

We know that manufacturers prospered more up to 1878, and in a far more substantial and permanent way, than they have since, if the truth were known. Sir, we recognize fully the value of manufacturers to a country situated as Canada is. But our motto is : Justice to all classes. We neither propose to do injustice to farmers to please manufacturers, nor to do injustice to manufacturers for the purpose of pleasing farmers. Sir, I admit, I am not going for one moment to conceal from the House the fact, that a considerable customs tariff must be enacted for some time to come, but it must be a just tariff, it must be no tangled mass of dishonest absurdities like the one under my hand ; it must be something which is fairly and honestly framed for the purpose of bringing revenue into the treasury, and not at the dictation of protected manufacturers' associations for the purpose of enabling them to divide with the Government the plunder unjustly obtained from the people. Therefore, Sir, I propose this amendment to the motion that you leave the Chair :

That all the words after "That" be left out, and the following inserted instead thereof :—
"the Estimates for the fiscal year 1894-95 amount to the sum of \$38,517,152 independently of any further Supplementary Estimates which may be brought down.

That the said sum of \$38,517,152 is in excess of the amount expended in 1893-94 by the sum of \$922,127.

That the deficit for the year 1893-94 amounted to \$1,210,322.

That the deficit for the present year is estimated by the Minister of Finance at \$4,500,000.

That, from statements made by Ministers of the Crown, in this House, it appears that our existing obligations for railway subsidies and for public works now in progress will involve a further outlay of \$20,000,000, computed as follows :—

For railway subsidies now voted..	\$8,729,000
For the St. Lawrence Canals.....	6,000,000
For the Trent Valley Canal.....	5,000,000
For the Intercolonial Railway and minor works	1,000,000
	\$20,729,000

The interest on which sum, together with the subsidy provided by Statute to be paid on account of a fast Atlantic service, will entail an addition to our already very heavy annual fixed charges of \$1,400,000.

That, inasmuch as enormous sums of money are now exacted from the people of Canada which are not paid into the treasury, and inasmuch as the burthens of the people are thereby greatly and unnecessarily increased, and it is of the utmost importance to the well-being of the community that not only should the present extravagant expenditure be diminished, but that the said burthens should be reduced as largely and speedily as possible,—it is expedient that in making provision to restore 'the equilibrium between revenue and expenditure,' as recommended in the Speech from the Throne, the existing tariff be so modified that it may be made a tariff for revenue only."