

**THE DAILY EXAMINER**

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**MR. FISHER'S POSITION.**

OTTAWA correspondents report that Mr. Fisher is silent and feels badly; some say that he is sulky. This is not wonderful. In 1893, when working up the prohibitionists to vote for the Laurier-Tarte party, he quoted the plebiscite resolution, and said "the Government in power must necessarily carry out the express will of the people. There is no doubt that this is what the Liberal party will do; for we know their pledges can be trusted." How far they can be trusted is apparent now that a majority of 14,000 has been cast in favor of prohibition and Sir Wilfrid Laurier has flatly refused to do anything about the matter! Mr. Fisher is certainly in an awkward position. He is a temperance leader in a Cabinet which, as the Montreal Witness has shown, has chosen "the liquor dealer's born." He ought to come out from among them. Will he do so?

**STILL WE HAVE PROTECTION.**

Sir Richard Cartwright said when in opposition:—

"I say our protective system was a huge mistake in so far as it was honest at all, and in so far as it was not honest it was a huge scheme of robbery."

And again:—  
"I stand by the declaration that I have made that protection is nothing more nor less than a deliberate legalized and organized robbery. More than that, if you do not stamp it out it is the high road to political slavery first and industrial slavery afterwards."

Again:—  
"Our policy from first to last has been to destroy the villainous system of protection, by free trade, a revenue tariff or continental free trade."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, when in opposition said:—

"I will not be satisfied until the last vestige of protection has been removed from the soil of Canada. Our great reform is to put away from the soil of Canada the last vestige of protection."

Upon another occasion Sir Wilfrid said:—

"Call it protection, call it feudalism, call it slavery. I care not. It is the same thing. It differs only in degree—it is bondage."

Three years after these men gained office, the tariff is as essentially a protective tariff as it was in the days of Sir John Macdonald, and Mr. Sitton and others say that the question is settled.

**A MISAPPREHENSION.**

Does The Patriot question the right and duty of the press to criticize publicly the decisions of the courts? If not, why does it recall cases of years long gone by in respect to the proceedings and decisions of which THE EXAMINER took exception? THE EXAMINER has, it is true, never shirked its duty to the public. From time to time it has taken the part of the weak against the strong, even to the point of disputing the justice of judgments delivered in our courts. We are surprised that a newspaper, professedly a Liberal newspaper, should recall these instances as if THE EXAMINER had thereby committed offences or crimes. We yield to no man in a proper respect for our courts of law and the judges who preside over them; and for

that reason we are the more solicitous that the judgments should stand the dint of criticism and accord with common sense. Our judges and our courts will enjoy the respect and the confidence of the public only in proportion as their judgments are felt to be reasonable and just.

But we refer to this matter to correct The Patriot's mischievous misrepresentation of THE EXAMINER in respect to the Meddie Gallant case. The Patriot says that THE EXAMINER "insinuates that the majority of the Court did not know what they were doing when they reversed Mr. Justice Hodgson's decision." The insinuation, it appears, was contained in our remark that we had no doubt the consciences of the judges are clear. This remark, it will readily be seen, has a meaning exactly the reverse of that which the Patriot has put upon it. According to the rule which governs decisions in appeal cases upon matters of fact, the higher court sustains the verdict or decision of the lower court unless the verdict or decision could not have been arrived at by any process of right reasoning. In this case the judges of the higher court reversed the decision of Mr. Justice Hodgson. It might thence be concluded that they considered him incapable of right reasoning, or it might be concluded that they must have misapprehended some of the points in the case or been governed by petty motives. It was to guard against these conclusions that we expressed the opinion which the Patriot calls an "insinuation that the majority of the court did not know what they were doing." We repeat that reasonable men may differ, honestly and conscientiously, even in respect to matters of fact; and we deny and repudiate The Patriot's inference.

**PREFERENTIAL TRADE.**

SOME persons have wondered why it is that with a differential tariff to the amount of 25 per cent of the duty in their favor, the Canadian imports from Great Britain have not risen, while Canadian imports from the United States have increased by leaps and bounds. The cause was very clearly set forth a few days ago by the Hon. Clarke Wallace. Mr. Wallace quoted from the Trade and Navigation returns showing that when the government was making its tariff they largely reduced the duty on articles supplied by the United States and correspondingly increased the duties on those articles imported from Great Britain. Take some articles which we import in large quantities from the Mother Country, as for instance, damask of linen, diaper napkins, etc.—we import from Great Britain sixteen times more than from other countries and the government raised the duty from 25 to 30 per cent. In the same way on handkerchiefs of which Great Britain sent more than any other country, the duty was so increased from 30 to 35 per cent. Of tweeds Great Britain sent us \$194,600 worth, all other countries \$4,900, and the duty on tweeds was increased from 25 to 30 per cent. On cotton fabrics printed, dyed, or colored, the duty was increased from 30 to 35 per cent, and Great Britain sent us \$1,735,000 worth while the United States, \$645,000 worth. The duty on linseed oil, which was 6½ cents a gallon, was increased 25 per cent and Canada imports seven-eighths of her linseed oil from Great Britain and one-eighth from other countries.

