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MEMORIAL

OF THE

ONTARIO AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY,

OF THE

STATE OF NEW YORK,

PRAYING

FURTHER PROTECTING DUTIES

ON CERTAIN DOMESTIC MANUFACTURES.

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Referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

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To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled :

The Memorial of the Ontario Agricultural Society, respectfully represents :

That your memorialists are, many of them, engaged in the growing of wool ; for which article they have, latterly, scarcely been able to obtain market, or remunerating price. That, after having, for many years, attended, with great care and expense, to the obtaining of the finest woolled breeds of sheep, and the multiplication of their flocks, they now find them greatly depreciated in value : That they attribute this depreciation to the insufficiency of the laws intended to protect our woollen manufacture, and the inadequacy of the duties on foreign wool.

Your memorialists view the interests of agriculture, manufactures, and commerce, as inseparably blended, and dependent on one another. The extensive establishment of manufactures creates the best and most stable demand for all the products of the soil. Agriculture and manufactures, therefore, must flourish, or decline together. When mutually flourishing, they are inexhaustible sources of national wealth ; and increase both the ability and inclination of our fellow citizens for foreign commerce.

Your memorialists believe, that, if adequate protection to our manufacturers and wool growers, should not be granted, that many of the former must be ruined in their business ; and the latter be compelled to sacrifice their fine Merino and Saxon flocks to the knife of the butcher. The evil to our country of such results, cannot be too earnestly deprecated.

Your memorialists, therefore, respectfully pray that your honorable bodies will give this important subject early consideration, and extend such remedies in the alteration and increase of duties on foreign cloths, and the increase of duties on foreign wool, as you, in your wisdom, shall deem necessary, for the interests of those concerned, and the welfare of our common country.

JOHN GREIG, *President.*

FR. GRANGER, *Secretary.*

Canandaigua, Ontario County, N. Y. October 2, 1827.

This memorial having been presented at the annual meeting of the Society, by Z. Barton Stout, seconded by Jared Willson, was adopted by a unanimous vote of the Society.

Z. BARTON STOUT, *2d Vice President.*

