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THE DIGNITY OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

The free traders in England in the days of Cobden and Bright fondly anticipated that the time was then near when all the nations of the world would adopt the free trade policy. They were mistaken in this, as today almost all the nations except Great Britain are protectionist.

The British Empire is one of the monarchies, and it has now an area of between eleven and twelve millions of square miles, with a population of four hundred millions, who are increasing at the rate of four millions a year.

England tried the republican form of government in some sort in the days of Cromwell but speedily discarded it and returned to the ancient monarchy, which has been limited and modernised until today the British people enjoy a well-ordered freedom and security almost unequalled and certainly not excelled in any country throughout the world.

AWAKENING TO THE NEED OF TARIFF REDUCTION.

A noteworthy thing about the western demand for tariff reduction, voiced so loudly during Sir Wilfrid Laurier's tour, is that it has greatly stimulated the outspoken expression of opinion in the press of Central and Eastern Canada on the tariff question.

The Guardian has never disguised its preference for a purely revenue tariff, believing that the high protective duties under which the country has labored for thirty years past have been greatly injurious to the Maritime Provinces in general and to Prince Edward Island especially.

the course of which he gave fitting expression to the dignity which pertains to monarchy and its especial adaptability to a great imperial state. We quote:

"The community as far as these islands were concerned, would not sink into chaos if we had a Republic and not a Monarchy, though, in his opinion, the Empire would so sink under such a form of government (hear, hear.) They could not have as the head of an Empire so peculiarly situated as ours a President elected like the President of the United States for four years, the representative of a party, who would be changed many times in the lifetime of every individual, and representing the abstraction of a Constitution and not the personal head of the Empire.

"They would never work this Empire on the principle of an elected President of this country—elected only by the electors of this country, and not by those of any other of the Dominions of the Crown or the Crown Colonies; and without that hereditary claim to the allegiance of the subjects of the Empire which would only appear absurd to those who had but little absorbed the lessons of history, and had not realized that the hereditary claim was one which history told them mankind found most easy and natural to accept.

"If the House thought that only a monarch could be the head of an Empire like ours, then it was folly to try to run a Monarchy on principles which might or might not be proper to a President, who was, after all, merely a Prime Minister under another name."

feared that the country was hopelessly committed to the protective policy for years to come. The uprising in the west has greatly stimulated and revived the hope in the eastern Provinces for a reduction of duties.

It is therefore with satisfaction that we welcome such an expression of opinion as that which we clip from the Montreal Daily Witness of recent date as subjoined, referring to the Free Trade League and the movement in the west for reciprocity and tariff reduction. Among other things The Witness says:

"The feeling is ripening that the time has come for much lower tariffs between us and our neighbors. 'Sir Wilfrid Laurier has pronounced himself to many deputations of farmers as in full sympathy with their view, and a radical revision of our tariff and a real reciprocity treaty with the United States now seem assured at a fairly early date.

"Every day the burden of the protective tariff is becoming more apparent, and the unbiased publicist has come to the conclusion that the country will never be able to progress as it should until a tariff for revenue is restored.

"The Western league seems assured of success, as it is attracting especially the large British vote, which is disgusted with the high cost of living, and the effrontery of the trust-mongers, who know no mercy.

"The new settlers from the United States also support the league.

"They were mostly tariff reformers at home, and they naturally favor reciprocity with their native country.

"And, finally, it is favored by a large number of native Canadians who are tired of the way a few captains of industry are exploiting for themselves the resources and industries of the country."

WHY NOT HELP CAMPBELLTON?

The Halifax Herald is opposed to the Ottawa Government and loses no opportunity to strike an effective blow at it, but the following remarks relative to the Campbellton fire and the lack of federal aid seem pertinent enough to call for an explanation. We quote:

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Government rushed off \$100,000 to the relief committee.

"There was said to be some shortage of food in Japan, and the Dominion Government dispatched relief.

"There was a disaster in Southern Italy and the Dominion Government was again active with help.

"There was a flood near Paris, and more Canadian money was sent away for relief, and very properly sent.

"But a New Brunswick town is wiped out of existence by fire, and the entire population rendered homeless and comparatively helpless, and the Dominion Government has not a dollar to give."

There may be some good reason why Canada should thus assist foreign cities and countries in the time of calamity, but is not a Canadian town entitled to like merciful consideration in a time of almost unprecedented disaster?

OTTAWA'S MILLIONAIRES.

The Ottawa Citizen claims that city has more millionaires to the acre than any city of its size in Canada. It prints what it claims to be a carefully prepared and authentic list of thirty-two persons or estates each of which runs into seven or more figures, which list is as follows:

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"It is known," says The Citizen "that there is an additional number of capitalists who are strongly suspected of being in the millionaire class. And moreover, the number of Ottawans who possess a quarter of a million and over is at least seventy-five."

There are, it appears, more millionaires in Ottawa alone today than there were in all Canada thirty years ago.

It is significant that the keynote of President Taft is the coming congressional campaign will be a further revision of the tariff. And if popular sentiment in the United States is to be at all considered the revision must be downward and not upward. The "stand-patters" have long stood firm and held their ground but already they have begun to give way, recognising that they are beaten.

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