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A perusal of the following communications will reveal the fact that all Canadian Manufacturers are not desirous of being spoon fed by favorable Federal legislation. It is pleasing to hear the Slater Shoe Company's manly stand on the Tariff question and go to show that they have confidence in their ability to compete in the Canadian market.

To the Editor of the Montreal Star:

Sir. — In your report, in Thursday's issue, of the proceedings before the Tariff Commissioners at Quebec, setting forth the views of the boot and shoe manufacturers, I observe that among those present who urged for a higher protective tariff, was Mr. George A. Slater, of Montreal. In order that there may be no misapprehension in the matter, I desire to say that Mr. George A. Slater is not connected with the Slater Shoe Company; but is a manufacturer on his own account, and did not represent the view of that company before the tariff commissioners. The position of the Slater Shoe Company on this tariff question is in a general way set forth in the following letter, dated October 12th, addressed to the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, in reply to the circular calling a meeting of those interested to consider the question, which letter I would ask you to publish.

CHARLES E. SLATER,
Pres. Slater Shoe Co.
(Montreal).

Montreal, Oct. 12th, 1905.

To Dakers Cameron, Esq. Montreal
Secretary Canadian Manufacturers' Association, City.

Dear Sir, — I have before me your notice calling a meeting of the Boot and Shoe Manufacturers, for Friday, the 13th instant, and I regret that I am not able to share in the view said to be held by certain other of my fellow boot and shoe manufacturers in Canada with regard to the tariff. In the month

of November, 1902, I had the honor to submit to your Association at length, my views upon certain questions affecting our common interest, and I have not since seen or heard anything to change my opinion as therein expressed to any great extent. I am of the opinion that looking at the present tariff on our goods, as a manufacturer and as a citizen of Canada, it affords to us all the protection which we can reasonably expect, and I cannot anticipate that any success is likely to follow the proposed movement for an increase in tariff. It is true that some readjustment on some of the items which enter into the manufacture of our goods, might reasonably be considered, and this without adversely affecting any other manufacturing interest; but I am not going to admit, tacitly or otherwise, that with the protection of twenty-five per cent. I cannot compete with-

in the Dominion of Canada, with American manufacturers of boots and shoes, and I tell your Association—as I have been telling the world for several years—that I think we can fairly and honestly beat them before the public. Of course, if the tariff is construed improperly—if undervaluations are permitted—we labor under a very serious disadvantage; but with a proper construction of the tariff, a proper valuation, and the protection given us by the Dumping Clause (which I consider has, is working, and should work out to our advantage) it seems to me that we have no just reason to ask that the Government should increase the burden of the people by increasing the tariff on the goods we manufacture.

I regret that I am not able to join in spirit or in fact with the other boot

and shoe manufacturers who belong to your Association; but am firmly convinced that my interest—as well as theirs—lies in the direction of getting the Government to make an adjustment, that may be necessary in certain items, but to leave alone the question of an increase upon the duty imposed. I have the honor to remain,

Your obedient servant,
CHARLES E. SLATER,
President and General Manager,
The Slater Shoe Co.

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