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## AN OPEN LEMHER TO MANUFACTUREMS.

Sml. - A prominent manufacturer, with Reform sympathies, came to me the other day with a copy of Mr. Blake's sperech at Mathm, and asked my opinion as to whether 1 considered the interests of manufncturers safe in his hands, now that he had swallowed his convictions, and, apparently, adopted the policy of Protection to native industry, which he had erstwhile so hitterly attacked.
Having carefully read the speech reforred to I was mabled to reply that I considered it but a plausiblo subterfuge to match rotes, and that manufncturers would never cense to regre their action were they in this crisis to drop the sulbtame, alrealy within their grasp, for the shadow of an "al. ternative policy." I gave him my reasons for this opinion and now submit these same reasons, in brief, for the consideration oi your readers.
Near the commencement of his speech Mr. Blake was careful to assure his audience " that there is, in my belief, a general concurrence of sentiment between us, including Sir R. Cartwright, whom I name only because onr adversaries delight to represent hiu as holding other views." Mr. Blake was certainly within the mark in assuming that the friends of the National Policy believe Sir Ilichard to hold other views. We judge him by his acts and by his utterances. re at least mas not yet turned a political somersault on the tariff question, but pr contra his most recent deliverances hitve been as bitterly denumcintory of Protection as the most ardent Free Trader muld desire. I only quote extracts from his speeches of 2 not later date than 1886. During the very last session of Parliament, in the course of his speech on the Budget, he said, "I said then [ 1879 ], and $I$ say wow, that the manufacturers, if they had known their own interest, would have been infinitely better off, in the long run, under the tariff of 1875. . . . Lastly we pointed out this, and I repeat it now, that no more stupid act of folly ras ever committed than in insistingon imitating the Protective poliey of the United States." During the same session he said, annidst the applause of the Reform unembers: "Uponmy vord, Mr. Speaker, I must say that this Protection business, in uhich I do not belicue in the slightest degree, in any shape or form, looking upon it as a clear robbery of the consumer, is being run into the ground."
Again, in the same debate, he reiterates his condemnation of the National Policy, or anything approaching to it, in the following language: " But I have no doubt whatever in my mind, as there was no doubt when this policy was proposed, that our stupid and foolish imitation of the American. Protective nyten, would inevitably result, as I say it is resulting to-day,
in causing a very large number oi manmfacturess of ('innda to desire, at any cost and in any shapo or fashion, to extemd nur markets, and to obtain $\Omega$ commercial, if not a political incorporation with the United States." 'The above extracts, which can be multiplied almost ad infinitum aro sufficient, I think, to make any manufacturer hesitate to ent rust sir Richard with an opportunity to tinker with the tarilf, when he can help to prevent such a calamitous consummation by his vote and influence.

As his speech progressed Mr. Blake took his audience into his confidence and endeavored to excuse his sudden change of frout by shying, "But you know also that we are obliged to raise yearly a great sum, made greater lay the obligations innposed upon us by this Government; and that we must continue to taise this sum mainly by import duties laid, to a great extent, on gonds similar to those which can be manufactured here ; and that it results as a necessary incident of ourr sattled fiscal system that there must be a large, and, as I believe, an ample advantnge to the home manufacturer."

That sounds very plausible, does it not? but. after all, there does not semm to be that unanimity of opinion bertween Mr. Blake and sir Richard as the former would have his audience believe. The latter gentloman tikes i very difterent view of the case, and, in going over exactly the same ground, makes his argument particularly clear; very unlike the involved statement of his leader. Sir Richard says, "This Government must have revenue, because they are committed through no fault of their own to very formidable obligations, and gentlemen can see that if we put on a high tariff it reduces the revenue just in proportion as it affords protection."

Another part of Mr. Blake's specch to which exception may well be taken by Protectionists, as it undermines the whole of the hon. gentleman's previous and subsequent utterances, is that paragraph wherein he is reported to have said, "I then declared that any readjustment should be effected with due regard to the legitimate interests of all concerned. In that phrase [all concerned] I hope no one will object to my including, as I do, the general public."
Had not Mr. Blake aud every prominent Reformer placed on record, time and wain, their convictions that the National Policy ucas legalized robbery of the gencral public, no one could have objected to this little bit of special pleading, but the following quotations will, I think, prove that this very sentence affords Mr. Blake and the entire Reform party a wide avenue of retrat. Sir Richard's unalterable convictions are that the interests of the general public canuot be conserved is long as this outragcons and oppressive tariff is allowed to
overy day's experionco has clomonstrated its worthlessncss." And again, to re-quote, "I must say that this Protection business, in which I do not believe in the slightest degreo, in any shape or form, lookiny upon it as a clear robbery of the consumers, is being rum into thon ground."

A nother statement of Mr. Blako's that morits criticism is, that "We have a deficit to overcome, and that done, we hnvo" tremendous charge to overtake. 'Oh, but,' say some 'lories, 'you can yet do this and make a free trmbe or non-protective tariff.' The statoment is dishonest and absurd."

Neither dishonest nor absurd, Mr. Blake, although you include your own lieutenants in your sweeping denunciation. for was it not Mr. Paterson (Brant) who statod from his seat in the House of Commons, on the evening of April 16th, 18s6, that "if he [the Mmister of Finance] wants money, as there is no doubt hedoes, it would be better for the people of Canada if he put the incrensed duty which he proposed to pur on sugar; on tea and coffee." Such a staunch Reform paper as the Montreal Withess also rises to remark: "Mr. Blake knowes that the tarifime he lowered and yet the revenue increased by the operation, while the taxation is lightened."
The points I have drawn attention to are but a few of those wherein there is such a lack of harmony between the profevsions of the lesder of the Reform party and the convictions of his most prominent supporters; rhat rint only manufacturers, but every Protectionist may well listrust the genuineness of such an eloventh hour conversion. I doubt not that on election day they will decide, like my friend the manufacturer with leiorm sympathies, to cisst in their lot with the party which has not yet faltered in the patristu work of developing our material resources, for "A country which manufactures for itself prospers."

Fredehic Nichollas,
Secretary of the Industrial League.


## A MANUFACTURER ON THE TRADE QUESTION.

## (Written for this paper by an N. P. Reformer.)

Mr. Blake, in his $158^{\circ}$ address, to which he still adheres in trying to remove the doubts of the manufacturing classes as to his friendliness, says : We have large obligations to meet, and it is impossible for us to lower the tariff to any great extent. We must get revenur, and that revenue must be raised to a great extent irom goods similar to those made in the country, and that beiug the case you will have incidental protection enough. We must have revenue.

Well, how will he get the revenuc? Stoves aro made in the country, so are reaping and mowing machines, so are axes and edge tools, so ure nails, and harvest tools, plows, wagons, bug. gies, wheels, carriages, coarse cottons, woollens and many other articles. Are theso imported to any extent at present? No. Why? The tariff is too high; it is protective But Mr. Blake says we must have revenue from these things, and to get revenue they nust come in through the Custom House from outside. The tariff must therefore be lowered till they do come in. We will not put it any lower than that, because we need all the revenue wo can get, but we will not have the tariff on anything so high that it will not yield revenue. We want no
protection for the sake of protection, as that is taxing the many for the bencfit of the few.

Well, the tariff is lowered on all theso lines titl they can and do come through the Custom House, and pay cluty and yield " rovenue, and the more of them come in the larger the roventer. and that, of course, is the first consideration. But the more of them come in the fewer will be made, and if ono quarter or on. hali can and do come in, why not all? If the tarilf is put low: onough to let nny in, then it is low enough to let all, and whew are the manufacturing classes then? Mr. Blake simply pma poses, and does not seem to know it, to wipe the Canadian manufacturers out of existence. A tariff for rovenue is bound to do it. He says: "I am not a free trader; ! camnot be a iree trader. The necessities of the country prevhude, and uns opponents are doing me a great injustice in calling me so. Let us see what he is. He says, I will reduce the tarif? , such a figure that the goods you manufacturers are now mak. ing for the supply of the Canadian market shall comr. in through Customs and yield revenue. Won't that hurt tha manufacturers? Can the goods come through the Custon Ifouse and be made here too? Mr. Blake says, "They must come through the Custom House, as we must have revenur. but we will not let them come in free. We will charge all tha goods will bear and still come in, and that will surely be sutiocient protection for you-at least I am so informed by some if the moderate Protectionists." But what difference will it make to the manufacturers of Canada whether the goods come in under a moderately high tariff or absolutely free? If they come in they will not need to make them, and he will close their establishments just as efficiently under a revenue taritfas under an absolutely free one.

