

ment an abandonment of its control over an industrial branch which all foreign Governments have always jealously regulated ; but that a continued license of say \$200 equal to what is actually in existence, viz. : \$75 for cigars, \$75 for plug and cut tobacco, \$50 for canadian tobacco, should be maintained at the option of the Government ;

Or for the present year, if the above is not granted, we would ask that a customs duty of 10 cts per lb. should be collected at the customs on all foreign tobaccos coming in the country hereafter, and reduce from the present excise duty 10 cts per lb. collecting 10 cts per lb. at customs and 15 cts per lb. at excise.

And your petitioners well knowing with what zeal and earnestness your attention is constantly fixed on every means tending to develop the resources of this new country, hope that Your Excellency will give his care to these, our representations and views.

And they will never cease to pray.

MONTREAL, June, 1892.