

PORTO RICAN TARIFF ACT.

After all the bitter things that have been said and written about the Porto Rican tariff bill it is interesting to know what the natives themselves think of it, after having lived over six months under its operations. What have been the results? Let a native paper, the Jan Juan (Porto Rico) Daily News of Nov. 13, 1900, answer.

"We have lived now," says the News, "for six months under the 85 per cent preferential tariff. The question now is, is it good or bad? Has it helped or injured us? The legislature will have these questions to decide.

"We now have the question to deal with aside and apart from politics. Its use as a campaign club is past and gone. The burden of deciding this very important question is solely upon the legislature. As it decrees, so shall it be. If it desires to abolish the tariff and operate the island upon a free-trade basis, it can be so ordered.

"If the people of Porto Rico, through the legislature, desire to continue the tariff, it can be done. A precedent has been established which will permit this class of taxation. It has been legally decreed that such action is constitutional.

"If the tariff is abolished, it is at once evident that a more burdensome and higher rate of internal taxation must be imposed. Where and upon what shall this be levied is indeed a perplexing question.

"Aside from all the difficulties that may or will arise from the abolition of the tariff, let us glance at the tariff itself, and see what it has done. In the last six months the 15 per cent tariff has afforded the island as much, if not more, revenue than the 100 per cent tariff. The theory that 'the way to increase revenue is by lowering the taxes' is proven to be true for Porto Rico. This revenue will be constantly increasing as our trade increases, as it is sure to do. It has helped the consumer, for it has lowered the taxes he has to pay, not only on American goods, but upon all goods that enter our market in competition with them. This results in an increase of importations. This helps the producer by constantly providing him a means to carry his goods to the great American market, which is always so hungry for the product this island has to dispose of. Again, unless we have a traffic both ways, the steamers must make one trip without a cargo, and the freight is thereby doubled.

"A tariff helps us as borrowers; it will give our securities a stand in the United States, which they could not have without a permanent revenue like the tariff revenue. The argument so often advanced in favor of a tariff tax as against other means of raising revenue, that it is easily collected, is especially forcible in Porto Rico. We would advise that the tariff is necessary, and if it were not, it would still be the most convenient and logical means of raising our revenue. Let the tariff stand at 15 per cent."

Full returns of the November election from all the states give McKinley 7,238,514 votes, and Bryan 6,360,796; McKinley's plurality, 877,718. In 1896, McKinley received 7,107,304 votes, and Bryan 6,533,080; McKinley's plurality, 574,224. McKinley's vote was larger by 131,210 than four years ago, Bryan's not as large by 172,284, and McKinley's plurality was larger by 303,494.

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