His proposition in plain English is a proposition to discriminate against Canadian workmen in invor of foreign workmes, and that even in cases where the consumer is getting the goorls under a protective tiariff lower than he could get them under a revenue oue. Here is a case which is only a sample of hundreds of others where the duty has been placed high enough to practically exclude the forcign arcicle. The home demand ton axes is almost exclusively supplied by the Canadian manuma-turer. Any American axes brought in are simply to meet isolated cases of demand by individuals, who used certain brams years ago and are still prejudiced in favor of then, but ung only come in suall lots and full price is paid for them. Axes have been sold in the United States in 1886 at $\$ 5.25$ per doren in lots of 1,000 dozen. In Canada they have been sold in lots of 100 dozen at that figure. The cost in Canada is not affected by the price in tho United States, but by the home competition. If it were regulated by the U. S. prices th. Canadian makers could get $\$ 5.25$ and 30 per cent. duty, equal to $\$ 7$ per dozen. Sir Richard Cartwaght claims that they do, as his contention is that consumers pay the foreign price, plus the !uty, on not only what come from abroad, but on all produced at home. That is the free trade theory; they call it a self-evident truthaccording to Cartwright-and Blake endorses all he says.

Axes costing 5.25 in the United States will cost, with a duts of 30 per cont. added, 37 , therefore ail axes used in Canada will cost the consumers $\$ 7$ and the manufacturers are assisted by the tariff to rob the consumers about $\$ 1.75$ per dozen It can be proved that axes huve been freely sold at 25.2:i per
dozen, so that theory and practico are, as has so often been pointed out, at variance. But the freo traders in such cawes say, "So much the worse for the facts." We say that under any revenue tariff that can be finmed, consumers will pay more for them than under the prisent protective one. Ilt. Blake will place the tariff on axes at sulh a figure ms will .amit of their free importation, becuuse unless they can be imported they will yield no revenue, and revenue is has tirst considerafon. Say that 15 per cent. will admit of their importation, and if 15 per cent. will not, he will place it at 192 per cent. or 10 per cent., but 15 per cent. will di, it. The wholesale mrrchant is getting axes now from the Canadian maker at Si.n.5, because the Canadian is doing it all: but with the larill lowered the Ameriams begm to put was in quantriv. on the Canadinn market, and the Canadian maker finds his trade reduced, and conscequently he cannot make as chaply-in other words, he is lowing money, and losing money he loses heart and ultimately withdraws. The American manufacturer will not continue to sell any cheaper for the Canadinn market than for his own. Hawing the Canadian market dependent on him ho will charge at least regular United States prices. Taking the prices for $18 \times 6$ as a guide he would charge per dozen............................ . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 5 s 25 Canadian duty fixed for revenue, 15 per cent........... 078

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A resmue tariff means a tariff whose object is to encourage the importation of goods made in foreign countric.3, and dis. courage the manufacture at home; and a tariff placed sufiicieutly low to admit of the importation of goods made in foreign countries will be a far more productive one for revenue than one placed so high as to stop importation, und cause home proluction. Ifow, then, can any advocate of protection to home industries look with favor or toleration on a " revenue tarif;" or be misled by the absurdity of "incidental Protection." Our markets are not large enough to be divided up between the foreign and home manufacturer, and even if they were the home and forcign manufacturer stand on such unequal footing that the result of such competition is invar iably the crushing out of the home. Protection does not mean monopoly. It simply means-as has been pointed out hundreds of thes-but it seems we must argain go over the ground iully -that all who desire to obtain the run of the Canadian market must make the goods isi Canada-no very onerous conditionand any one may do so. This is really as great a protection
to the Canadian workuan as to the employer. Tho work must be done here, ind they have the first chance. Under a revenue tarifi the work would be done in England, France, Onrmany, or the United States. What chances have our workmen then If they go where the work is done they must tako the wigg's going there, or even less, for the introduction of idle Camalian workmen into any labor centro in any of these countries would have a strong tendency to lower wages there. How wonid our Canadina workmen like to hunt for work in ling. land, France, or Germany, or even the United States, and what kind of weleome would they get from the workmen in those already overerowled countries.
It will not do 20 say that the competition nmongst the Canadian producers will cut, up the market as much as the foreign competition. In the foreign competition the foreigner is bound to win, because his position gives him an advantage, when the tarifl is simply revenue. He has only to get a return for the lahor expended on, and the raw material used in, the article sent to Canoda, but the home producer has all his expense: to get out of the articles he sells at home, this being practi. ly his only murket; and the price at which his foreign rivals ate willing to sell fixes the price for all his productionBut when the competition is all inside the country the compettitors start on the same footing and terms-a free field and no favor. Aiter that the best ability wins, and the country is getring all the benefits.

The cry of combination is pretty well played out. Nio combination can raise prices beyond a fair return for the capital invested, with the best management, nor prevent outside capital from coming in and upsetting it. Capital is so plentiful and tinds such difficulty in getting good returns that it is always watching for a chance such as attempted artificial prices would give it. We hear from Free Traders, like Mr. Cartwright, a great deal about the enormous profits our sugar retiners are extracting from the pockets of the Canadian people There is no monoply in the hands of the present reliners. Why don't these Free Traders, who assert the truth of these enormous profits, if they believe them, go in and get a share thereof, or relieve a long suffering people by reducing them. Do they believe them? If so how do thoy account for the many difficulties and failures in the sugar refining business. Bad nian. agement: Well refineries have been lately offered at nuth below the original cost. Why have not some of these men taken hold of them and practically illustrated how they should be run, and how much cheaper sugar could be sold and still leave a fair profit to the retiner. They cannot say they could not get the capital, nor that manufacturing is not in their line. They found lots of capital for cotton mills, and, if reports are correct, have displayed considerable ability in run. ning them.

## an mpportant meeting of manufacturers.

The largest and most representative meeting of manufacturers ever held in the Dominion gathered at the Queen's Hotel on Tuesday, by invitation, to listen to Sir John Macdonald's exposition of the state of the country in general, and of the fiscal policy of both political parties. The meeting vias called
toorder at 2.l.i p.m., the following gentlemen having been requested to preside:-W. If. Storey, Aeton, chairman; Edward Gumey, Toronto, viecechairmat! ; Fred. Nicholls, secretary. The meeting was bold in the billiard-room of the Quecn's IJotel, the tables having been remod for the purpose.

The entrance of Sir John was the signal far .h onthurst of muthusinsm, lonéc continued. Hon. Thomas Whote and Wom. J. Carling were also present. The meeting was aidronsed beve W. M. Storey, Acton ; E. Garney, Toronto; Sir John Marelomald. Mon. Thomas White, Wm. Chaplin, St. Cathamess senator MeInnes, Cornwall; Geo. Figgott, Bowmanille ; and utherSir John was in his happiest vem and made n storing address, which was cheered to the eelo.

The following resolution was unamonsly arriea by a standing vote:-
liesolved. - "That this meeting of manufacturers and millurs, representing almost every banch of industry and every wiom of the Province of Ontario, herrby phaces on record ther unanimous opinion that on the maintenance of the National Policy depends the continued prosperity on Canoda ; and that its mainthanane can only be assured by : return of the Liberal.Conservative party to power on the yind inst., the tarif policy of the Jeform party being involiod, nucertain and indefinite."
Thuse present at the mecting represented a total capital of about thirtyefive million dollars invested in carious manuacturing industries, and which, in the argregate, is giving employment to many thousunds of skilled and moskilled mechanies and operatives. The manusacturing iaterests of Canada will be solid for Sin John's Govermmont.

## NO PRISOA LABOR

Editor World, -The London Adertiser of a recent date said: "During the local election sampaign the Tory organs were tilled with denmeiation of prison labor. Why do we not hear something about the manufacture of hoots and shoes at the Kingston Penitentiary!"

