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THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

[London Globe, February 2.]

It may have been noticed that the cable has just brought the news of the ratification by the Canadian Parliament of the contract entered into between the Dominion Government and a syndicate of English, French and American capitalists for the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

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THE LABORER'S STAKE IN PROTECTION

(Chicago Industrial World)

Free Traders are accustomed to charge that our present tariff policy is a device to tax the rest of the community for the benefit of the manufacturer. But it is a great mistake to suppose that the protective system is designed for any particular class of our citizens to the exclusion of the other classes.

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BRITISH AGRICULTURAL NOTES

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