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The government which followed us in 1873, however, introduced and passed a Ballot Act, and I am sure they deeply regret that they did it. Witness the triumph of the ballot box in the Jacques Cartier election. (Cheers.) They made a hole in the bottom of the ballot box and pulled out the Conservative votes and replaced them with Grit votes, so great a number of them on one occasion that they counted more of such votes when the box was opened than there were voters in the section altogether, (cheers and laughter) and then came a change in the state of things. The country had grown tired. The Athenians were asked why they wished to punish Aristides, and then their answer was that they were tired of hearing him called "The Just." This was just what happened in the case of the late Government. The country repented, they grew tired of hearing the ministry speak of their morality and their purity. They returned to their old state of immorality, to their Tory proclivities. (Cheers.) As Mr. Lowe said in England the other day, they proved to be hardened sinners. (Cheers.) The ballot was of great use to us because it relieved the honest reasoning Grit from

THE TYRANNY OF THE PARTY which is so unscrupulously and recklessly used by the leaders of the party. (Applause.) Canada for the Canadians. We never professed infallibility. We said we would introduce as good a tariff as we knew how, and if after a year's experience we found there were errors in it we would not be too proud to amend it in the best interests of the country. (Cheers.) I am pleased to know that in the main it has been successful, although in one or two instances it may be susceptible of improvement. We could leave it confidently, as it is, for the calm consideration of our countrymen, but we will ask Parliament for some amendments, and those amendments will not be in the way of diminished protection or encouragement to the manufacturer. (Applause.) It was said that I had gone to England and made a bargain with the Mother Country in order to destroy the protection that our manufacturers were promised by the tariff against the English manufacturers. This was stated in the Globe with the usual unpatriotic feeling and desire to sow contention and destroy confidence in the country. We were told I had gone home to kiss the foot of the Premier of England, and to sacrifice the interests of Canada for social or other position in England. (Shame.) Now, the policy of the Government with respect to the

FUTURE ALTERATION IN THE TARIFF may be described in one sentence as between the English and American manufacturers, - we prefer the English. (Applause.) But as between the English and Canadian manufacturers, we prefer the Canadian. (Enthusiastic applause and cheers.) We know we can gain the two objects of giving full protection to all our infant industries against the industries of any other country, including England, at the same time giving a preference to England in our markets; so if we have to go out of Canada to make purchases we will go to England rather than elsewhere. (Prolonged applause.) After an ill-timed delay we found a deficit when we came in; the credit of the country was depressed. Mr. Cartwright was anxious to go home and effect a loan, as the Finance Minister of a Government fresh from an appeal to the people, and so were they of carrying the September elections that he postponed everything. The consequence was that although Parliament was to meet in February, and it was then November, and we had to prepare all our measures in a few weeks to get the tariff ready. With lengthened consideration Mr. Tilley was obliged to go to England, where by the mere chance he arrived in time to save Canada from the greatest disaster. Had his arrival been delayed a few days longer the failure of the West of England Bank, coupled with the previous failure of the Glasgow Bank, would have had

CREATED SUCH A PANIC that Mr. Tilley would not have been able to effect the loan except at ruinous terms. However, he succeeded in making a fair loan. By speaking frankly and honestly, he obtained better terms than did Mr. Cartwright with his brazen and silver shield. (Applause and laughter.) Mr. Blake in his speech said there were going to create monopolies that a few manufacturers would become millionaires out of the labor of the people, and in the next breath he said that our competition would ruin the manufacturers. (Laughter.) As to the first objection I must say I wish we had a great many millionaires among us; that these millionaires would put their money in a refinery, as Mr. Redpath has done or any other manufacturers. But the mention of Mr. Redpath's name to Mr. Blake or Mackenzie is like showing a red rag to a bull. Down go both their horns as they exclaim, "Oh, what a horrible system this must be which put hundreds and thousands of dollars into the pockets of manufacturers!" Did this money come out of the pockets of workmen? Sugar is dearer in the United States than in Canada. Therefore we have not yet hurt the consumer in Canada, and if the money made by Mr. Redpath is expended in giving more work to the people, then more power to his elbow. (Laughter and applause.) Oh, but Mr. Blake says there is a great evil in these monopolies. These bloated manufacturers will have great vested interests in Canada and when the next election comes round they will use the money that has been taken out of the pockets of the people

CARRY THE ELECTIONS, and thus continue the abominable tariff. (Laughter.) I do not think that such ideas ever came into their minds until they were suggested in that speech, and I have no doubt that they may be very thankful to Mr. Blake for giving them that hint how to carry the next election so keep up the Protective Policy. (Good laughter.) One thing is clear; if the late Government had remained in power there would be no millionaires - (good laughter) - and our working classes are so corrupt that they would

be quite insensible to the blessings of poverty and go to the United States, where they would get good wages under a Protective Tariff. (Applause.) Look at Free Trade England and Protective United States. The Commercial depression commenced in England before it was in the United States, and while it has ended in the United States it still exists in England. (Hear, hear.) What are the prospects at present in England of removing the depression? Is it in the anticipation of selling English manufactures to the United States, crushed and destroyed by the consequence of protection?

