

We shall be something surprised if the Legislature of Canada, which only a few months ago endorsed a measure for giving to the infant manufactories and industrial interest of the Country a large share of incidental protection through a revenue tariff, will, in the very next session, be found repudiating that wholesome principle, and enacting a tariff whose chief object is the bolstering up of a few already wealthy individuals. It is to be hoped that the members for Upper Canada, at least, will look to their own interests in this matter. That they will be found to endorse such an act of injustice to their own section it is impossible to believe. Neither do we believe that the members for Lower Canada will endorse such a policy. Their conduct towards the Upper section has been invariably marked by fairness and good faith, and we cannot think that they will now repudiate that principle and endanger the friendly relation between the two sections by recording their votes in favor of a measure so inimical to their interests of Upper Canada, for the exclusive benefit of a few importing merchants of their own section. It is difficult to tell by whom such a measure may be supported. Surely Mr. Cayley and his supporters, who enacted the Tariff of last year, and adopted specific duties as the most correct in principle, and as being just to all classes, will not now repudiate their votes of last Session, and thereby stamp themselves for ever with inconsistency. It is to be hoped not. Neither do we believe that the Legislature of Canada will lay themselves open to the imputation of having enacted a law so manifestly one-sided in its tendency, and that will carry destruction before it into the whole commercial affairs of the Upper Province.

A MERCHANT.

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