
THE Fallacy of "Free Food"

The Tariff Not a Contributing Cause to the High Cost of Living

That people believe what they wish to believe, was never better illustrated than in the spectacle of a presumably responsible section of the press and public of Canada lending their support to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's latest fiscal policy, namely, "Free Food."

These very words, "free food" insinuate themselves into one's consciousness without challenge from the understanding. Life at best is a struggle; and to maintain one's self in the human procession, requires vigilance, self-denial, and arduous toil. To be relieved from the forces that bear down so hard upon humanity means an easier lot. And so ardent is the wish for this immunity that many do not stop to inquire whether the schemes devised and put forward for the purpose, really do afford immunity or relief. Analysis is waived, the facts unchallenged, and the conclusion accepted.

Who that has a wife and loved ones to support, could wish other than free food?

Who that is dependent upon the labour of his hands or brain, does not want to see the burden of the high price of the necessities of life reduced?