeing peace, justice and independence among those who made the law, as against those who would stir up strife and contention. The grand old meteor flag represents the highest conditions of protection imaginable, for go where he may, even to the uttermost ends of the earth, the protection of the British flag guarantees to the one who may be entitled to it the backing of the greatest Empire on earth in the defence of his rights and privileges. Why should we not have protection? Why should the foreigner and stranger, who may pay taxes in his own country, but certainly not in this, be allowed to bring or send his products into Canada for sale in full, free and unrestricted competition with the products of Canadian labor? It is the duty of the mother to shield her child from danger. It is the duty of the parental government to protect the home brood against the encroachments of the intruder. It is the duty of the law to protect the just against the outrages of the wicked. It is the duty of those who bear the flag—who represent the power and glory of the Empire—to protect those who may be entitled to its protection. It is equally the duty of government to protect the industries of the people of the country against the encroachment of the people of any other country.

As the Globe says, every manufacturer ought to take an intelligent interest in public affairs and in the prosperity of the country in which he makes his living; and of course all classes of the community should do the same thing; but it is exceedingly unkind and unjust for it to intimate, nor is it born out by the fact, that his private interests are magnified in legislation, or that all that he has and is was not obtained by methods in no manner antagonistic to the welfare of the whole community. All that the manufacturer asks or hopes for, but which he does expect and demand, is that he shall receive from the state quite as much protection and consideration as other classes of the community. This protection may come in

different ways and exist in varying forms. The Globe itself as a great Canadian newspaper has, as such, protection against the competition of other great newspapers published in other lands and places. The lawyer has protection in strict laws that prevent a foreign lawyer competing with him in Canadian courts. The physician enjoys protection of similar character. The architects are clamoring for protection, as a guild against all other architects who will not become members of that organization. The carpenter and stone and brick mason, and the laborer who digs ditches and builds sewers, have protection, in that houses and sewers cannot, for obvious reasons, be imported from foreign countries; and those who operate street cars, and railroads, and telegraph and telephone lines; and those who do our street lighting are protected in their industries by laws that absolutely prevent competition.

It is all well enough for The Globe to tell us that industrial self-reliance is the goal which tariff reformers should always keep steadily in view, by which it means that because the manufacturer asks that his industries be protected the same as the industries and callings of all other classes of the community are protected, he is not self-reliant—that he depends upon the enforcement of laws created specially in his favor and at the sacrifice of the general good. The finely drawn theories of Cobden, Bright, Principal Grant and other impractical dreamers, which have been adopted by The Globe, have had their day, and, having been rejected by every other nation of the earth, are now being disregarded and set aside by Britain, the only country that ever lent a listening ear to them. Protection is the watchword of all advanced and advancing nations to-day.

BEARING FALSE WITNESS.

THE CANADIAN MANUFACTURER is apparently of opinion that the Spectator can see nothing good in a Grit government and nothing bad in a Tory government, and proceeds to give this great family journal a talking to about its partisanship. We hasten to return good for evil by explaining that THE MANUFACTURER is not a partizan publication. It goes in for the National Policy in Dominion elections, and helps Sir Oliver Mowat in local elections. The fact that Sir Oliver Mowat does all he can—sends out an army of government employes, bull-dozes the liquor license holders, sends his ministers on stumping tours, uses the patronage of the government, promises jobs to all and sundry, and uses the whole strength of the Ontario Government machine against the National Policy cuts no figure with THE MANUFACTURER. In Ontario election campaigns THE MANUFACTURER opposes the Conservatives, insults and derides them, tells them that not one cent of the manufacturers' money will aid them, and then imagines that all it has to do when the Dominion elections come on, is to say, "Now, boys, put your shoulder to the wheel, and hurrah for the N. P." It is a mighty good thing for the N. P. that THE CANADIAN MANUFACTURER is so insignificant that the electorate pays no attention whatever to it.—Hamilton Spectator.

Don't bear false witness, dear Spec., as you are doing. It is a long way from the truth to say that this journal helps Sir Oliver Mowat in local elections, and we challenge our contemporary to point out one article, or sentence, or line or word ever published in these columns that could be so construed. The Spectator not only bears false witness against this journal, but it bears false witness against Sir Oliver when it says that he always uses the whole strength of the Ontario