As the patagraph was evielently published by the Advertiser. for the purpose of miskealing such of the clectorate as may read that paper, I hater reseived information which enables me to give the statement :m myualitied denial, and will be obliged by your givin: insertion to the following memo. from the Inspector of Penitentiaries to the Mon. the Minister of Justice "The only boot- and shoes made at the Kingston Penitentiary are those made for the use of the institution. None whatever are made for om.ide market. Jas. G. Moylan." The public are reminded that mot only has the Dominion Government done away with jrison labor in such institutions ns come under theif control, but have entirely shat out from this country the produets of foregn prisous, is witness the following from the tariff resolutions of lis.i: Resolved--"That it is expedient to prohbit the importation to Cam, la of all goods mannfactured or produced by $\boldsymbol{y}$ rison habor, or whech have been made within, or in connection with, auy prisin. jail, or prenitentiary, and to attach a penalty to any such importation."

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Tononro, Jan. 9.
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"Tus: Nsw Soutu" is the title of a handsome monthly, published in the rising is on centre, ai Birmingham, Ahaban.. and devoted to Sunthem interests in ermaral, and to the great industrial monement reently beyna m that rexion in particula. The following from a reepht mmber shan - what contidence is lans in the future of the "Magic ('ity." as it has beern ealled
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We believe the people are all Protectionists down there now, the rise of important liome manufactures having revolu. tionized public opinion.

The "earth-shine" which we see on the un-illuminated part of the new moon is: reflection of sumlight from the earth, "hich is then at the "full" as secon from the moon. The apparent dimmution an size of the dimly illumimated part is due to an optical illusion known as irradiation.
The United States Semate lans ratified a treaty with the King of the Hawnian Islimds by wheh the free introduction into the linted States of the sugar of thoso islands is guarnuteed for seven morre years. The Califomia Semetors voted for the treaty. In amemd. ment to the treaty was adopted which provides for certain naval privilcges to be enjoyed by the Cnited States in the Peall lhe Harbor of the island of Oahu. The advantages to be derived by a naval station in the Pacific Oceanare both of a political and commercial character. It is doubtful whether the king will accept this amendment ; if he declines the treaty falls.

Experienced wood workers have always contended that a gine joint, properly done, is stronger than the wood itself. And yet joints often give way st the surfaco where the gluo is nsed, which is accounted for by bad materinl. A similar rensun is frequently ibl true cause, which few artisans wish to acknowledge. It is morly that skill is luckiag. In gluing wood, it is assserted hy competent authority, bad work is produced by applying glue to both surfaces. A guod job is secured by npplying the glue hot, but not extremedy so, to one surface, which should be cold, while the other suifice should be heated at the stove, but should have no glue upon it By this method the glue will permento the wood and bind the surfice together firmor than mature bir ds the fibres.

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## Gditorial 9lotes.

In his election address of 1882 , and again in his Toronto speech of October, 1886, Mr. Blake said :-
"We expressed our views last session (1882) in four motions, which declare that articles of such prime necessity as fuel and breadstuffs should be free; that the sugar duties should be so adjusted as to relieve the consumer from some part of the enormous extra price he is now liable to pay to a few refiners; that the exorbitant and unequal duties on the lower grades of cottons and woollens should be so changed as to make them fairer to the masses, who now pay on the cheapest goods taxes about twice as great in proportion as those which the rich pay on the finest goods ; and that the duties on such materials as iron, which is in universal use, should be reduced, so as to enable the home manufacturer, to whom it is a raw material, to produce a cheaper article for the benefit of his home consumer and the encouragement of his foreign trade."

On January 22, 1887, at Malvern, in East York, he said, or read:-
"As I shall show you presently, it is no part of the duty of a man in opposition to frame the details of a tariff, and if I depart even a little from that line for a moment, and express an opinion on one detail, it is only because in 1882 a specific proposal was made. I may say, then, that my personal opinion is that we should at all risks dispense with the odious and heavy tax on corn flour, upon which certain of the poorer classes in the East, who cannot afford wheat flour, are actually obliged to pay a heavier tax than their richer neighbors pay on their superior food. But as to wheat and wheat flour I think that the changed conditions point rather to a reduction of duties, with a readjustment of the disproportion between the tax on wheat and that on flour, than to a total abolition; and so of coal. Therefore it was, that being unable to promise anything which I did not see my way to perform, I spoke of 'lightening,' of 'reducing,' rather than of abolishing this class of taxation."
In 1887 he surrenders what he had held and stood by for five years before at least - that "articles of such prime necessity as fuel and breadstuffs should be free." Now he says that the duties on these necessary articles should merely be reduced, not abolished. Here he gives up the essential point, and this has very properly been called Blake's surrender on the N.P.

Mr. Blake next objects to the sugar duties, in saying that our people pay more for sugar because of them. True, but that is because of revenue necessities, and not because of protection to home refiners. For were the principle of Protection thoroughly carried out as regards sugar, there would be very little revenue collected on that article at all. All sugars and syrups fit only for refining would come in free, raw sugars fit for use as they are would pay moderate duties, while on refined sugars the duties would be so high as to be prohibitory. Here we avail ourselves of the reply made by Mr. G. A. Drummond of Mont. real to Mr. Blake's mistaken assertions :-
"Taking the accusations as he makes them, I assert that each and everyone of them is practically untrue.
"1. It is not true that sugar is inordinately high compared with England, for, after deducting the duty paid by the Canadian refiner to the Customs, sugar is actually at this moment, quality for quality, cheaper in Montreal than in London.
" 2 . It is not true that sugar is dearer in bond here than in New York; for it is, on the contrary, a fact that there is a smaller difference or margin between raw and refined in Canada than in New York, and deducting the same relative drawbacks for duty paid, sugar is cheaper here than there, either in the open market or in bond.
" 3 . These facts being so, the preposterous assertion about $\$ 2,000,000$ being absorbed by the refiners falls to the groundno wilder statement was ever made, or one so obviously contrary to facts.
"It is notorious that the public is getting the full benefit of the cheapness of the commodity. Is there a man or woman in the Dominion who does not know that sugar is cheaper and better than ever before in his or her experience, notwithstanding the large tribute it yields to the public revenues?"

As regards the duties being higher according to value on common wearing goods than on the finer and more expensive, the answer is that only the former kinds of goods can be made in a new country. A high duty on broadcloth, and laces, and muslin would not help Canadian manufacturers much, for the reason that such goods are not made here at all. But in a matter of this kind experience is better than theory. Our duties on woollen goods, of the kinds most used, are $7 \frac{1}{2}$ cents per lb. and 20 per cent., while the American duties on similar goods are 40 cents per lb . and 35 per cent. on the value. On some classes of such goods the American specific duty is 30 cents per lb ., and on others 50 , but 40 cents per lb. is rather below the average, and remember that the 35 per cent. ad valorem applies to all. Now compare that with our duties of only $7 \frac{1}{2}$ cents per lb. and 20 per cent. Naturally a free trader would say that clothing for working people must be enormously dearer over the way than in Canada. But what we find to be the fact is, that goods to suit working people are so cheap in the States, that merchants in Buffalo and Detroit sell largely to Canadian customers, although the duties there are three or four times what ours are. This is one instance of how free trade theories are "knocked out" by hard facts.

The duties on iron should be reduced, says Mr. Blake; we want cheap raw material, so that we can manufacture cheaply. Well, in the States the duties on iron are far higher than they are here, and yet iron and all kinds of iron goods are cheaper there than in Canada. In spite of the high duties which our neighbors put upon imported iron, we buy lots of American iron for use in Canada; iron being actually cheaper in the country having very high protection than it is in the country having low protection. Again we see the free trade theory " knocked out" by the facts.

Ske on page 80 an interesting statement, from a good financial authority in London, of the amounts paid as steamship subsidies by the Imperial Government to encourage foreign trade.

Those who argue that Government can do nothing to help legitimate trade had better "read, mark, learn, and inwardly
digest" the following, which is from an American paper of recent date:--" Pennsylvania has a law, passed a year ago, which entirely prohibits the manufacture and sale of oleomar garine within the limits of that State. The dealers have been fighting the law in the courts, and the final decision of the State Supreme Court is that the law is constitutional. Eighty wholesale houses in Pittsburg that had taken out the semip annual license from the United States Government, and paid $\$ 240$ each for it, have promptly discontinued the sale of oleo margarine. Two large oleomargarine factories that have been at work until now have closed."

