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A noticeable feature in the Old Country is the stead-

BRITISH MANUFACTURERS AND PROTECTION.

A nonceasing demand for a moderate policy of Protec-tion. It is only necessary to refer to the changed atti-tude of the Association of Chambers of Commerce of the United Kingdom, representing the great industrial interests of the country to appreciate the movement towards voted against it, and thirty-one refrained from voting.

In 1909 a similar resolution was supported by forty-six others a year ago, is hardly necessary." Chambers, the vote of the remainder was practically unchanged. In 1910 fifty-one Chambers voted in favor of the resolution, while forty-one were neutral and only the resolution, while forty-one were neutral and only another page of the large of the lar the resolution, while forty one were neutral and only twelve Chambers against. In 1911 a resolution asking for the appointment of a Royal Commission to enquire factor the fiscal question was carried unanimously. A further resolution praying the Government to give favorable consideration to the proposals for reciprocal trading within the Empire, which would be submitted to the forthcoming Imperial Conference by the representatives of the Overseas Dominions, was carried with only about half a dozen dissentients. The change in the vote in these four years discloses a remarkable change in public sentiment.

From the visit of the British manufacturers to Can-The summer and from their subsequent letters of friendly criticism and advice, we are able to gather that these men are keenly alive on all questions affecting their Interests. They represented many of the most important branches of British trade. It is men of this stamp, the leading manufacturers in the Old Country, who have been slowly but surely arriving at a decision, that as regards the old Cobdenite doctrine of "Free Trade" it is time for a change. A notable instance is the recent demand of the British manufacturers of automobiles for a tariff, as a protection against the cars dumped into the country from the United States. The movement is gathering strength. Other trades are demanding protection and a policy of Imperial Preference. In the issue of gathering strength. Other trades are demanding protection and a policy of Imperial Preference. In the issue of the Newcastle Daily Journal of Sept. 13th, Mr. Stephenson Haggie, chairman of Messrs R. Hood, Haggie and Sons, Limited, rope manufacturers, Willington Quay, writes on conditions affecting as he states, hundreds of readily of the states, hundreds of the states of the situation. They assume that he is invariably an unmitigated nuisance to the farmer's household, and that his departure is hailed with universal relief. So that tradition has become established. But, like many other traditions, it is a long way from the whole truth. In external features life may be easier to the farmer after the worders of his support.

visit of Mr. Borden, the Prime Minister of Canada, to this country, I would like to put before you the following convictions of a business man, and I am quite sure there are thousands of business men in the North of England who are of the same way of thinking.

"We have, during the last six years, had hundreds of Bpeeches and opinions from carpet-bag politicians and village pump lawyers, but very few from the practical manufacturer who has gone through the mill, the man who has to face the music. Speaking personally, the great bulk of my company's exports go to our own Colonies, who give the Mother Country the preference, thanks to their strong patriotism, and in spite of such stupid speeches as that about slamming, bolting and barring the door in their face, a speech which every loyal Englishman is pshamed of (not to mention Cabinet Ministers). Were we, by any misfortune to lose these markets, we should their face, a speech which every loyal Englishman is asshamed of (not to mention Cabinet Ministers). Were we, by any misfortune to lose these markets, we should probably have to close our works down, and send our people home, and my case fits hundreds of manufacturers and country are both pleasant and profitable. The par-

English manufacturer to find selling markets for his goods, as nearly all the foreign markets are closed against him. For instance, a few years ago my firm used to do a very large business with an important German company in Hamburg (one of the finest cities in Europe, and full of shrewd business men as sharp as needles), but now we do practically nothing, as Germany has shut us out, or nearly so. To prove what I say, about two years ago we wrote this Hamburg firm, and asked if they would be our sole selling agents for Germany and sell under our brands, and they wrote back as

Russia is even worse, the duty on steel ropes being £60 per ton, and the value of these ropes, f.o.b. United Kingdom, about £30 per ton, thus the duty is 200 per cent. The result of this has been that German firms, and English, too, have built wire rope factories on the spot to get behind this tariff, and are now employing Russian workmen, and making a good thing out of it. This is one way in which tariffs help your home indus-tries; they create new factories and employ more of your

pwn people.