On the other hand, the duty on goods of

which we import the more largely from the United States was in many cases reduced. Take for instance iron steel scrap. The old duty was \$4 per ton; the new duty is \$1.—from Great Britain we imported to the value of \$75,000, from other countries \$458,000. The duty on pig iron was reduced from \$4 to \$2.50,—our imports amount to \$300,000, of which the United States sends us over six times as much as Great Britain. The United States got a reduction of 62½ per cent, in the duty. The duty on rolled iron was 35 per cent., or not less than \$10 per ton; the new duty is \$7 per ton, or a reduction of 43 per cent.—Great Britain sent us iron of this quality to the value of \$11,452, while other countries sent \$237,000. The duty on rolled iron sheets was reduced from \$10 to \$7, giving a preference to the United States of 42 per cent. The duty on rolled fish plates was reduced from \$10 to \$8; we imported from the United States \$161,030, worth and from Great Britain \$90,684, a reduction of 20 per cent. On cast iron pipes and steel fittings the duty was reduced from \$10 to \$8, again an enormous advantage to the United States. On iron and steel fittings the duty was reduced from 35 to 30 per cent; Great Britain supplied \$309 worth, the United States \$84,600 worth.

These figures tell the cause of British disappointment and United States triumph in the Canadian market. The preference, like the plebiscite, is a sham.

**ESTEEMED EXCHANGES.**

—L'Impartial: For some time it has been rumored that Senator Yeo ought to succeed Hon. G. W. Howland, as Governor of the Province. A correspondent who signs himself "A True Liberal" has published a long letter in the Patriot in which he demands that Mr. Farquharson should be Governor. If that happens Mr. Farquharson will be the third Premier who has abandoned to its sad fate the vessel of state which is about to sink.

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  9. Reading..... Selected Miss Lefurgey.
  10. Coon Song..... Mr. Geo. J. Rogers.
  11. Vocal Trio..... Queen of the Night Mrs Norton, Miss Cameron and Miss Sinclair.
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  13. S. D. C. Clover Quartette—The Vacant Chair. Messrs G. Stewart, T. J. Eagleson, G. Roy and N. Belleau.
  14. Vocal Solo..... (A) O My Father, from Opera Elzeth. (B.) When Love is young, from Ermini, with Chorus. Miss Edna Sinclair.
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  16. Comic Song..... Learning McFadden to Waltz Mr C. Earle.
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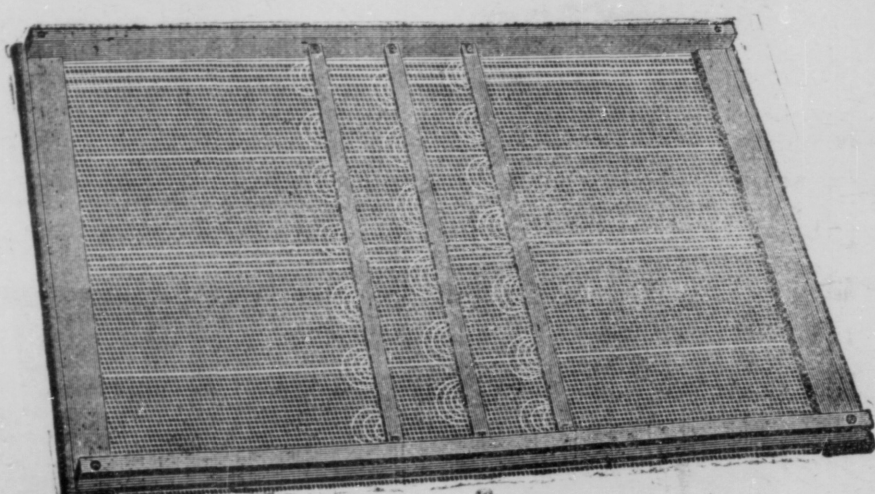
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