

DO FREE TRADE COUNTRIES DUMP?

WHATEVER may be said about the imperfections of the Dumping Clause of the Canadian Customs Act it is a matter for gratification that in adopting it the Government admitted the contention of protectionists that customs duties are often paid by the exporter instead of by the importer, and this has now been accepted as a fact by nearly all the politicians and newspapers of Canada of both political parties.

Speaking in reference to the Dumping Clause in the House of Commons on June 14, 1904, Sir Wilfrid Laurier said:

"A few months ago I was shown an invoice from Detroit in which an article was set down at a certain price for the American consumer, and at another price, *at least 30 per cent. below for the Canadian consumer.* This is the regular practice, and I know there are business men in this House who are aware that this is the regular practice."

This admission completely undermines the rock on which freetraders and advocates of a tariff-for-revenue only have stood for generations. The basis of the free trade faith has been a firm belief that