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THE ORDER AND DISORDER.

The Massey-Harris Company, implement manufacturers, Toronto, are in communication with the Detroit Manufacturers' Club, with the object of procuring a site for a big factory in the United States, probably in that city. The Company desires to get free iron and other materials for their products, and this they cannot get while a heavy tax on iron, paint, etc., is levied by the Ottawa Government. The Liberal platform provides for free raw material for the manufacturer.—London Advertiser.

Is this constant threatening about the Massey-Harris Company removing their works to the United States never to cease? It has become exceedingly monotonous and tiresome. It might be imagined that if the event should occur the stars in their courses would stop in amazement that such a thing should be allowed—certainly that the whole political and social fabric of

Canada's existence would melt and dissolve like frost in the warm sunshine. The Dominion Government, in a moment of weakness, allowed themselves to be bulldozed by this concern with giving them free malleable iron, free paint, free lumber, free everything entering into the construction of their agricultural machinery—that is allowing them a drawback of ninety-nine per cent. of any duty that might be paid by them on whatever materials they might import. They had represented to the Government that without this favor—without having all their so-called raw materials substantially free of duty, they could not compete with American manufacturers in foreign markets. They had shown to the Government that the handicapping under which they labored in having to pay duty on their raw materials, or what they said was the same thing, for materials of Canadian production to which the duty had been added to the cost thereof, was of such an onerous nature that they would be compelled to move out of the country if their demand were not complied with. They obtained the concession, and what is the result? During the last session of the House of Commons in reply to questions put to him in the matter, Mr. Wallace, Controller of Customs, stated that 3,385 self-binding harvesters were exported from Canada, during the year 1894, all of which were manufactured by the Massey-Harris Company, the average amount of drawback on account of duty allowed and paid to them on the raw materials entering into the construction on each of such harvesters being \$2.87 9-10, the total of drawback paid being \$10,083.91.

The Massey-Harris people were good enough protectionists as long as protection benefited them, for protection gave them the virtual control of the whole Canadian market, and that is all that protection could promise to any industry. They make excellent machines, sell them at reasonable prices, and have no foreign competition whatever. But why should they desire to destroy other Canadian industries to the end that they might with greater profit to themselves engage in foreign trade? Shall other manufacturers be driven out of business and hundreds of Canadian workmen thrown out of employment to the end that the Massey-Harris Company may gain an additional \$2.87 upon each machine they export? But that is just the effect being produced by the Order in Council allowing them a drawback of duty.

All this talk about the Massey-Harris Company moving their works to the United States is the veriest nonsense. They will never do it, and the sooner the Government and the community recognize this fact the better for all concerned. Canada existed before them and will no doubt exist even if they should take their departure. But they will not depart. They say that the machines made by them are all covered by patents which is, no doubt, true. We understand that the concern own or control a very large number of patents covering their products. The protection afforded them by these patents is operative only in Canada; and we are informed that other concerns being owners or controllers of the same patents in the United States, are manufacturing identically the same machines there. And that is why the Massey-Harris Company will not remove their works to the United States, for, not being owners of the American patents they could not manufacture there.

We again call attention to the fact that the Dominion Government, to enable the Massey-Harris Company to save \$2.87 upon each machine they export, are sacrificing some of