The indications are, says an American contemporary, that Manitoba will become the great flour producing territory of the Canadian provinces. The Montreal Journal of Commerce sogs that a mammoth flouring mill is soon to be commenced at Kio watin, Manitoba, which is the beginning of a movement thet will in time make this locality the Minneapolis of the NorthWest. The principal mover in the concern is Mr. Alexander Mitchell, of Montreal. The mill will have a capacity of tell thousand barrels per day. In connection with it is to be built a huge elevator with a capacity of one million bushels of wheat. To all which let us add this remark, that now seems to be the time for us to hang on to the N. P., and to sustain in power the men who are its true friends rather than let them give place to men whom we know to be its enemies.

THE following brief statement of a business man's opinion, we find in the World:-" 'I do not wish to pose as a prophet,' said a well-known business man, recently returned from the east, to the World last night, 'but I am convinced that $\operatorname{sir}$ John Macdonald will have a good working majority after the elections. In New Brunswick Alexander Gibson, who corrtrols the railways and wields great influence, will support the Conservatives, and promises them three seats that went against them before. The Burpee influence is also with the Conservetives, and that means a great deal. In Nova Scotia the adherents of Sir John will hold their own and will secure a sligh ${ }^{\frac{1}{t}}$ gain in Prince Edward Island. Although the political troubles in Quebec have looked very ominous to the Conservativen recent events have somewhat changed the complexion of affairh and though their majority will be reduced there it will not fall off so much as is expected. West of Quebec Sir John will carry everything before him. The only seat the Reformet can count on in Manitoba is Marquette, where Watson may returned. This may be considered a bold forecast of the resalth but wait and see if it does not come out that way.'"

## AMERICAN PATENTS TO CANADIAN INVENTORS

The following patents were granted to citizens of the Dominion of Canada, bearing date Jan. 25th, 1887. Reported expressly for this paper by Louis Bagger \& Co., mechaniow experts and solicitors of patents, Washington, D.C.
Hickley, A. S., Montreal, Que., manufacturing amal-

> gams by electrolysis.

Martin, Charles, Toronto, Ont ........................ 356,6 ${ }^{4}$ Nosworthy, James, Belleville, Ont., cartridge-belt....356,493 Ripson, J. F., Toronto, Ont., car-coupling.........
Ross, J. F., Toronto, Ont., soldering machine.
Wilson, H. W., Kingston, Ont., fence-post.

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## THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

## (From the Indianapolis Millstone.)

Is order to properly understand and appreciate the basis on Which international commerce, and our own in particular, rests, short commencement of the new year, we shall have to cast a one just brosective glance at the course of values during the course brought to a close.
Course of prices of leading articles at new york-1886.

| Antinony, Coobson' | $\text { Jan. } 1 .$ | Oct. 1. | Dec. 31. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ooal, | $9 \frac{1}{2}$ | $9 \frac{1}{8}$ | $9 \frac{1}{8}$ |
| Cocoa, Gnthracite | \$3.50 | \$3.75 | \$3.75 |
| Coffee, Guyaquil | $16_{4}^{3}$ | $13 \frac{3}{4}$ | $13 \frac{5}{8}$ |
| Coperer fair Rio | $8 \frac{3}{8}$ | $11 \frac{1}{4}$ | $14 \frac{3}{3}$ |
| Cottor, Lake Superior. | $11 \frac{1}{2}$ | $11 \frac{1}{4}$ | $11 \frac{7}{8}$ |
| Flour, extdding upland | $9^{3}{ }_{16}$ | $9{ }_{1}{ }^{7} 6$ | $9^{9}{ }^{8}$ |
| Wheat extra state. | \$3.25 | \$3.00 | \$3.75 |
| Indian . | 95 | 85 | 95 |
| Hemp, manil | 48 | 465 | 48 |
| Hides, ${ }_{\text {'sisal . }}$ | 8 | $\stackrel{8}{5}$ | ${ }_{1}$ |
| Hops, Buenos Ayres, dry | $22 \frac{1}{2}$ | $20{ }^{3}$ | $20 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| India choice state.. | $11 \frac{1}{2}$ | $21{ }^{4}$ | $26^{2}$ |
| $I_{\text {rom }}{ }^{\text {a }}$ rubber, fine Para. | $61 \frac{1}{2}$ | 83 | 76 |
| Steel American pig. | \$18.25 | \$18.75 | \$20.50 |
| Lead rails | 34.50 | 34.50 | 36.00 |
| Spirits | $4 \frac{5}{8}$ | $5 \frac{1}{2}$ | $4 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| Nitrate of turpentine. | 38 | $37 \frac{1}{4}$ | $36 \frac{1}{8}$ |
| Potate of soda. | $2 \frac{3}{8}$ | 2 | $2{ }^{8}$ |
| Petroes. | $\$ 2.00$ | \$1.75 | \$1.75 |
| Black | $7 \frac{3}{4}$ | $6 \frac{3}{4}$ | $6 \frac{3}{8}$ |
| Butter pepper. | $16 \frac{5}{8}$ | $16 \frac{5}{8}$ | $17 \frac{3}{4}$ |
| Lard. | 32 | $28 \frac{1}{2}$ | $27^{4}$ |
| Sugar | 6 | 61 | 7 |
| $T_{\text {ea, }}$ O, fair refining Cuba | $5 \frac{1}{2}$ | 41 ¢ | $4 \frac{5}{8}$ |
| Tin, Strait . . . . . . . . . . | 18 | $18^{16}$ | $20{ }^{8}$ |
| Wool | 20 | $22 \frac{1}{2}$ | 22 |
| Spelter | 18 | 21 | 23 |
| Rice, | $4 \frac{3}{8}$ | $4 \frac{3}{8}$ | 45 |
| If we domestic | $5{ }_{8}^{7}$ | $4{ }_{4}^{3}$ | $4 \frac{1}{2}$ |

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## LOCAL TARIFFS.

(Philadelphin Industrial Review.)
Wulle the policy of the United States has been to protect
our industries against foreign competition, there has always
beor perfect Free Trade within our borders. As a result of the
frem $_{\text {competition thus rendered practicable, the argument that }}$
our tariff fosters monopolies is without a basis in fact. What is to hinder any man with sufficient capital, or any combination of capitalists, from going into the manufacture of cotton, woollen, or silk fabrics, or from taking up any of the iron or other industries?

In this country, at least, we are happily free from local tariffs on certain trades, such as are referred to in the following paragraph, taken from an exchange :-
"Local duties upon articles of consumption seem to be assessed and collected in most parts of the world. A wellknown writer in this country has gone into hysterics about the enormities of such duties in Mexico. but he will find equally flagrant examples in Free Trade England, which is the object of his special admiration. London has for an indefinite period raised upon the coals consumed by its people a revenue averaging annually $\$ 2,645,695$ during the past five years. The right to raise it expires in 1889 , and the municipal authorities, by way of an argument for an extension of the right, show that other English cities have long enjoyed it. They give a list of fifteen cities, whose aggregate annual revenue from taxes on coal is $\$ 210,300$. Octroi duties are coumon all over the continent of Europe, notably in Paris. In India, they are as ancient as its present civilization. But that they should exist in England, where political economy is claimed to have been brought to the perfection of an exact science, is most remarkable."

## CURRENT NOTES.

## (From the Boston Manufacturers' Gazette.)

The volume of business in the boot and shoe trade has increased the past year more than $\$ 5,000,000$, and in the number of packages 250,000 . This does not look like a declining manufacture in New England. Owing to the heavy competition, the profits have been lighter, and the increase in business followed, in many instances, in only nominal gains. A conservative movement among the manufacturers this year will be a popular one.

In Massachusetts, as in New York, voluntary arbitration in matters of dispute between employer and employé appears to be a failure. The indications are that the disinclination to resort to arbitration is stronger among the employers than among the men. The former more frequently declare that they " have nothing to arbitrate," and the majority of the arbitration decisions have been in favor of the men. Compulsory arbitration is out of the question.

As an evidence of the agricultural depression in England, it is said that one of the largest farms in the island has been put upon its owner's hands by a tenant who last year paid only $£ 1$, or $\$ 5$, per acre, and this year was offered the land at 50 per cent. reduction, but dared not take the responsibility. Guy's hospital in London has long had its funds invested in farms which, for a hundred years or more, yielded a revenue of $£ 41,000$. This revenue has fallen to $£ 26,000$, and the usefulness of the great charity is much impaired at a time when presumably its best efforts are needed.

