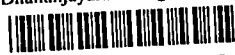


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AUTHOR'S NOTE.

IN the following pages an attempt is made to present a concise historical statement of the origin and growth of the Protective System in America; the underlying philosophic motives that animated the first Protectionists in America; the reason Protection has commanded the adherence of a majority of the American people; and the social and economic effects of Protection.

Limitation of space makes this volume a sketch rather than a detailed plan; and a subject so comprehensive—in view of that limitation—must necessarily deal with broad principles rather than minute details. Even so, frequent references to the words of the great exponents of the American principle of Protection will enable the student, if he desires to pursue the subject further, to find a wealth of elaboration and argument that

will either convince him or more firmly buttress his preconceived opinions—for that, after all, is the fate of every writer on a controversial subject who cannot demonstrate the faith that is in him by mathematical proof.

The investigator of Protection in America is confronted by more difficulties than the investigator in any other country. So many causes complicate the problem—natural resources, area of the country, population, political institutions, and many others—causes exercising less influence elsewhere, that it is not easy to give to each element in a complex social system its proper weight; to determine narrowly, in some cases, cause and effect, and to reach an exact conclusion as to the precise good wrought by Protection, or the greater good that would have followed had the system of Protection not been adopted. The impartial historian can do no more than state facts. From these facts every reader will draw his own conclusions according to his prejudices or predilections.

I avail myself of this opportunity to express

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