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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
American Magazine,
New York, N.Y.
Dear Miss Tarbell,-

Herewith the reprint from the Textile World Record referred to in a recent letter to you.

All the exhibits of figures are summarized in the middle of the second page. The gist of it is that Congress meant to give a compensatory duty on wool which only covers the good wool in the cloth, and then to give from 50 to 55% additional duty to the woolen manufacturer, as in column headed "A"; but the item was figured excessively under the influence, supposedly, of the woolen manufacturers. For instance, the compensatory should have been 24.1% on the first item instead of which it actually amounted to 50.6%

The excesses above answer, therefore, in effect so to the advantage of the woolen manufacturer, so that the woolen manufacturer got not column "A" which Congress meant it should have but column "B", being from two to three times what Congress meant to give.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Miles
Chairman-Tariff Committee.

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