Pennsylvania has a law, passed a year ago, which entirely prohibits the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine within the limits of that State. The dealers have been fighting the law in the courts, and the final decision of the State Supreme Court is that the law is constitutional. Eight wholessle houses in Pittsburg that had taken out the semi-annual license from the United States Government, and paid $\$ 240$ each for it, have promptly discontinued the sale of oleomargarine. Two large oleomargarine factories that have been at work until now have closed.

## PUTTING UP A PULLEY.

## (From Power and Transmission, American Paper.)

The boys were putting a $36^{\prime \prime} \times 10^{\prime \prime}$ pulley up on the line shaft the other day at noon, and I stopped for a few minutes to look at them. The length of shaft where the pulley was to go, had a coupling at each end of it, and there were four other pulleys between the hangers already, and some of them looked as if they were there to stay. There was no scaffolding under the shaft, but Jim went for a ladder, and by the time he had it up against the shaft, Sam came up stairs with half the pulley upon his shoulder. The hole in the pulley looked a good deal larger than the diameter of the shaft, but Sam had a semi-cylindrical piece of wood in his hand which he passed up to Jim tirst, and then he handed up the half pulley to Jim, who was up on the ladder. Jim placed the piece of wood, which I now saw was a bushing, on the shaft, and held it there while Bill helped him lift the half pulley up over the shaft, and then let it down on the bushing. which just fitted the hole in the pulley.

In the meantin:e Sam had returned with the other half of the pulley, which had its half bushing already placed in it, and while Jim steadied the upper half of the pulley on the shaft, Sam and Bill held the lower half up to its place. In a few minutes the two halves were bolted togrether, the ladder was taken away, and the pulley had its belt on it, ready for business.
The whole operation timed just fifteen minutes. Not a pulley on the shaft was moved, and not a coupling disturbed, and the whole thing was done so quickly and quietly that hardly any one noticed it.
Of course the pulley was one of the Dorlge wood split pulleys. If it had been one of the old-fashioned sort, in one piece of cast iron, Sam would scarcely have tried to carry it up stairs singlehanded, and I would hardly have waited to see the job completed.

The floor would have been cleared, and a firm scaffold erected, and then would have followed more or less time separating coupling, moving old pulleys, and general confusion. The line shaft would have been stopped for several hours, and the whole affair would have cost more than the new pulley was worth.

After the job was done and the men had gone away, I wondered to myself how it was that pulleys had not been made in this way long ago, and it seemed that it could hardly be possible that men could continue using the old system much longer in the face of the convenience and economy of the new.
H. H. Suplee.

## SHALL WAR TAXES CEASE?

## (Bulletin of the Philadelphia Textile Association.)

A cry has been raised for the repeal of the "war taxes." We have shown elsewhere that at present we are paying a less rate of duty than was frequently paid before the war; hence, the charge that our tariff is a "brutal" legacy of the war, not to be tolerated, is not true. But these internal tases are a war legacy. They were a war measure, and as the necessities which called them into existence have long since ceased to exist there is no sufficient excuse for their continuance. They are war taxes, and should be repealed.

Did the taxes on whiskey effect anything in the way of preventing either its manufacture or its use we should be one of the last to advocate its repeal. But it accomplishes neither. We grant that, if the revinue from this source was needed, the article taxed, being a luxury, it might very properly bear this burden. But the National Govermment does not need this revenue; the state governments, which have to bear the burdens which this article entails, do need any tax which may be collected upon it, and it should be left to them to levy it; and, if any of these should choose to make it so heavy that both its manufacture and use shall be greatly lessened within
their borders, so much the better. We all know that it entails fearful burdens upon any community which allows its use. Then let these same communities roll back upon it the burden ${ }^{5}$ which it imposes.

It is certainly not too much to hope that Congress may ro peal these taxes.

## LUMBER COMBINATIONS.

The Chicago Northwestern Lumberman expresses itself vely forcibly, as follows:-"The value of a commodity does not depend on combinations to 'put up prices,' though that seem to be an idea extensively prevalent. The yard dealers in this city are finding out that prices can become steady and firm, and even rise, without any trade meetings or 'official' price list Prices are now steadier than they have been for the past two years, and they are also higher for common lumber than they were until late the past fall. The improved condition has not resulted from combination of dealers, but by natural trade forces. Whenever there is ground for holding stocks firmly for good prices the trade becomes aware of it without being informed by any exchange or board of trade committee. This fact does not imply that trade should not be fully organized in each locality. Meetings for discussing existing conditio should be frequently held. In case any marked change is developing in trade, it is well for the fullest information and exchange of views to be had $o$, the subject. But it is ne futile to attempt to create a fictitious value for lumber by combination. In all the territory this side the Rocky Moun tains competition is too sharp to admit of successful union ${ }^{0}$ dealers for the control of prices."

## A NEW THEORY FOR THE ORIGIN OF COAL, ETC

M. De Grand very boldly advances a brand new theory of coal formation, which, a French journal points out, is opposed to the idea that large trees and shrubs produce the black fuet A calculation, he maintains, of the accumulation of trees, etc.. necessary for the conversion into even a thin coal bed, of forest suddenly buried under water, or gradually letting its residue gather on the ground, leads to an evidently erroneor result, so greatly is it necessary to exaggerate either the mar of vegetable matter or the duration of the process of coal for mation. He considers that the coal beds were formerly bods of naphta and bituminous petroleum, produced by the decom. position of inferior aquatic vegetation under the influence of heat and dampness. This theory also, he thinks, will serve to explain the formation of petroleum, asphalt and other bitum inous springs.

The Montreal Herald of Jan. 31, in its review of the whole sale trade for last week, says:- "The dry goods trade wig particularly quiet, but travellers on the road report stocks ip the country low, and some good orders for spring lines $h^{\text {ato }}$ been received. The trade are just now opening out their spring goods, and there is no reason to believe that anything like overtrading has been indulged in, and in this branch of the whol sale trade are particularly hopeful of the future. In cottons not much is to be said, a healthy feeling continues among naly ufacturers, and all seem profitably employed. The Cand ${ }^{8}$ Cotton Company's mill, which was the sufferer by the recept
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Dr. James Davies states, in the Therapeutic Gazette, that Druidic college of the twelfth century considered tannin the potent of all the products of nature in producing sterility, and tea urinking, as practised by the public, undoubtedly acts in
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 wy Nine hundred thousand dollats of the Selma Land lapacment and Fumace Compun's stock was taken Jamuary $\because \because$ Montgonery subscribed $\$ 200,90$ in two hours on Jinn.ry : $\because$. tir the erection of a pip foundry with 300 tons daily spotit. The Warrior Coal. Lom and rand (ompany was wauised Junary 21, at Northpert. with a a apitai of S500.000. A G iw, ity, of Clevelam, Ohio, will uwe his brimer phant to Birmingham, where four squares of pround have heren secured. The works will be known as the liviningham Iron liridse and For. Coupany ; capital sion, 000 , and the largest in the country Jhe beectur Itineral and Land Company is now beine orgaured with :c capital of $\$ 350,000$.
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## Textiles.

## THE CROMPTON CORSET FACTORY.

The new Crompton Corset Factory is thus described in a recent number of the Berlin News:-

It has four Hoors, $40 \times 105$ feet in dimensions, each being lit up by about forty windows which gives an abundance of light. The first flat, or basement, being wholly above ground, is devoted to the laundry, spinning and packing, The second flat has the business office, store room and department for making hoop-skirts. The third is the machinery department where are tables and machines capable of working nearly 200 people. The fourth is divided into two paris, one of which is devoted to the cutting department, and the other to storing. Every flat is heated with steam and lit with gas. There is also a system of ventilators which carry away through flues the surplus heat so as to entirely avoid any drafts. This new building is one of the finest of the kind in Ontario, and reflects the greatest possible credit upon the town and the ensergetic proprietors. The roof is probably the best in the country. It is made of matched boards, felt, pitch, and slate. It is proof against fire, water and frost. The exterior of the building and its proportions are all in the best of taste and most superior style of architecture. The contractor for the brick work was Mr. Henry Braun, for the wood work, F. Kaempf; painting and glazing, H. Hett \& Sons. The cost of the building and lot is about $\$ 11,000$, the machinery, when all in, will foot up to between $\$ 20,000$ and $\$ 30,000$-all of which will give our readers some idea of the magnificent new factory just completed in Berlin.

