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## Still Another Conservative

Writes to the Toronto Globe on the Horse Question. Read what Mr. F. C.Grenside, V. S., of Guelph, says:

against this pact.

I have read with much interest two interviews given by Mr. C. A. Burns, of the Burns & Sheppard Repository in Toronto, to a representative of The Toronto World, in which that gentleman endeavors to picture the dire calamity that will befall the horse interests of Canada and those of the Province of Ontario in particular, if the agreement becomes law. Mr. Burns is evidently considerably alarmed as to the effect it will have upon his repository business. I trust that he overestimates the injury it will do him, as I have great respect for him, for his grand establishment, and for his admirable business methods, but I cannot agree with him in his conclusions as to the effect this reciprocal arrangement will have upon the horse interests of Canada.

In order that I may not be accused of any sinister motive in writing this letter, I may state that I have always been a Conservative, and have never given any but Conservative votes in my life, falo east. I left the eastern market only and have journeyed all the way from New York, where I lived seventeen years, to vote for the Conservative caudidate in my old home in Guelph. Although I lived in New York so long, I never took the oath of allegiance, and am still a British subject, and have come back to Canada to spend the remainder of my days.

vinced that this reciprocal arrangement | to a market they know. will be a good thing for this country, so horse interests of Canada.

best arguments I have heard in favor of reciprocity when he says in effect that the struggling settlers of the Canadian northwest will get their horses fifty dollars cheaper if the pact goes in force.

The Government is legislating for the Dominion, not for one Province, and we ought to be glad to have the settlers of the northwest, who buy their horses chiefly on credit, and who are incidentally building up the country, get them as reasonably as possible.

Of course, Mr. Burns was speaking We all agree that the Ontario breeder is to us. getting good prices for his horses now, but the question is, would the prices be-Guelph, Aug. 28, 1911.

The effect of the consummation of the come lowered if the pact is consummatreciprocity agreement between the ed? My opinion is that they would not, United States and Canada upon the and if there is a change it will be uphorse trade of this country is being con- wards. People seem to lose sight of the siderably exploited as an argument fact that we in Ontario are right alongside of the greatest horse consuming territory on this continent, and that this same territory is practically a non-horseproducing one. Take New York and New Jersey, and the seaboard Statesfrom Maine to Maryland with fifteen millions of inhabitants, and they do not raise ten per cent. of the horses they use. Now we in Ontario are closer to this market than any horse-producing State in the Union, unless it is Pennsylvania, and it is questionable if this State, thickly populated as it is, has many horses to spare. Who would not rather have a market close at hand than ship horses from fifteen hundred to three thousand miles, particularly if he canget as much or more for them?

Mr. Burns says horses are dearer in Canada than in the States. They may be cheaper in the southwestern States, ashe says, but they are not in the east, for I know both markets. I bought thirty work horses from Burns & Sheppard last spring, and I know these horses would have cost me more anywhere from Bufa year ago, and I know what horses are selling for there. Undoubtedly, the Canadian northwest has been a boon to the Ontario farmer, but take down that tariff wall and give us that great eastern market which is at our very door, and we will not need the northwest, for we wiit be flooded with eastern buyers. We will not lose all our northwest customers It is not a pleasant thing to have to either, as there are many settlers from vote against one's party, but I feel con- Ontario there who would naturally come

There are other obstacles to the imwill support the Government. I may portation of American-bred horses into further add that I have been identified | Canada that are not generally known with the horse trade of both Canada and about, which have nothing whatever to the United States for thirty years, and do with the tariff, and will not be affecthave seen every phase of it, so that I ed by the pact. They are precautionary think my experience justifies me in ex- measures, instituted by the Veterinary pressing an opinion upon the influence Director-General of Canada, to prevent this pact is likely to have upon the the introduction of glanders into this country from the States. One provision Mr. Burns unwittingly uses one of the is that all horses imported into Canada have to be subjected to the Mallein test, which is a means of determining whether or not they are the victims of glanders, particularly in its latent form. The application of this test means at least a couple of days delay, and some expense.

Another provision is the prohibition of the importation of unbroken horses that cannot readily be handled to apply "the test to. This practically shuts out the unbroken ranch horses of the western

Everything taken into account, there from an Ontario standpoint, and was en- is no doubt that a considerable part of tirely influenced by his solicitude for the Canadian northwest trade can be re-Ontario breeders of horses, consequent- tained for Ontario, but whether it is or ly we must meet him on those grounds. not the eastern trade is of more value

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