"There is just another illustration in my trade I "There is just another illustration in my trade I would like to give you. That is the International Harwester Company of America, a powerful company with a capital of about 35 millions sterling, which has recently put up a large spinning mill on the Rhine to get behind the German tariff, and is now running with German workmen, and thus helping German industries, and spending money in Germany instead of America.

"The only way we could now get the German market is that we would have to build a factory in Germany, and then we would have to build a factory in Germany, and then we would not only have the huge German market, but also the free English market, whereas now, under the present fiscal system, we neither have theirs nor our own. The principle of the thing is all against English industries, and, of course, English workmen.

"What we ought to do is to adopt a wise policy and grasp the friendly hand held out to us by the Colonies, whilst it is offered, and before the foreigner gets hold of it. Let us enter into a family compact, a sort of British Empire commercial combine, and lay the foundation of a grander Empire in the future, that will feed itself, defend itself, and defy all foes."

A Surplus Product.

(New York Herald.)

Cotton report shows 3,015,000 bales for season's crop. And this, too, just as fashion decrees even slenderer feminine lines.

manufacturer's standpoint, could have been better or more concisely put. The writer's graphic pen-picture of the condition of the manufacturer under Free Trade and Protection is drawn from actual experience. It is no wonder that the majority of the industrial centres in England are hostile to the Free Trade policy of the

### ANOTHER MIS-STATEMENT NAILED.

to allow the canners to buy their supplies in the States, bring them free of duty into Canada, already canned, and their place the labels of the Canadian companies on the cans for disposal to customers. Owing to adverse weather conditions this year the canning interests, we were told, will not be able to get tomatoes and possibly some other vegetables in Canada to fill their contracts. "Consequently they would like a temporary enactment by Order-in-Council of a jug-handled part of the Reciprocity proposals, but so guarded that the consumer will not get any reduction in the cost of living." The Ottawa despatch also adds that "comment on this request, in view of reform which is taking place. At the annual meeting of the Association in 1908 a resolution favoring Tariff Resthe Association in 1908 a resolution favoring the thirty form was supported by forty Chambers, while thirty

manufacturers in the country. His view of the situation is worth quoting. He says:

"On the subject of Imperial Preference versus Little with endless errands each time he goes to the village, he Englandism, and with special reference to the recent visit of Mr. Borden, the Prime Minister of Canada, to this

is country.

It is becoming more difficult every year for the life than theirs and another point of view. From such

### Current Comment

A man who was described as living in one of the loneliest parts of England has been given a parliamentary vote by the revising barrister at Brampton, Cumberland The Conservative agent said he had visited the placewith reference to your suggestion we beg to inform you that the German mills are going ahead so quickly that in a very short time they will not only be able to supply Germany, but have a surplus over to send to England. When this period arrives then the tariff will be made prohibitive.

"Now this is straight from headquarters, and shows clearly how we are being shut out, and this is in return for us allowing them to flood this country with their pianos, etc., for the dast twenty years without a penny against them. The fact is, the Germans prefer to make their own goods and employ their own people, and they are quite right.

"Results to end the border of Northumberland. In an area of 30,000 acres there were only four cottages. The members of this farmer's family had lived in the cottage concerned for 600 years, and tradition said that the kitchen fire has never been extinguished for 200 years. The claimant, William Goodfellow, slept in a bedroom eight feet square. He would have to walk fifteen miles to vote. The Liberal agent said he endeavored to reach this remote spot, and finding the route so difficult and dangerous turned back when he had still twelve miles to travel. He understood a child was at the place who had not seen another child for two years.

The Protest of Ulster.
(Victoria Colonist.)
The demonstration in Belfast may be considered by many reasonable men to be unwise and unnecessary. But it is no use to say that it is bluff. No one can follow the proceedings without believing that the protest is sert-ous, and that it means trouble for any government which undertakes to set up an executive and Parliament in Dublin to rule the Ulster people.

A Question of Environment,
(Chicago Tribune.)
Children work out their destiny along the lines of environment. If two infants, one born in a slum hovel and the other in a palace, were exchanged on the day of birth, each would work out his destiny in accordance with his surroundings. The child of the hovel would grow up to the palace. The child of the palace would remain on the level of the slum hovel.

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