

...he is allowed to proceed further. He pays his horse, and his horse, gets his price of \$100.00, which after deducting the duty paid leaves him only \$70.00. With that \$70.00 he buys the buggy waggon he requires, and returns home. Unfortunately he is again met by a customs officer and has to hand over \$20.00 as duty on the waggon. This leaves him only \$41.00 for his \$100.00 horse. The farmer has spent a great deal of time and trouble in raising that horse. The horse has cost him many the hard days labor in providing hay and oats, and in breaking him and fitting him for market. After it is all over he finds that he was not the real owner of the horse, that others had really greater rights in him than he had himself. He becomes indignant, and gives loud vent to his feelings. His neighbor who is a manufacturer, and highly protected in all he does, hears the farmer complain, and immediately stops him, and says, "Sir, how dare you complain; you are not patriotic, you are disloyal, you are running down the country." The farmer is surprised, and ventures to say to the manufacturer: "I am not disloyal. My farm is a good farm. I am a good farmer, and I raised a good horse, but those vile customs officers took all I got for my horse. I have only \$41.00, when I ought to have \$100.00 I now understand how farmers cannot prosper. How can any man prosper and be forced to give up half of his property, for nothing to others? I can never prosper, and no farmer can prosper, while those customs officers are there. I go for sweeping them all away, and having unrestricted trade with my neighbors." The manufacturer has read what Sir John Macdonald said a few days ago at Toronto about such men as that farmer, and with great indignation answers him; "Sir, you are a vile traitor, and are talking treason, and the minister of Justice will attend to you. We will never allow those customs officers to be abolished. They enable us manufacturers to make millions out of you farmers every year, and we know what is good for ourselves." The farmer goes home feeling sad over the loss of his horse, but feeling he has discovered the true cause of his want of prosperity, and fully determined he will never cast another vote to keep those custom officers there any longer. The manufacturer also goes home, but he feels uneasy about the determined look in that farmers face, and makes up his mind to send \$500.00 to the Conservative committee as his subscription to the election fund to make sure those customs officers will not be driven away by the farmers' vote.

INCREASED BURDENS OF TAXATION UNDER PROTECTION.

Let us examine the questions whether our taxation has been increased during the last ten years—how much more we pay annually, how much more we have paid in all, and whether this increase has been applied to lessen our public debt, or whether that debt has also increased.