## THE NOTTINGHAM LACE TRADE IN 1886. <br> (From the London Times.)

The closing year has proved one of disaster to the Nottingham lace trade. The town has lost its monopoly in the production of lace fabrics, and should the present movement go much longer it will cease to possess even a principal share in that manufacture. For the past three years the industry has suffered great depression, caused, not by lace becoming unfashionable, (which was not the case), but by the increase of competition both on the continent and in various places in Great Britain, notably in Ayrshire and in Derbyshire. So eminent an authority as Mr. Jacoby, M.P., recently admitted in public that owing to the for ign duties it is more profitable to send Nottingham machinery abroad and work them there than to continue working them at home. The lace machine makers report that their best orders are now received from St. Pierre les Calais and Saxony, whence the lace made on Nottingham machines are sent to this country to compete with those goods produced at home. It is to be regretted that the production of the finest lace has been surrendered by Nottingham to her continental rivals without an adequate struggle, bevase none but high-priced goorls can enable manufacturers in Nottingham to meet the high wage rates prevailing there. The other policy, however, has been adopted of throwing the weight of competition intn the production of inferior and cheap classes of goods, in which the local manufacturers are heavily handicapped by the proluction of the new lace-making centres in Great Britain, for outside the town the Lacemakers' Union has no power over prices, and consequently labor is nuch cheaper to obtain. The effect of this has been to induce the removal of much machinery from Nottingham to enable the masters to work more profitably, while so slack is the demand in almost all departments that there is insufficient work to keep the machinery remaining in the town and hands fully employed. The net falling off in trade during the past four
years can hardly represent less value than half a million sterling, and unless a radical change is made in the scale of remuneration it is impossible for Nottingham ever to recover this loss. As regards the various branches of trade, all have suffered during the year, though not to an equal extent. The millinery goods are unable to make much headway against the popular Edelweiss lace, and the attempt to set up Swiss ent broidering machines in Nottingham, which was commenced at the close of last year, has not proved strikingly successful. In the curtain trade some hopeful signs are reported, but producers find the labor difficulty in this branch a great drawback, they being unable to work successfully at a protit. The tenpoint ribbon nets, which are required by Swiss embroiderers, have been in active demand throughout the year, but otherwise the plain branches of trade have only been moderately busy. In the silk department there was in the spring a better movement in Spanish and guipure laces, but the "promises of May" remains in December unfulfilled, and hope is still the chief consolation of those engaged in this once important and profitable branch of lace manufacture.

## CURRENT NOTES.

## (From the Textile Recorder, Manchester, England.)

Atimough Germany has regular lines of steamships from Stettin, Lubeck, Stralsund, and Hamburg to Sweden, its textile manufacturers are unable to supplant their British competitors, who during the past year have done an increased trade with that country in cotton, woollen, and worsted yarns and woolled fabrics.

The French trade returns for 1885, published a few weeks ago, show a large increase in the export of wool from France to England- $2,500,000$ kilos against $1,300,000$ kilos in 1881 . The export of merinos rose in the same period from $2,800,000$ kilos to $5,100,000$ kilos, and that of woollen stuffs from $2,300,000$ kilos to $3,300,000$ kilos.

In Bergamo, one of the chief industrial districts of Italy, fifteen large mill owners closed their works on the 1st January, on account of the high duties on raw materials now in force throughout that country. It is said that 4,009 power looms, and 150,000 spindles are stopped, and 7,000 families thrown out of work.

The Swiss Commercial Union deprecate the establishment of a sample museum at Buenos Ayres on the ground that large dealers who can export directly to places beyond seas h $8^{\text {re }}$ already established their commercial connections, and do not need a sample museum, while traders on a small scale should be dissuaded from incurring the financial risks associated with the establishment of intimate commercial relations with such distant"countries, more especially in the interior.

The competition with which Great Britain has to contend in Smyrna has considarably reduced the exports thereto. As regards the supply of some of the most important articles ${ }^{0}$ import, she has been successfully rivalled within the last $f^{\text {m }}$ years by Germany, Austria, France, and Belgium, so that much of the pre-eminence held for many years as chief pur veyor to the material wants of this district of Asia Minor has heen lost. Germany is Great Britain's most formidable rival in Smyrna.
The French flax spinners notice that, while the price of thax is rising, they are unable to raise the price of their yarn in $\mathrm{pr}^{0}$ portion, but rather that it is continually falling in the honl market. They have, therefore, decided upon a peculiar way of improving their position. It is proposed to raise among the ${ }^{12}$ selves a common fund, out of which premiums shall be paid to exporters to assist them in selling yarns abroad at prices which cannot be obtained at home. This at least shows that the French flax spimners are individually deficient in enterprise, which is one of the essential qualifications for success business.

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## - LESSON UF THE KTRUKE-ALL-RAIL COAL.

## (Cual Iracit Junemal.)

Unr of the lessons of the coulhandlers' strike has been the fecility with which coal could be delivered (at a higher rate , hat biome, of course, hat still a delivery was made) by one way or :unther to Ne" York city. 'There has been coal brought all the way be rail fom the mines-to Lyons on the New York Centalatad thence via Albany to N.Y. In bat there was a lawe tomatge by this line ior the Elevated Roads, heing turned over to them at High Bridge, and the novel sight of the TAhigh
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S. honour hate been chartered at sio :end 75 cents per ton irria the loselher ports to New York - somutimes the B.I. Was made out ior Prondence or Fall Tiver.
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Vent often it happens that a mom, while making lots oi money in his own proper business, manage; to "drof" it all in ontside ventures. The followne from the Laembermen's fiazete: in atase in point ...." The fature of the lumber firm of Monroe liros. © Co., Cleveland and othet points, was a stamer to very mathy fople in this city, whore the Monroe Bros. are well kiown, hatving resided here mout of the cime sinver they wre boys. The opinion had become gencral here that they had acemmulated great wealth. This is not the lirse mafintun which has hetallen them stace they first engaged on husiness sinwai yoars ago, after accmmblating anticient to secme at repuation for considerabie wealth they "dropped their phe" in Chicago in an endeavor to become hemama kings thrugh the medium of a patent crimping ionn. It proned a fallure. howerer, and involved them in great finamial dificulty. from which they timally exfricated themsolses by manly, pursistent, and untiring effort. Gne of the bothers is at present interested in a patent refrigerator. Whether that circumstance had any comection with frecaing then up financially or not, we are umble to stac."

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Castle Mail Parket Compony (Limated).-The Castle Mail Pasket Company, hmited, receims from the Cape of dioud
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 $\pm 360,000$ for the carriage of the ladat and (hatat mails, and also the colomad mails to pums where they are trushipped for Australa. The service coupris:s a wetily had tobominy
and a fortnightly mail to Shanghai, the steamers touching at intermodiate ports en route to and from Brindisi. 'This con tract expres on February 1, 1888 , when another will come into fore lasting for ten years. The company will then recrina $£ 26 i,(0) 0$ per annum. Of the sum now received Indin con tributes $\mathfrak{f l 6}$ - (iflo. Coylon $£ 1,400$, the Siraits settlemens $£ 6,000$, anc 1 long Kong $£ 6,000$. Besides this subsidy the P. and $O$. Company receives from the Government of Victoi; the sum of $\mathfrak{E x}, 000$ per nnnum for a fortnightly service betweon Ceylon and Mellourue ; this last contract nlso ends in January, 1888, it havme commenced February 1, 1880. The terms fir a new contract havo just been discussed by the Victorian (ion. ernment, but the tenders made by this company have not been accepted, as the Victorian Government hopes to arrage :a manl service insolving it in no loss.