RECIPROcity WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES The Government of Canada felt that if it were going to introduce any system of encouragement to manufacturers, it must look for new avenues of trade, and we have directed our studies to the matter. We don't feel that we are afloat on the wheel. We believe that a Government has a powerful influence for saving a country, for relieving commercial depression. (Applause.) We sent Sir Alexander Galt, a man whom some of you perhaps know as being the man who taught the Americans the value of Canadian fish. (Laughter.) We sent him and Her Majesty's Government helped him as ambassador to France and Spain for the purpose of opening up those markets. He laid the basis of

SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS with both countries. We have the most cheering accounts from Madrid and Paris of an early reciprocal commercial intercourse. (Applause.) We have also opened negotiations with the Brazil country which would furnish a market for all our fish, a large portion of our lumber, our agricultural implements and every thing we can manufacture in return for the opening market to the products. I have the satisfaction to announce here to-night that, but a few months ago, I received a letter from our agent at Rio Janeiro stating that the Legislature had passed a bill for reciprocal trade with all countries; that it was introduced with a view to Canada, and in a few days he expected to be able to inform me that arrangements would be completed for a steam line running monthly between Brazil and Canada. (Enthusiastic cheers.) To show you, gentlemen, how fast our trade is increasing and how by our energetic action we are attracting the attention of the world to our position, only a month ago I received a letter from Japan, signed by a gentleman with an unpronounceable name, a directing manager of a line of thirty steamers that run between Japan and Hong Kong, offering to put on at a reasonable subsidy a line of steamers to run between Japan and British Columbia. (Applause.) Wherever we can press the commercial interests of Canada and open new markets for her manufactures and products we will do so, (enthusiastic applause.) Mr. Blake in his speech says - and I am glad to see he is evidently coming back to Parliament a wiser and sadder man - he deprecates the use of abusive language. He deprecates the

FACTIOUS OPPOSITION OF MEASURES merely because they are brought forward by a party opposed to him. I am glad to get him back to Parliament and to know that he is taught a lesson that his independence is limited to three theoretical questions which will never be carried into law in his own time or in the time of any gentleman here. No matter what the Globe may say, when we come down to the working of the Protective Tariff we find that he is still in the gall of bitterness in the bond of iniquity. He is still engaged in the worship of Gannett & Swablos, the nostrums of Free Traders, as humbly as he did anything in his life. Well, we must be satisfied with anything we can get. We must, as Sancho Panza says, not look a gift horse in the mouth but we will pardon him if a stronger nature than his whips him into voting when he is wanted to vote or to run away. Discretion is the better part of valor. Mr. Blake declared at once that he was in favor of free trade and let it there. This subject has been discussed for years in Parliament and in the newspapers. It has been discussed in the Globe, so much so that the Grits themselves say that they only read the New York news, as the only other news that the Globe contains is most N. P. His early training did not qualify him to discuss a commercial question like that. Drs. Johnson and Boswell went to the theatre one night. It was a little noisy and Boswell being elated with the applause commenced to imitate other animals but was not successful. "My dear Boswell," said the doctor, turning to him, "I think you better confine yourself to the cow. I believe that Mr. Blake had better confine himself to Chancery and leave the cow to others. Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I

THANK YOU EXTREMELY, on behalf of my colleagues and myself. I thank you in very inadequate terms. Let me repeat that the way I have been unsatisfied in Ottawa and in the Province of Ontario commands my deepest gratitude and claims my most earnest thanks. Never can I forget, while yet holding the reins of office, the warm-hearted support, whether from the agriculturist, the workman or the manufacturer, that I have received in all parts. I can say, Mr. Chairman, truly the language that Burns used to his noble friend, the Earl of Glencairn: The bridegroom may forget the bride that was made a wife yesterday; 'E'en the monarch may forget the crown that sits on his head when he is crowned; The mother may forget the child that sits so sweet on her knee; But I'll remember thee, Glencairn, and all that thou hast done for me. (Cheers.)

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