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For all he did he had a reason,
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And ready ever was to quote
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One of our subscribers lately asked:— Why don't you become a conservative? We made reply that it was too late in the day to become one, as we had been that for a long time; but our conservatism is of a different order to that of the "Dyed in the wool protectionist" principles of our so-called conservative government.

We wish to see the country conserved or preserved from poverty and ruin; we think it was Oliver Goldsmith who said:

Ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey,
Where wealth accumulates and men decay;
Princes and lords may flourish and may fade,
A breath can make them as a breath has made,
But an honest peasantry, a country's pride,
When once destroyed, can never be supplied.

And this seems to be the condition to which we are coming, when class legislation is the order of the day; when our trade and commerce is crippled by the perplexing difficulties thrown in its way by the customs laws, which are made—not for the benefit of the country, but, solely in the interest of privileged, and protected manufacturers. This is distinctly shown by the expression of one of the cabinet ministers "Who will deny that the tariff is made for the protection of the manufacturers."

The Montreal Witness a thoroughly independent publication, says: The tariff does not yield sufficient revenue; the tariff oppresses importers; the tariff impoverishes the farmers; the tariff is a burden to the workingmen; the tariff is injuring the country as a whole.

"Well, what of it," demands the government. "Whoever supposed that the tariff was made to yield revenue, or not to interfere with importers, or to make farmers prosperous, or workingmen happy, or to benefit the country as a whole. Tariffs are made, as everybody knows, to enrich the manufacturers; that is the end and aim of tariffs."

Now, we ask in turn, How can anyone having the welfare of this great country at heart, be a protectionist?

The whole trade of the Dominion is being driven into revolt against the government, and has taken up arms against

the iniquitous customs system, which has so long been tyrannically and arbitrarily used as a means of persecuting and oppressing the importing interests. All the great business firms of Montreal, to the number of about four hundred have un-animously taken up arms by presenting petitions against these abuses, which is supplemented by petitions from over forty boards of trade of the Dominion, from Vancouver to Halifax, and these will be supported by others. Surely the retail and wholesale merchants of this country know more about the requirements of the people than any one man who may be in power, and who may be a tinsmith or a tailor, a lawyer or a doctor, and knows practically, little or nothing of the exigencies of trade and commerce, and still less of agriculture; and, whose lack of the requisite knowledge is supplemented by the cupidity and insolence of hirelings and understrappers.

Below we give an illustration of how the money wrung from the people is mis-spent, and ask our readers: What has been gained by the expenditure of that one hundred thousand dollars?

The Liquor Commission Farce.

In 1892, the Dominion Government appointed Sir Joseph Hickson, Montreal; G. A. Gigault, ex M.P., Quebec; His Honor Judge McDonald, Brockville; E. F. Clarke, M.P.P., Toronto; and Rev. J. McLeod, D.D., Fredericton, a Royal Commission on the liquor traffic. They travelled not only thro' Canada but took trips to the United States, summoning people before them and asking them questions. These questions number about sixty thousand and are contained, together with the answers in several volumes issued by the Government. On this mass of stuff all the Commissioners, except Dr. McLeod, report against prohibition, while the Rev. Dr. finds otherwise. The Commission was nothing short of an imposition upon the public, and the cost was enormous. About \$70,000 have already been paid, and it is estimated that the whole amount to be paid for this 'imposition' will be about \$100,000.

"That's the way the money goes,
Pop goes the weasel."—Old Song.

Weel Done? McLeod.

Apropos of the foregoing we quote from the Montreal Gazette, "Though the Rev. Dr. McLeod got for his services on the liquor traffic commission \$6,918, a sum which was twice as much as the chairman received and \$3,000 more than any other member asked for, he still demanded \$480 extra for forty-eight Sundays he spent away from home. It is a good thing for the treasury the commission was not made up entirely of prohibitionists."

Is not this following the "Loaves and Fishes" with a vengeance? It is difficult to see where the amor patrie comes in, and that is the motto of most of those who profess to be social reformers.

The late Professor Huxley said: "All religion is immoral." Another authority Mr. Moore, says: "In fifty or a hundred years, we shall treat these preachers as we now treat fortune-tellers and charlatans." With a few recent instances in our mind's eye, we are not surprised at such adverse criticism.



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