

the ejection of Mr. Tarte, a clear-cut division between the two political forces. Mr. Tarte having gone out, the free traders are supreme among the Liberals, and the protectionists are suppressed."

MONTREAL STAR, Oct. 22, 1902:

"But actions speak louder than words, and the fact that the Government has parted with Mr. Tarte rather than even discuss with him for a single day the policy he has been advocating, is extremely significant. The irresistible inference is that the last vestige of protectionism went out of the Cabinet with Mr. Tarte, and that the Government will now feel free to carry out its ante-election pledges. If there are any protectionists left in the Cabinet they are tolerated only upon the condition that they swallow their principles and for any good they may be to the cause of protection, they might as well be members of a deaf and dumb institute."

MONTREAL STAR, Oct. 23rd, 1902:

"That the most active minister has left the Cabinet is important, not merely as an interesting event giving rise to speculation concerning the outgoing's future course, and the effect of his retirement on the strength and the prospects of political parties, but as indicating, probably, the Premier's consent to a policy either of immobility or of retrogression in respect of the tariff. There would be no sense or logic in his objection to Mr. Tarte's demand for tariff revision of a protective nature if he and his Cabinet were intending such revision. Freed of their powerful protectionist colleague, the free traders of the Ministry may carry revision the wrong way. Thus not only are the industries of Canada threatened as at present by the Ministry's inaction, but also newly endangered by the too great probability that Sir Richard, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Sifton and the other free trade doctrinaires in power may endeavor to lessen existing present protection. That we take to be the important matter in connection with Mr. Tarte's retirement to which business men will feel their attention called."

OTTAWA CITIZEN, Oct. 25th, 1902:

"The friends of protection have watched them with apprehension, and the sacrifice of Tarte, the protectionist, at the demand of the free trade element of the Liberal party is conclusive proof that this suspicion and apprehension have been well founded. The courageous action of Mr. Tarte may defer his late colleagues for the present from interfering with the tariff, but the public is satisfied that it is in dangerous hands. From a broad, national standpoint, the Citizen admires and commends the action of Mr. Tarte. That he may be nominally a Liberal is beside the question. He has made a stand on a policy that is still national and with which the future