



## The Brussels Convention and Free Trade (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

By Charles Robert Spencer

Forgotten Books, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*. Excerpt from The Brussels Convention and Free Trade It is not necessary for me to go at length into the principles and objects with which the Cobden Club was founded, but I often think that the younger politicians, unless they have studied very carefully their political history, may sometimes hesitate about Free Trade principles, or not know why the Cobden Club was founded to maintain them. It is on that account that gatherings like this are very useful, for they explain the origin of the Cobden Club and why Free Trade holds such a high place even now in the policy of this country. People sometimes forget the state of things which existed in this country before the days of Free Trade. (cheers.) A terrible state of things existed. Agricultural depression was of a deeper and worse character than now. There was a cessation of work in the great commercial centres, rioting bordering on revolution was going on, and to many minds it appeared that the country was verging on a state of bankruptcy. Sir Robert Peel, by his vigorous application of the...



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