Royal Mail strom Packet Company (Limited). -The Ronal Mail Steau: lacket Company, limited, is under contract with the home govenment to run a service of steamers twice in foner weeks from Southampton to Colon, via Barbadoes, Jacmel, and Jamaica, wise in four weeks each way between Barbadues and Demerara, direct to Trinidad, and the other isles being served by branch lines from Barbadoes. The subsidy for this service is $£ 90,000$. In making the tender for the contract the Royna Mail Company specitied that if its steamers started firm: Plymouth instead of Southampton it would require a latsr subsidy by $£ 1,250$ per annum. The Postmaster-General, wh'p deciding that the steamers should start from Southampon, reserved the right of altering the port to Ilymouth un,n giving three months' notice to the company, and upn payment of the above-mentioned sum of $\mathfrak{E l}, 250$ per ammm This contract, which came into force on July 1, 1885, will con. tinue so until the expiration of a twenty-four months' notwe in writing, to expire on or after Jume 30, 1890, given to the company by the Postmaster-General.
Ünion Steamship Conyany ( Limited).--The UmonSt amalip Company, limited, receives from the Cape of Good Hope (ior ermment a subsidy of $£ 25,000$ por ammum for a fortnightly tu:al service. The present agreement commenced in September, 1883, and expires on September 30, 188s. Tlis company also receives $£ \mathbf{\infty}, \mathbf{4 0 0}$ peramum from the Natal Government for the carriage of mails.

## DANGER FROM RALLWAY CARS TAKLNG FIRE.

## (Railacay Review.)

Whine urging reform in the nethods of heating caro, with the object of rendering impussible such agonizing featur- oi disasters as those wituessed at Ropublic, it should not bre in gutten that the main point is to reduce the chances of the aci donts themselves. It appeass that at Republice trainmon of both trains were grossly nerglectful of their duty. The freight cren took a dangerous chance, and failed to tiake precautionary measures afterwards, and the passenger engineer was, it apparas only carelessly observing his track. Methods to insure the employment of absolutely trustworthy men only, should be sought. It is better, by the way, to study the men and to drop those revealing a tendency to indolence or to liquor uing, as soon as the discovery is made, and not wait for a piece of carelessness causing an accident to afford the pretext of dis charge. Thoroughly proper discipline would cover this point.

Another line of reform that would be effective in thi coisnection would lead to the car shops. Cars should not lie so masily telescoped. It is difficult to see any reason why the oc cupant of the smoker or coach should not have something of the protection against having lis body sheared in two in a talescope that the occupant of the sleeping car has $\lambda s$ it is the weakest cars ave usually called upon to bear the heavia: stmins in collisions. Incerased care among employees and lutt.r construction of cars would so change the charactor of varty all forms of railway accident that the deadly car stove would find no chance to perform its terrible work.

# TARIFF PROTEGTYON AND FARMING. 

## (From the Chicago Journal.)

If the comparatively few persons directly engaged in manufaturing be excepted, there is no class in the community that hos areater interests in the continuance of rhe Protective harifl pmicy of thes Govermment thm the agriculturists.

White the assertion is unquestionably true that agreulture in the foundation upon which our mational prosperity as built and unstained, it is also just as troc, and all experience, proves is. hat a strietly agricultmal community on state is sunerally - $p^{n}$ ur one. That nation is the most prospercun which fosters a dworsitied industry, and, by developins it its matural remures, finds remunemative employmunt suitad to the tastes and sernius of all its citizens. Competation aums the business of faming as quickly as any other, and the prevailing low prues for all farm products show that wo. many people are alreadr engeged in noticulture to make it pentitable. There is tor mich grain in sight, too mueh still in the hands of tho marmer: the demam for foreign shipment is too littlo, the hour comumption is too small, to expeet a speedy advance in prices. But, discouraging as the present outlook is for the farmens, their condition would be moch worse if the present hish, Protective tavifl should be redured to the "revenue 16 form" basis of Mr. Morrison and his Free Trade associates. amd the thousmuls of artisans and skilled workmen now cugared in manufacturing be driven from the mills, factories, and workshops to get subsistence for themsidves and families out of the ground.
The whole history of our tatiff legislation proves that every tariff law that has been enacted since the Government wais ess:biished which has ignored the Protective ieature has toll as quickly and disastrously upon the farmers as upno any other class. Their interests are best subserved by the estalb. lishment of other prosperous home industries, by protitable manufacturing, by suceessful commerer, by the exchange of commodities, by sound banking, and by all we other means that give men and women employment $m$ other pursuits and keepsod the home market.
Land is cheap or dear according to the number of people who live upon or near it. lt is very high in all the large cities and very cheap in all the new States and Territories. In the vicinity of New York and Philadelphia the market gardner pays from $\$ 100$ to $\$ 500$ per acre for his land, and timds it profitible, because he has a ready market at his own door for all his produce, while much better land can be bought in Dakuta for $\$ 5$ per acre and less. The Dakota farmer is impoverished by the high rates of transportation to distant markets. The Protective tarif benefits the agriculturist ly keeping large bodies of men and women engaged in other remunerative pmployments, thus avoiding competition, and, while the land is enhanced in value by that method, all farm prolucts are inverased in price because there are so many humery mouths to feed. The farmers near the large cities and manufacturing towns readily turn all their surplus products into cash, while today the farmers of Iowa are burning corn for fuel, and in Dakotia they are feeding No. I hated wheat to their mules :
Som. of the figures extracted from the lust United States Census Reports show in a very striking manner how a diversifini mdustry favolably atlects the people of ditierent States how mannfacturing and the development of the natuma resourres makr one community prosperous, and how sticking to agriruthere alone impoverishes mother and handieaps it in the ruw of pogress. For the comparison take the two States of lomsybania and Virginio, with very similar matum advan nages on the start in respect to soil, climate, minoral resources, mad aliphability for beooming a great State. The Pennsylvanams oarly turned their attention to manutiscturing: to making tho nost out of their coal and iron; to entering into competition with the traders of the world; to supplying the
wants of then f.llow $\cdot$ min ..: home and abroad, and to milluencing the ia merallios om liont waid them by keving Frotere. tive duties upon zoods imported from foreign contries. Fourfifthe of the prophe of Perbes lamia an to day engaged in some other pursuit bevidev awiowltur, and by this making a home market the aver veralar the land is over $\$ 50$ per acre, and the finners ite nmopadent. In Virginia a difierent polies wasedopted : monemeturine was neplected; the ore and the raal vere allowed to Nerf, untouched in her mines: her mannotient water-power tamed the wheels of no fartories; thee fomeths of her peophengaged in agriculture and bought. the gewls they nusht to have made. Her land is worth only \$To per acre; her credit is poor, her farmers are lehind-hand; her progress has been very show; sher is at the foot of the ladder of prosperity, while Pennsylvania is sitting on the top. most cumbl. Thr difterenere in the aggregate wealth of the two St:inc is enmmondy on the side of Pennsylvania, and the chief wow is that hir prople were prompt to take sulvantage of the l'atective policy of the Goverament to build up and diverati! their domestir milustries.

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(Prom Howistre's. )
Pnombess remarding the mather and causes of trade depressums are among the most interoumg and important with wheh the economist and the math of homess bave occasion to deal, but it is seldom indeed that innorbrations in relation to them have resulted in very great sucorss. The inguiry conducted by the English Royal Comuliown on the drpression of trade is no eareption to the peneral rate. When the commission entered upon its work we hazareded the upinion that it would not accomphash much of value- The "pinion has been borne out by the results, as iam, at least, as the conclusions of the commisshon itseli are :oncerned, bungh the witnesses examined before the commission patse much mformation of interest. The arrier reports submated by the commission were colorless and unintereating, moded, it was an ophen sereret that only upon such reports was aything like a wereral agrement possible. The commix-ion has now -uhmiticd a final report, or rather semes of reports, ior the members are not manimous. The comelusions arrived at by the members simply refiect opinions which had mone or lass acoptance when the investigntion was set on foot.

The proncipal forlures which chararterize the existing commercial situation in Eugland are declaved by the commission to be a serious decline in the exchangeable value of the products of the suit, increased production in nearly all other classes of commodities, a tenciest in the supp'y of commodities to outrun the demand, a conewnent diminution in the profit obtainable by production and a cimilar dimimation in the rate of interest on invested rijutal The rade depression, the commission thinks, mists mon nuch among the laboring poor as among capitalists The canses assigned for the depression are numerous. The commission summarizes them under eight heads, viz., (1) orer-puduction, (2) a continuous fall of pices caused by the apreciation of the standard of value, (3) the effect of foreign tarifis and bounties and the restrictive commercial policy of innmign countries in limiting English markets, (4) foreign compertiton, which is leing felt both in English and in neutral markets, ( 5 ) increased lowil taxation and burdens on industry, (6) cheaper rates of carriage enjoyed by ioreign compotitors, (7) legislation affecting the employment of labor, and (8) the superior technical education of workmen in foreign countries. Tudging from their conclusions, the members of the oommission ave no wiser and no better off than ordinary people in relation to tho subject which they have under consideration. They have attacked a phase of one of the most difficult problems in econemics, for a datinite solution of which we lare yot to wait.

