

"pered, and was crammed from cellar to garret with the clocks, and the tables, and the kettles, and the blankets, and the Bibles of the poor. I remember well the effect which was produced in London by the unwonted sight of huge pieces of cannon which were going northward to overawe the starving population of Lancashire."

England Prosperous under Free Trade.

Since then, under a wise free trade policy, England has made immense strides. It took her 300 years, under protection, to export goods to the extent of £30,000,000. In thirty years, under free trade, her exports have risen to £210,000,000, and her total trade from less than £120,000,000 to more than £600,000,000, being an increase of 500 per cent. in less than half an ordinary life-time.

Are these lessons to be lightly set aside by the people of Canada? Is it not enough to look at the position of the United States this day.

Recapitulation of the Results of Protection in the United States.

They have had protection—all the protection they could ask for—during 20 years or thereabouts, and what has it done for them? It has raised the municipal taxation of 131 cities, with a population of 8,500,000 to \$112,000,000 a year for those purposes only, being at the rate of \$70 PER FAMILY PER ANNUM.

It has all but utterly stopped emigration to the United States.

It has wasted TEN THOUSAND MILLIONS of dollars of capital.

It has plunged FOUR MILLIONS OF PEOPLE into destitution.

It has ruined the whole foreign-American shipping trade.

It has created a system of rings, of log rolling, and of legislative corruption heretofore unparalleled in the annals of any legislative body.

It has stimulated the spread of Socialistic and of Communistic doctrine of the worst kind.

It has, to a very great degree, destroyed one of the greatest safeguards of American society, by altering the system of distribution of property and by creating a small number of gigantic fortunes at the expense or the impoverishment of large masses of the people.

All these evils and many more it has effected beneath our very eyes, and yet it is to a country in this condition, and reaping the bitter fruits of its past legislative follies, that we are bid to look as a model and an example of what Canadian legislators should follow!

Shall Canadians "Look to Washington" for a Fiscal Policy and adopt this "Yankee Notion" of Protection?

Has Canada sunk so low that her only idea of a "National Policy" is to borrow the worn out and tattered rags of American protection?

Our True Motto.

Or will Canada not rather resolve, if she must follow Yankee precedents at all, to adopt the nobler motto which, in better days, truly patriotic Americans were wont to inscribe on their political banners, and to determine that, here at least, in the future as in the past, we should continue to possess

"Free laws"

"Free soil."

"Free trade"

"Free men."

* (i.e.) A Revenue Tariff, the nearest approach to it possible in Canada.