

whole world beside, is an idea too absurd to be considered.—*Toronto Globe*.

Wrong again. There is a simpler and easier way than that. Our present tariff is all right, and Canada is doing a satisfactory trade with Great Britain under it. But that trade can be stimulated very much, not, as the *Globe* suggests by reducing the tariff against British goods, but by raising it against American goods. The extent of that raise might be measured by the McKinley tariff. The Americans think it a good thing in its operation against Canadian and British goods, and they surely should not object to have Canada impose it against their goods. Let's try it.

THE Buffalo papers are complaining that the McKinley Bill fails to protect infant industries, as regards, at all events, the manufacture of tin plate. The McKinley tariff, it seems, is driving this branch of business from Buffalo, the manufacturers finding it cheaper to make their wares in Canada and pay import duty than to pay the United States tax on the raw material. One of the largest firms engaged in the tin plate business is now building a factory in Canada. A Buffalo paper explains the situation as follows: "The raw material under the McKinley Bill has a duty of 20 and 25 per cent." Tin plate is delivered in Canada for \$3.62 per box, and in Buffalo it costs just \$6. Mr. Ehle states that there has been no increase in wages to the workmen under the new arrangement. He can in the future manufacture pails in Canada and import them here with a duty of 50 per cent. on the manufactured article, and save 15 per cent. He further states that many of the American canners are ready to move their works to Canada, but they are in hopes the duty of 2 2-10 per cent will be taken off this year."—*Toronto Mail*.

The *Mail* doesn't seem to know what it talks about. Tin plate was never manufactured in Buffalo, and all of the article that was ever used there was made in Wales. The manufacture of tin plate into tin goods of different descriptions is a very different matter. Canada will gladly welcome all the dissatisfied American manufacturers whom the McKinley tariff are driving out of the country. Come on, boys, Canada is the place for you.

AN evidence of the exceeding friendliness of the United States, under the McKinley tariff, for Canada, is in the trade in unmanufactured tobacco. Last year Canada imported from the United States 11,226,944 pounds of leaf tobacco, valued at \$1,316,718, upon which no tariff duty was levied. It came in free. Canada is not an extensive producer of tobacco, but Ontario and Quebec raise some very fine tobacco, which is much sought after in the United States for wrappers for cigars. According to the American returns, Canada sold to that country last year about \$450,000 worth of tobacco upon which duty was paid. According to the Dominion Trade and Navigation Returns, our exports of leaf tobacco to the United States amounted to only 104,333 pounds, valued at \$49,842; but this indicates that only about one-ninth of all the Canadian tobacco exported was ever reported to the customs officers. Under the old American tariff, the duty upon tobacco not stemmed was 75 cents per pound; and upon stemmed \$1 per pound; but under the McKinley tariff this Canadian product is taxed \$2 per pound for not stemmed, and \$2.75 for stemmed. The less than \$50,000 worth of Canadian tobacco going into the United States paid more than \$200,000 duty, while the \$1,316,000

worth of American tobacco coming into Canada paid no duty whatever. Truly Mr. McKinley puts the screws to Canada with a vengeance. Canada should impose a duty of at least \$2 per pound upon American tobacco.

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