## CURRENT NOTES.

(From the Canndian Gazette, Londun, England.)
Copies of the Canadian Federation Medal have, we learn, been awarded to Sir Robert. G. W. Herbert, K.C.B., the permanent Under Secretary of State for the Colonies ; to the Hon. Cavendish Boyle, Colonial Secretary to the Island of Bermuda; as well as to Mr. J. Gordon Brown, who was formerly editor of the Toronto Glohe, and to the Rev. Dr. Tanguay, author of the Dictionnaire Giénéalogique des Familles Canadienne-Frangaise.

We recently published two valuable analyses, by Mr. Robert Snith, of the Royal School of Mines, of copper ore from the Sudbury Mines, and the galena lead ore from the district of Lake Temiscamingue. Specimens of both these minerals have, we learn, been removed from the Colonial Exhibition to the offices of the High Commissioner, and may there be inspected by any who take an interest in the subject.

Newfoundland has long prided herself upon being the oldest Colony under the British crown. As far back as 1623 it was settled, and possessed a system of responsible government at a time when other colonies had little thought of any such sign of progress. Seeing, therefore, their undoubted right to the title, Newfoundlanders have just cause of complaint against Miss Gordon Cumming, who in the current issue of Macmillan's Magazine, heads an article on "Bombay" with the words "Our Oldest Colony." As a matter of fact Bombay is not a colony at all, but merely one part of the British Dependency of India. But even were it a colony, Newfoundland would still be justified in looking upon herself as the earliest Colonial possession of the British crown.

We recently reproduced a paragraph from a contemporary relating to the alleged serious condition of the finances of the Imperial Federation League. A letter from the Secretary of the League points out that the paragraph in question formed part of a private and confidential report to the Executive Committee early in November, and that since that date the income of the League has received a considerable increase, though arditions to its income are still needed, and will continue to be required "so long as the development of its work proceeds with the rapidity of the last few years." The Sccretary confirms the statement that, according to a resolution passed by the League in July last, the income desired for the effective carrying on of its work is placed ot $£ 1,000$ per annum.

There is not much that is new in the article which Captain J. C. R. Colomb contributes to the first number of Murray's Magazine upon "Cosmopolitan Theories and Colonial Facts." The cosmopolitan theories are the fast-dying doctrines of the old Manchester School, while the Colonial facts comprise Captain Colomb's interpretation of the increase of Colonial importance, and the growing desire of the Colonies for at least a continuance of, if not an improvement in, the present relationship with the Mother Country. There is just one paragraph in Captain Colomb's paper which we cannot refrain from reproducing :-"The announcement in the Queen's Speech marks a new departure, and inspires hope. But with respect to the character of the responses from the Colonies to which communications have been addressed, much depends upon the extent of their belief that the Mother Country is really in earnest. With the experience of the inmediate past, what wonder if they think that it would be prudent for them to withhold their verdict until we have produced-not our schemes-but our proofs that we are in earnest."

Mr. Cuarlfs H. Tupper has had no difficulty in showing to the readers of the Standard the falsity of the position which Mr . Fielding has endeavored to take th in regard to the seces-
sion agitation in Nova Scotia. In his letter, which we repro duce in another column, he quite bears out what we have often urged in these columns as to the want of any national or eved provincial character to the movement which has Mr. Fielding at its head. Conclusive, also, is his answer to many of Mr. Fielding's arguments, an answer which is all the more forcible from the fact that it comes, as it were, out of Mr. Fielding's, own mouth. It would seem, too, from our "Dominion News" this week, that Mr. Fielding is to a large extent reckoning without his host. For, according to a statement made by the Hon. Mr. Ferguson, the Provincial Secretary to Prince Edward Island, when recently in Ottawa, there is little or no sympathy with secession views either in Prince Edward Island or the Province of New Brunswick. Mr. Fielding's idea, it will be remembered, is that the three Maritime Provinces of Canads should unite in one Federation and be quite independent of the rest of the Dominion. In Prince Edward Island, however, Mr. Ferguson assures us, there is no support of the movement; and, judging from the public utterances of Premier Blair of New Brunswick, that Province, too, is altogether opposed to the proposal. Indeed, we are more than ever inclined to the opinion which Mr. Ferguson puts into the following words:-
"As to the se "As to the secession movement, it is well known that in Now" Scotia, which alone has given it any endorsation, it is merely ${ }^{8}$ piece of bluff."

The Daily News correspondent at Madrid asserts in a recent letter that "Spain is making another attempt to secure a privileged position for Cuban and Puerto Rico sugar and tobacco in United States markets ;" while Spain in exchange offers to make special and exclusive arrangements for American impcrts of all kinds in her islands, and to show her good-will has extended to the middle of March the commercial modus vivendi which was to have expired on the last day of the old year. The correspondent further states that should the contemplated treaty between the United States and Spain be again rejected by the American Congress the Spanish (xovernment will suspend the modus civendi and levy a 25 per cent. differentis! duty on all American imports, and "immediately make exceedingly favorable overtures to England and other European Powers to obtain new markets for Spanish West Indian exports, in order that the prosperity of her Colonies should no longer depend upon American tariffs and markets." This statementh it will be noted, refers to negotiations proceeding between the United States and Spanish Governments, and seeing the gers eral nature of such diplomatic negotiations, it is of course quite possible that the announcement has no foundation in fact. Canada now occupies the same position as the United States in regard to trade with the Spanish West Indian Islands-that is, both come under the " most favored nation" clause. As to any possible changes, there is every reason to believe that the interests of Canadian commerce are receiving the close st tention of the Canadian Government.

## LABOR NOTES.

(From the Boston Manufacturers' Gazette.)
The loss to labor from the Troy (N.Y.) collar strike was orer $\$ 5,000,000$.

The bricklayers and masons have resolved against socialists, communists and anarchists.

The grand total losses by strikers last year is estimated at $\$ 95,000,000$.

The locomotive engineers on the Canadian Pacific ask for $\$ 3.50$ per day. They are receiving now $\$ 2.30$.

The Ray Woollen Company at North Bellingham, Mass-, commenced weekly payments with the new year.
'lus weavers' strike at the woollen mill of D. W. Fllis is Son, at Monson, began by the tir "rg of a weaver for a "mis. pick."

Buxnses among the shoe shors of Symm has not been so dull i: the past oighteen years as it is at the present time, and lots , i inters are willing to work for 15 a week.

Ine strike at the mill of the Moss Manufacturing Company at Westerly, R.I., continues, but the eompany is gradually increasing the number of its empluyes, whe have taken the praces of the strikers.

Ir is asserted that more money is paid out to the hands in the iron and steel works of which Mr. Andrew Carnegio is the head, than is paid in wages at the great Krupp gun works in Germany, where 10,000 men are employed, as against 6,000 in the Carnegic works in and near Pittsburg, Pa.

The Wason Car Manuiacturing Company, Brightwood, Springfield, Mass., has found such a degided improvernent in business that it has increased the wages of its employes, 350 in number, 10 per cent. Wagos were reduced 10 per cent. three yars ago, and the increase has been made without any solicitation.
'futs strike at Spencer, Miss., directly affects over 4,000 people. One of the l'routy Brothers struck the key-note of the whole antarion when the committee of employes appeared and refused in continue work except on thein on a terms. "Gentlemen," he said, "we can't agree to that. If we meed you berote yon want to come back, we'll send for yon. If you need us first, sou can cail again." Then the committee took their departure. and now both parties are quictly waiting to see who will give in first.

## NEW PROCESS IN SOAP MAKIN(.

## (Industrial Revitw.)

M. F. Romart lately communicated to the Belgian National Society of Agriculture lis experiments in the saponification of wool grease, which will probalily lead to the sucerssful manufacture of a new and cheap simp. He introduces ints the grase, while the latter is heated, large volumes of sulphuretted hadrogen gas, which is absorbed by the grease oven to 100 times the bulk of the lather. The impregnated grease, when cooled, is treated with potassium carbonate (Alkalikurbonat, or (ommon potash), and quickly hecomes saponified. The soap olitained. though of inferior quaslity, has no odor of fat or sulpharetted hydrogen.
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