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FREE TRADE AT HOME

MORE OF IT HERE THAN IN ANY OTHER COUNTRY.

There Is $20,000,000,000 Annually of Internal Commerce In the United States That Is Not Required to Pay Customs Duties.

Free traders who are continually and vociferously crying out against tariff taxation appear never to have taken into consideration the very obvious and incontrovertible fact that there is a greater volume of absolutely untaxed trade in this country than is enjoyed by the people of any other nation on the globe. Great Britain, which is held up as a shining example of a successful free trade country, is after all only nominally a free trader. It is true that neither its domestic nor foreign traffic is subjected to a tariff tax; but, on the other hand, they are burdened with various small imposts which are necessary to produce revenue sufficient for the support and maintenance of the government.

An estimate of the domestic commerce of the United States during 1902 has been made by the bureau of statistics of the treasury department, and the total is placed at $20,000,000,000. Objection has been made to this estimate on the ground that it is merely a "guess," and a guess it certainly is, as are practically all estimates of a similar character which are not based upon actual and complete returns. Nevertheless it can be accepted as approximately, if not absolutely, accurate.

Compared with this vast total of trade upon which there is imposed no duty of any kind our foreign commerce sinks to almost insignificant proportions. But in our foreign trade, for some reason, the people generally display a deep and continuing interest, so it is pertinent to learn what proportion of that trade is subject to tariff duties. During the six months beginning July 31, 1902, and ending Jan. 31, 1903, merchandise to the value of $598,079,687 was imported. Of this total goods to the value of $240,347,772 paid no duty at all, so that the imports actually taxed under the tariff law had an aggregate value of $357,731,916.

These figures prove the fallacy of a very prevalent popular belief that all merchandise imported into this country pays tribute in the way of duties to the system of protection, when, as has just been shown, only a little more than one-half is taxed. Small indeed is the figure cut by the sum collected by the national customs officers when placed beside the $10,000,000,000 which was approximately the volume of our internal trade during the half year covered.

Small as it is, however, it is sufficient to achieve the beneficent end for which tariff duties are levied, that of protecting the American producer and American labor from competition with the cheap products of poorly paid foreign labor. Remove this protection and the inevitable result must be to flood the American market with cheap foreign goods which, because of the smaller cost of the labor that produced them, will drive out those of domestic manufacture.—Providence News.

A Natural Advantage.

There are in the United States so many elements of prosperity and wealth which are found concurrent with a high tariff and wanting when we have a period of "tariff for revenue only" that free traders have generally given up consideration of details and dispose of all these troublesome questions by a reference to our "unexampled natural advantages" as disposing of the whole question of the causes of our prosperity and high wages under protection and our contraction and low wages under free trade.

Lately one of the strongest writers on that side, doubtless carried away by an enthusiastic love of his thesis, writing of "the natural advantages which are possessed on this side of the Atlantic and for which Americans deserve no credit," said among other things, "There is nothing especially praiseworthy, for instance, in having deposits of cheap ore, exceptionally inexpensive means of transporting it from Michigan and Minnesota to Cleveland," etc. Is not this going a little too far for even a free trader propagandist? Until some time in the early seventies, as all know, freight rates in Great Britain were lower than in the United States. Now the relation is reversed. Does any one believe this is a "natural advantage" "for which Americans deserve no credit?"

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10 20	.....	12 55	f5 25	f4 23		f 10 25	f8 13	.....Pennsdale ...	6 15	9 45	7 50	11 30	3 55	f4 45	9 35
10 30	.....	1 05	5 35	4 32	.....	10 34	8 22	Hughesville...	6 00	9 35	7 40	11 20	3 45	4 35	9 25
		1 13	5 43	4 39	.....	10 42	8 29	Picture Rocks..	.....	9 25	.....	11 10	3 36	.....	6 16
		f1 17	.....	f4 43	.....	.....	f8 33	...Lyons Mills...	.....	.....	.....	f11 04	3 31	.....	9 10
		f1 19	.....	4 45	.....	.....	f8 35	....Chamouni ...	.....	.....	.....	11 01	3 28	.....	9 07
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9 00	Sonestown	2 40
	Geyelin Park	f2 20
10 10	Eagles Mere	1 50

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