

calling on the Dominion Government to negotiate with the American Government for Unrestricted Reciprocity. Saving Government or C. P. R. officials, there will not be a dissentient voice in Manitoba. Few things in the cruel history of monopoly are more cruel than the suffering of that country under our present commercial policy. Thirty-five per cent. on the settler's farm implements! And on what is the money to be spent? On the building in one of the Maritime Provinces of a needless railway for the purpose of securing the constituencies to the supporters of the Government.

—We hail the birth of another “native industry.” A commercial gentleman has waited, it is announced, on the Minister of Finance to say that he proposes to start a canned soup factory, but he wants a duty of twenty per cent. on canned soup and a protective duty on imported tomatoes. This is Protectionism, like the tomatoes, raw and without the philosophic dressing. The gentleman knows that he cannot make canned soup so good and cheap as that which we are now using, so he proposes that a law shall pass forbidding the public to use any soup but his. Let him go to the Red Parlour and subscribe to the election fund. He will then get what he wants and his industry will become a “native industry,” a position which the industry of the farmer who does not subscribe to the election fund has never attained. A sigh of pity may be wafted to the citizens whose stomachs are thus to be devoted to the support of ‘a national policy.’ Employment will be given to a number of people, including, perhaps, the druggists. That these people will be drawn from other and better employment is not considered. The orators of Protectionism might draw a fine picture of the prosperity which would thus spring out of nothing beneath the wave of the legislative wand.

One Ministerial journal so far “belittles the country” as to admit that trade is not in a very sound state, that the indica-