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MONTEVIDEO, DECEMBER 23, 1888.

THE LAW OF "PATENTES."

Now that the law of "Patentes" or in-
dustrial taxes for the current economic
year is being put into force it is found
that an article, unnoticed and undis-
cussed at the time of passing the law,
has been introduced which presses with
overbearing weight on the smaller in-
dustries, and which is already calling
forth energetic protests from those con-
cerned.

The article in question is number 6 of
the law, and runs thus as follows:—
"When in the same place and without
apparent division there are combined
distinct branches of industry or busi-
ness, the establishment shall pay accord-
ing to the category or proportion of the
branch that owes the largest tax and the
half of the minimum tax for each of the
additional branches. The same rule shall
apply to those who exercise two or
more offices and professions. For the
application of this article all branches
placed in separate lines in this Law
shall be considered as distinct."

As will be readily seen, this article
presses with extreme severity on the
many shopkeepers who combine under
one roof the sale of very diverse articles,
as they are called here "almacenes al
menudo," answering to the N. Ameri-
can "general store," and of which there
is one at the corner of nearly every
square. Formerly, we believe, such gen-
eral dealers only paid one collective
tax, in proportion to the value of their
business; now, however, they will have
to pay eight or ten taxes, forming a
formidable sum in comparison to the
capital employed.

Two courses are open to the shop-
keepers and others concerned. One, a
violent one, is to close their establish-
ments until the law is repealed, causing
thereby great loss to themselves and the
wholesale merchants who supply them,
and an extreme inconvenience to the
general public. The other is, to submit
to the injurious law, and recoup them-
selves by raising their prices, a punish-
ment which would be chiefly felt by the
already heavily taxed working and
middle classes by whom such shops are
entirely supported. Both courses have
been already mooted but neither agreed
upon. In the mean time meetings have
already been held, and many wholesale
dealers, who would be indirectly affect-
ed, have promised their more weighty

assistance. It is further proposed to
hold a monster meeting in one of the
theatres to consider the law in all its
bearings—for there are other grievances
as well—and to appoint a committee to
decide upon what steps should be taken
in the emergency—for emergency
it is, since the term for payment of the
tax expires this month. The press have
not been slow to take the matter up,
and it is to be hoped that their voice,
in this instance, will not be without its
effect.

NEW BRITISH PROTECTORATE.

The British flag practically floats over
70,000 square miles of new territory.
The possessions which England, by a
formal agreement, has just guaranteed
to protect are those of British North
Borneo, Brunel, and Sarawak. They are
all in the Island of Borneo (in the Indian
Ocean), which, with the exception of
Australia and Papua, is the largest island
in the world. The first new territory,
that belonging to the British North
Borneo Company, consists partly of a
portion of the old kingdom of Brunel, and
partly also of districts on the East coast
claimed by the Sultan of the Sulu
Islands. The company received its charter
in 1881, and it has been successful in
appropriating and developing its ter-
ritory, that it now possesses an area of
37,700 square miles, and a coast line of
900 miles. This territory is divided into
the East Coast Residency and the pro-
vinces of Dent, Keppel, and Alcock, and
has its capital at Elopura, or Sandakan,
the largest settlement, with 5,000 inha-
bitants. The population of the whole
territory is estimated at 500,000.

The second portion of the protectorate
embraces the dominions of the Sultan
of Brunel. These are much smaller than
those formerly were. They are in the
North-west of the Island, and the capi-
tal, Brunel, twenty miles from the coast
and standing on the river of the same
name, has at the most 20,000 inhabi-
tants. The total population of the country
within its present limits may be stated
at 125,000, and its extent is only about
2,500 square miles, Sarawak, the third
and most interesting section of the new
protectorate, was erected by the late Sir
James Brooke into a practically indepen-
dent principality.

Rajah Brooke's development of Sa-
rawak is one of the most romantic
stories in geographical enterprise. After
a long and successful struggle, he left
the country under the care of his nephew
the present Rajah. The State has an area
of from 35,000 to 40,000 square miles,
and a population of about 300,000. It is
distinguished for its fine rivers and for-
ests, and its immense coal-fields, which,
as an English expert calculates, contain
at least 4,000,000 tons of coal. The people
consist mainly of Dyaks, Chinese, and
Malays. There is a trained military force
of 250 men, and a militia numbering
about 25,000. Sarawak is rapidly devel-
oping its resources, and increasing in
prosperity.

The consolidation of these three terri-
tories will have a beneficial effect upon
the whole, whose total export and
import trade already amounts to about
£1,000,000. Under the arrangements
just concluded, British influence becom-
es supreme over the whole of the
North-west and North coast of Borneo,
leaving the Dutch masters of the larger
districts in the South. In course of
time the three territories which we have
just agreed to protect will no doubt be
formally annexed, thus becoming a new
and integral part of the vast British
colonial possessions.

VALENCIA.

The Spanish province of Valencia ap-
pears to be essentially the land of pri-
mitive farming. According to Vice-Con-
sul Howard the farmer here rides out to
his field mounted on a mule, which also
carries his double shufled plough. These
light ploughs, which are a legacy from
the Moors, do not penetrate over six
inches, but are quite sufficient for this
warm soil. The spade, we are told, is
here quite unknown. After the land is
thus superficially scratched, it is har-
rowed by the simple expedient of pass-
ing a wooden board, some four feet in
length, tied at each end by a rope from
the mule's collar. On this board the
driver stands, his weight being sufficient
to level the soil for sowing. "I need
hardly add," says the same authority,
"that the old-fashioned flail, much less
the steam-threshing machine, are far
too modern for us. The corn is trodden
out

