

have too much common sense to complain when there is an import of but *one bushel of wheat to every thousand bushels they produce*

In their list the Conservatives say nothing about living animals. In 1890, shortly before the 1891 elections, they raised the duty on cattle from twenty per cent. to thirty per cent.; but at the next revision of the tariff, in 1894, *regretted the concession to the then struggling farmers and put the duty back to twenty per cent. In our prosperous times twenty per cent was considered high enough, and has been maintained*

In 1890, previous to the elections, the duty on live hogs was raised from twenty per cent. to two cents per pound; and the duty on cured meats, including pork in brine, was raised from two to three cents per pound. The Conservatives regretted their pre-election action and at the next revision, in 1894 reduced the duty on live hogs to one and one-half cents, and on cured meats to two cents a pound; and yet in one of their campaign folders they take credit for raising the duty in 1890 without making the slightest allusion to their reducing it in 1894. Surely if there was ever a time when the struggling live stock men needed the higher duty it was at that very time. In our era of abounding prosperity among these particular interests we have maintained the 1894 rates.

"The Farmer Robbed of His Market."

The Conservatives have been recently encumbering His Majesty's mail service with the free distribution, from Ottawa, of a great mass of literature in the shape of a newspaper sheet containing, under various glaring headings, short placards or proclamations containing glittering generalities unsupported by detailed proof.

An instance of such misleading statement is the following, under the heading:

"THE FARMER ROBBED OF HIS MARKET."

"The Canadian Farmer should feed Canada.

"But he does not.

"Large sums of Canadian money, that should go to the Canadian farmer, are each year spent with the farmers of the United States.

"In 1903 Canada bought from foreign farmers, for home consumption:

"\$5,456,136 of Breadstuffs.

"\$2 418,591 of Provisions and Vegetables.

"\$8,004,424 of Animals and their products.

"Total, \$15,879,151.