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tain, as they attained empire, all exacted heavy tribute from their dependencies in taxation, rents, interest, and profits of commerce; but our political and commercial rulers generously share their profits with their foreign customers, in order the more securely to fleece their own countrymen.

This state of things cannot long continue. If it is not ended by abolishing tariff laws which have now become so hurtful, a tremendous business and financial panic, coupled with a political deluge, will end it amid wide-spread disaster.

In the coming contest for commercial supremacy we shall need all our strength, and must avail ourselves of every possible advantage. Our invasion of the world's markets is forcing other countries to copy our inventions and machinery, educate their artisans, and adopt our improved methods of organization and production on a large scale. Our protection policy, by depriving them of access to our markets, only makes it the more necessary to hold their trade in other markets, and thus intensifies the competition we must encounter there. To successfully meet this competition, it is indispensable that our people should have the right to gather their supplies from the four quarters of the globe wherever they may be had best and cheapest, and to market their products wherever most in demand, absolutely free from the strait-jacket of protection. Entering upon a new realm, America must discard the swaddling-clothes and adopt a policy suitable to the

new conditions and worthy of her aspirations. No cheese-paring reciprocity will answer. She must wholly throw aside her defensive armor so obsolete and cumbrous, and, under the banner of free trade, fight berserk, like our Viking ancestors.

Boston, Feb. 26, 1902.

RAISING CATALPAS.

The following letter on catalpas, from the secretary of the International Society of Arboriculture, will be of interest to all friends of that handsome and useful tree. Mr. Brown is now in New Orleans, where he is putting in 110,000 catalpas for the Illinois Central railroad:

"Prepare the ground by plow and harrow, as for a garden; make shallow and broad furrows, three feet apart; sow the seed in these drills, about twenty-five seed to a foot or row; cover very slightly as fast as the seed are strewn, else wind will scatter them. The seed cannot push their way through much more than one-quarter inch of soil; sandy soil is best. Preferably, nearly level land is to be selected. Keep down all grass and weeds from the start. If once choked with either, it will be very difficult to cultivate the young seedling. Hoe the young plants; after the second pair of leaves appear, they will be quite hardy and may be plowed. If very strong growth is desired the first year, give greater room by sowing less seed in the rows, while if for transportation long distances small plants are desirable, strew seed more thickly. An early

start in spring is desirable, plant as soon as ground can be worked well. In autumn, after frost has cut the leaves, take up the trees, tie in bundles of one hundred and heel them in—that is, bury them in the ground to remain until spring, in a location free from standing water. Never plant in autumn where frost is liable to heave them out.

When planting in forest, use one season's growth of trees; set them about 8 by 8 feet, or 680 trees per acre, and within eight or ten years, thin to 16 by 16 feet, or 170 trees per acre. Circumstances may require a different method of planting, in which one's judgment must be used. By all means do not crowd them.

At New Orleans I am planting in an old sugar plantation, the old cane rows being seven feet apart. Hence I set the trees eight feet apart in the row, and take only alternate rows, fourteen feet. Often farmers wish to plant trees in single rows about the fence lines. This may be done, but it is far better to have the trees in a solid forest.

JOHN P. BROWN."

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