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COLONIAL TARIFFS.

Changes Which Discriminate Against Non-British Commerce.

One by one the self governing British colonies are adopting the principle of preferential tariff rates within the British empire and protection against all the rest of the world. Canada was the first to do this. She has been doing it for several years and seems to be well satisfied with the result. There is no hint on any hand of a desire to repeal the preferential law and go back to the old system. The South African colonies, which are united in a customs league, have also enacted such a system, in some respects more marked than that of Canada. The Commonwealth of Australia is strongly committed to the same principle, and now New Zealand joins the procession. The New Zealand tariff deserves some detailed notice. It puts a duty of 20 per cent on certain goods which have hitherto been on the free list, but only when imported from non-British countries. When coming from within the empire they remain free. Among these are material for bicycles, of which we sent \$40,000 worth in 1901; gas engines, \$26,000; iron rails, bars, sheets, etc., \$275,000, and a few other items, bringing the total of our exports up to about \$400,000. Then there is a schedule on which the present duties are increased 50 per cent from non-British countries. Our sales of the chief items on this list were in 1901: Bicycles, \$70,000; boots and shoes, \$270,000; carriages, \$11,000; clocks, \$50,000; preserved fish, \$92,000; furniture, \$53,000; glass and glassware, \$50,000; hardware, \$210,000; nails, \$72,000; paper, \$300,000, and other items footing up a total of nearly \$1,500,000. Our total exports to New Zealand in that year were about \$7,000,000. Thus we are called upon to meet a tariff of 20 per cent upon 5.7 per cent of our exports to New Zealand against none at all upon such goods of our British competitors and to meet upon 21 per cent of our exports a tariff 50 per cent higher than that paid on British goods. Whatever, then, may be the outcome of Mr. Chamberlain's campaign in the United Kingdom, it seems certain that hereafter American commerce—in common, of course, with German, French and all other non-British commerce—will have to meet in the chief British colonies not only British competition, but British competition plus a considerable tariff discrimination. In the case of Canada, as we have hitherto pointed out, these conditions have been successfully met. That is no doubt largely due to the advantage of proximity. But we are inclined to think that in one way or another the United States will show itself equal to the emergency in all the other colonies and will continue to increase its trade with them at a satisfactory ratio.—New York Tribune.

Cheap Wages For Cheap Food.

John Morley, who makes a religion of his Liberalism, is, of course, pious ly bound to hit the head of protection as often as he sees it. But the best friends of free trade must admit, we think, that the blow he struck it in his speech at Manchester was a very light one. He made the pitiful claim that "under this system (free trade) wages have risen 15 per cent in England, while food has fallen 30 per cent." If free trade has not raised wages in England more than 15 per cent in sixty years it has really kept them down. The mere advance of the years, the change from the simplest and rudest means of industry to more complicated ones, the progress of civilization and the improvement of the standard of living must have carried wages up more than that if there had not been a blighting influence. Meantime how much have wages advanced in America under protection? Have they not increased 100 per cent, 200 per cent and more? In the last two years they have gained twice as much as Mr. Morley says they have gained during the whole period of British free trade. The "cheap food" which Mr. Morley talks about has been obtained at the cost of the practical extinction of British agriculture. It has been a poor trade.—New York Mail and Express.

Southern Industries.

Not only does the south now take more than half of the cotton output used in this country, but on June 30 last there were twenty-nine cotton mills under construction. But the south is making gigantic strides in other directions as well as cotton manufacture. The tons of mine products in the territory traversed by the Southern railroad alone increased by 1,190,164, or 17 per cent, last year over the preceding year. In the same territory during the year investments in lumber and other woodworking enterprises completed amounted to over \$5,000,000 and in additions to existing plants to about \$2,500,000. The capital invested in tanneries completed during the year amounted to about \$900,000 and in additions to existing plants to about \$380,000. Our protective tariff is accomplishing wonders for the south and dissipating the old free trade sentiment. Is it not about time that this sentiment should be expressed at the polls?

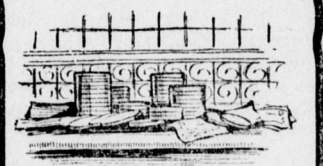
A "Notty" Problem Solved.
"Will the Democrats go to the polls next year as a united party?" was asked of William J. Bryan as he was going over the gangplank to take a steamer for Europe. Of course the great man had no time to enter into an elaborate argument, so he philosophically disposed of the matter by saying: "I think all Democrats will be united at the polls, but not, of course, those who are not Democrats. Those who are not Democrats will not be with the Democrats." Thus is a "notty" problem effectually solved.—South Bend Tribune.

The defacing of farm buildings by huge patent medicine advertisements should be the subject of protection in every grange, and no granger should allow his premises to be thus disfigured.

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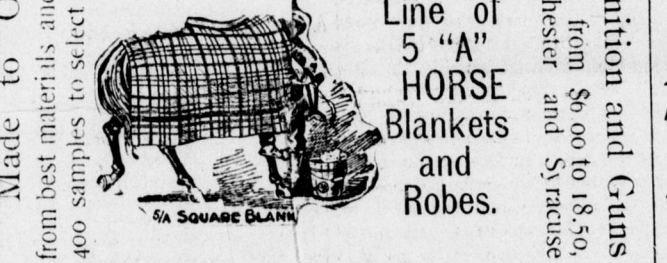
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