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THE ESSENTIAL DIFFERENCE.

Our correspondent whose letter we published on Monday, takes up a point which was touched upon by Mr. Charlton in his speech on Friday last on the budget. The former talked a free trade, Cartwright would be called a free trader, after having raised the tariff from the lower figure of 10 per cent to the higher one of 17 1/2...

There was a portion of the reform party in this country advocating an advance of these duties from 17 1/2 to 20 per cent, and I am free to say that I was in favor of that advance; and in my opinion had that advance been made all the gentlemen who sit upon the treasury benches would have taken the ground at once of free traders, and have denounced the protectionist policy of the reform party.

Mr. Charlton's explanation of his former position, and the point made by our correspondent as to Sir Richard's advance of the tariff from 15 to 17 1/2 per cent, brings us to what is a bottom question in the controversy. Is the difference between 15 and 17 1/2, or 17 1/2 and 20, a difference of degree only, or is it a difference of kind, carrying with it important practical consequences?

The answer must be that there is an essential difference involved; a real difference of kind, and not of degree merely. It is not a rational use of arithmetic to hold up before us two figures, differing by 2 1/2 or 5 per cent, and to ask triumphantly, with relation to the difference shown by simple addition or subtraction, where the principle of free trade ends and that of protection begins.

Strictly speaking the true dividing line in the Canadian controversy is not between protection and free trade, but between protection sufficient, on one hand, and protection so insufficient as to be of no practical use, on the other. It is not a distinction of arithmetic merely declaring, for instance, as if with the infallibility of a mathematician, that 17 1/2 per cent is right and 20 per cent is wrong. It is something more practical and to the purpose than that; something that more commends itself to the judgment of rational men, who have common sense enough to understand that commercial policy must be based upon the hard facts of business experience, and not upon any supposed ideal conditions which never have existed and never will.

Our own opinion is that there will be no election this summer. Mr. Mowat has as much chance to displace the Ontario legislature as has Sir John Macdonald to dissolve parliament. The Mail of yesterday was rather rough on Dr. Strang, the gallant and conservative member for North York.

The attorney-general is the only lawyer in the British Columbia legislature. Another pleasing piece of news from the Pacific province, and perhaps the counterpart of the first mentioned, is the announcement that that province had a surplus last year.

ATTACHED TO COLEMAN'S STORY OF 1860-61.

The "Dynamite" is a story which we have had in the past, and which is now being told again in a new and interesting form. The story is told in the words of the "Dynamite" itself, and is a story of the life and times of a man who was a pioneer in the use of dynamite.

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GOOD DEEDS.

The ATNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY has paid to the families of its deceased members \$4,531,639.36. These payments were distributed as follows:

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