

phosphoric acid and nine of potash. If farmers will persist in selling a ton of hay for \$30—they will sell as much of the fertility of the farm as they will dispose of in two tons of fat swine for \$200. If they sell fat beef they will sell about one half more for \$200 than they sell in the other case of primitive products for \$30. If they sell cheese, they will get for the cheese \$200 a ton, and sell less in one ton than in two and one-half tons of hay for \$25. If a man sells a ton of hay for \$10 he will sell about 65 times more out of his farm for that sum than he will for \$500 in butter at 25 cents a pound. Why not, then, encourage the husbandman, just as Mr. Mowat promises in his recent speech; just as the Dominion Government has been and is doing, urging him to adopt and apply scientific methods, leaving to those at the head of affairs, subject to the sanction of Parliament, such changes and reforms in the tariff as the country demands or the necessities of the country justify? Since 1878 the people of Canada have countenanced, authorized and assumed immense national responsibilities. These cannot now be repudiated.

Sir, I have already occupied too much space, and am obliged to omit many points suggested by

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in connection with Conservative leaders and tariff reform. You have nothing in the concrete to offer; you furnish no proof that Canada is retrograding, no evidence that the Government fails to be abreast of the times and fully in accord with the policy propounded by our late lamented chieftain, Sir John Macdonald. You may not care for Sir John Thompson; that is your own business, but you are scarcely justified in butchering Mulhall or misquoting Giffen and Bagehot, to prove a case against the country of your nativity. Sir John Thompson never sought the office; he was called to the responsible position of Prime Minister, and is as able, as honest and as patriotic a leader as any party could desire to follow. You know it; you must know it, for you are intelligent. Pique could not change your private opinion, of that I am convinced. Canada to-day requires the co-operation of every worthy son; the manufacturers require