

Revenue by direct taxation, it is not our intention to advocate the increase of that portion of the Revenue of the Country, accruing upon the Imports thereof, by the imposition of high or oppressive duties; but, we shall, nevertheless insist, that the duties upon Imports shall be made specific, as far as practicable, and that they shall be so apportioned, as to afford to the Industry of this Province the greatest amount of incidental protection; feeling assured, from the past experience of other countries, that if the duties required to be levied upon Imports, for Revenue purposes, were imposed principally upon such imported articles as compete with those of domestic production, and raw materials for manufacturing purposes, not advantageously produced in the Province, were admitted free, it would conduce to the investment of capital in Manufacturing Establishments, afford employment to our own people, and secure a Home Market for the more common products of the Agriculturist.

Believing that no country can attain to prosperity, wherein the welfare of the agricultural and labouring classes, is not made the prominent subject of wise and philanthropic Legislation, and feeling sensibly impressed with the anomaly which at present exists in this Province, of levying *high* duties upon articles of common necessity, upon the production of which no portion of the labour of the country is employed, and imposing *low* duties upon manufactured articles, which to a great extent are, and may still more become, the proper subjects for affording employment to the domesticated industry of Canada, we shall, make it our imperative duty to agitate for the repeal of such Customs Duties as are at present levied upon articles of common necessity, which cannot be profitably produced in the Province, particularly of those which are imposed upon the articles of Sugar, Tea, Coffee and Molasses; and should it be found that the requirements of the Revenue, for the general purposes of Government, will not permit of their being abandoned altogether, we shall demand that the duties imposed thereupon, shall not be greater than those which are collected upon Manufactures.

In conclusion, we urgently recommend the formation of Associations similar to our own, throughout the Province, as the only means of facilitating that communion of opinion, which is indispensably necessary, on the part of those who may join themselves together, for the carrying out of the vitally important principle involved.

WILLIAM WORKMAN, *President.*

DAVID VASS, *Secretary.*

MONTREAL, 30th March, 1849.

All communications, in relation to the subject matter of the preceding Address, are to be made to the undersigned.

BY ORDER,

DAVID VASS,
Secretary.