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COMMENTS ON THE NEW TARIFF.

Our new tariff has naturally been the subject of much comment, here as elsewhere. The prevailing opinion, expressed, is that the changes are for the worse, and not for the better. A cent a gallon off the duty on kerosene merely makes men smile,—especially when they remember the amount of strong feeling that was erewhile expended upon "that villainous tax." An increase of from 2½ per cent to 5 per cent upon cottons, carpets, etc., matters not much here or there, except to those of our merchants who, desiring to give their customers a practical exhibition of the wonderful cheapness of goods under a genuine Liberal tariff, held their new stocks in bond,—and have discovered that they would have done better for themselves, as well as for their customers, if they had made their entries under the old tariff.

But some of the changes are of more importance. For instance, the imposition of a tax of ten cents a pound upon unmanufactured tobacco, involves the payment of ten cents a pound for the stems, which Mr. Hartz or Mr. Newson or some other enterprising farmer carts away from the tobacco factory to his manure heap! As these stems comprise eight pounds in twenty of the raw tobacco, it will be seen that this manure must come dear to some one. We may be sure that our farmers will not pay ten cents a pound for it, valuable as it is in the growing of crops. So this duty must be added to the cost of the manufactured tobacco, and be paid out of hand, in addition to other heavy imposts, by all those who indulge in the luxury of a pipe or a cigar.

If a lover of tobacco should also be a lover of good books, the case is so much the worse. By the imposition of an *ad valorem* duty of 20 per cent. upon the value of books, the duty on good books has been just doubled, while the duty on bad books has been reduced a half. That is to say, the works of our standard authors, such as Burns and Scott, Tennyson and Longfellow, Wordsworth and Tem Moore, Macaulay and Carlyle, Darwin, Huxley, etc., are placed under a disability, for the simple reason that their intrinsic value is greater than that of the yellow colored literature and that the new duty is imposed upon the value of the book instead of upon the book itself. We note that the booksellers of Montreal are almost unanimously of the opinion that the old specific duty is preferable to the new *ad valorem* one; and we know that of the booksellers in this city, one at least, a strong Liberal, is of the same opinion, while another (also a Liberal) declares that a duty of 20 per cent. upon books is too high a tax upon intelligence, and that it should be reduced to at least 15 per cent.

But the main question is, after all, how will the tariff affect our farmers? Upon agricultural machinery the duty has not been reduced, and in that regard the position is unchanged. In respect to barbed wire there has been a reduction, and eventually barbed wire is to be admitted free of duty. The result, already threatened, will be the closing up of ten or a dozen competing wire factories now doing business in Canada, the consequent throwing out of employment of some hundreds of Canadian workmen, the absorption of the Canadian barbed wire business by the larger and stronger United States firms, and as a result of the withdrawal of competition an increase in the prices which our farmers will have to pay.

But the change which is likely to affect our farmers most seriously is that which refers to corn. With a protective duty on corn our farmers could, and did, sell by far the largest part of their oat products in the neighbouring and convenient markets of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, where they obtained better prices than they could obtain by sending their oats to Great Britain. But with free unground corn, and a reduction of the duty on cornmeal from 40cts. a bbl. to 25 cents, the conditions which admitted of this ad-

vantage to our farmers are completely changed. Corn will be brought into Canada from the United States in quantity, ground here, sold in free competition with our oats and fed to horses, cattle and pigs,—reducing both the quantity of oats sold and the prices for which they are sold! As we have been growing too many oats; this may be, as was said of the McKinley tariff, "a blessing in disguise." But the farmer who has debts to pay or who desires to add to his store at the savings bank, is not likely to see in this light the deliberate destruction of his principal market for oats. There was no necessity whatever for this change. We can see no reason why when protection is continued unabated to most of the manufactures of Canada, it should not also be continued, unabated, to our farmers.

KRUGER'S PREPARATIONS.

THAT the eye of the British Lion is upon Oom Paul is evident from the language used by Mr. Chamberlain in the House of Commons on Thursday last. "The Transvaal," said Mr. Chamberlain, "has been aiming to an extent absolutely unjustifiable by an ordinary policy of defence. We have not complained, but the result is that the present armament is altogether disproportionate to the defensive resources of Cape Colony, and the Transvaal government, after spending considerably over a million upon their armament, are still going on. Batteries of artillery and Maxim guns, millions and millions of cartridges, and hundreds of thousands of rifles have been imported into the Transvaal." Mr. Chamberlain concluded by saying: "I do not believe there is a feeling to repudiate the policy of the government. On the contrary, I believe the feeling of every loyal British subject at the Cape to be one of gratitude and satisfaction with Her Majesty's government. I understand that they recognize their position as the representatives of the paramount power in South Africa, and are determined, in the often used words, to maintain the integrity of all rights under the convention." The conclusion of Mr. Chamberlain's remarks was the signal for a tremendous outburst of cheering on the part of the Conservatives in the House of Commons.

REFORMS IN CUBA.

DESPACHES from Madrid announce that the Spanish Government have done that which they would have done years ago with much better grace. It is stated that the Queen Regent has signed a decree establishing for Cuba a Council of Administration to have charge of the affairs of the Island. This Council will be in the nature of a parliament. It will be composed of thirty-one members,—a majority to be elected by the Cubans and a lesser number by the Spanish Government. This Council of Administration is to be given supreme control of the public affairs of the Island, subject only to "certain supervisory authority by the Home authorities." Perhaps the most important feature of the plan is the surrender to Cuba of the power to revise her tariff schedule. Whether or not the insurgent Cubans will accept the provisions of the decree, and so end the war, remains to be seen.

AS TO THE TRANSVAAL.

The policy of the British Government, as stated by Mr. Chamberlain on Thursday, is to maintain its obligations; not to engage in any aggressive operations, nor to attack the independence of a friendly state; but "to maintain our own rights and the rights of the nation." This is a policy which, we believe, the people of Great Britain and the Empire at large will support, even to the death, in the Transvaal or elsewhere. It is a genuine British policy.

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THE SESSION.

The session which closed this afternoon is remarkable only as being the last of a Legislature which has, from the beginning been completely out of sympathy with the people of the Province and which has, in direct violation of the election pledges of most of its members, placed a considerable burden of taxation upon the people's shoulders. This last session amounts to almost nothing. Its only act of a really beneficial character is that which refers to cold storage. The only other important measure is that which, by changing the basis of valuation, enables the Government to increase taxation. As to the Act authorizing the erection of a new and expensive Prince of Wales College building, it may well be regarded with mixed feelings. Certainly the building is needed. But with a steadily increasing debt, is the Province in a position to pay for it? Our Liberal economists urge that it will be paid for out of the fees paid by the students. These fees have heretofore gone into the revenue, and must now be taken out of the revenue which is by so much reduced in the face of increasing expenditure, increasing debt and increasing taxation.

Our Liberal Legislature is now practically dead; and it has left to its successors the legacy of an ill-spent life.

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