

TARIFF CHANGES

ARE not going to interfere with the Spring Trade of 1897. In fact, we are told on good authority that the Ministers now conducting an inquiry into needed tariff legislation will be conclusively shown that a fixed date for a new law coming into force is necessary. That date will tide over the Spring date period completely. Other conditions for large Spring buying are equally satisfactory. The higher prices for wheat and other farm produce are having an effect on the farmers very encouraging to the local merchant; an immediate expansion in United States trade is inevitable; the development of our mines is not only moving idle money out of our savings banks, but foreign capital has already invested extensively, and a nice trade has been done in the mining regions.

These things being so, what is to prevent a lively demand for Spring and Summer goods? The Review, going to the dry goods