

Will Reciprocity Increase Farm Values?

From The Canadian Century.

Advocates of reciprocity are making statements to the effect that the adoption of reciprocity will immediately increase the value of Canadian farm lands 25 per cent. or more. Instead of making wild guesses let us get at the facts. Since the reciprocity negotiations began the United States Government has had a report prepared by experts showing the comparative value per acre of improved farm lands in 1900 and 1910 in various border states and in the Canadian provinces adjoining them. This report states that between 1900 and 1910 the value of improved farm lands increased 67 per cent. in Maine, 37 per cent. in New Hampshire, 33 per cent. in Vermont, 181 per cent. in Nova Scotia, 120 per cent. in New Brunswick, 70 per cent. in Prince Edward Island, 80 per cent. in Quebec, 43 per cent. in Ontario, 39 per cent. in Michigan, 77 per cent. in Minnesota, 123 per cent. in Manitoba, 201 per cent. in Saskatchewan and 185 per cent. in Alberta.

The great influx of settlers in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta accounts for the rapid increase in farm values in those provinces; but what is the explanation of the extraordinary increase in farm values in the three Maritime Provinces of Canada? Why did Nova Scotia farm values increase 181 per cent. while farm values in the neighboring state of Maine only increased 67 per cent.?

Undoubtedly the great increase of values in the Maritime Provinces is due to the establishment of manufacturing industries in recent years. The establishment of great iron and steel industries in Nova Scotia has revolutionized conditions throughout the three provinces. A profitable home market has been created for everything the farmers produce. These industries have been equally beneficial to the fishermen. As the steel industries are located in Nova Scotia the influence on the price of farm lands has been most marked in that province, but Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick have been greatly benefited. The development of St. John as a winter port has also helped to increase farm values in New Brunswick.

It will be noted that the increase of farm values is considerably greater in Quebec than in Maine,

New Hampshire and Vermont, and the improvement has been greater in Ontario than in the adjoining state of Michigan. In the face of such facts how foolish it is to indulge in wild dreams of a sudden increase in Canadian farm values as a result of reciprocity.

THE PRICE OF BARLEY.

From October 1, 1890, to August 27, 1894, the United States customs duty on barley was 30 cents per bushel. From August 27, 1894, to July 24, 1897, the duty was thirty per cent. ad valorem, equivalent to a little over 10 cents per bushel. On July 24, 1897, the specific duty of thirty cents per bushel was restored and it has been continued ever since. Of course during a period of 21 years there would naturally be considerable variations in prices, but for purposes of comparison it will be fair to take the three previous to the reduction of the duty, the three years during which the low duty prevailed and the first three years after the duty of thirty cents per bushel was restored. According to reports of the United States Department of Agriculture the farm prices of barley averaged 44.26 cents per bushel during 1892, 1893 and 1894 under a specific duty of 30 cents per bushel. In 1895, 1896 and 1897, under a duty of about ten cents per bushel the farm prices averaged 34.53, while for 1898, 1899 and 1900, under a specific duty of 30 cents per bushel, the prices averaged 40.8 cents per bushel. Thus, instead of the Canadian farmer getting an increased price for the barley he sent to the United States as a result of the reduced duty the price came down in the United States.

It is reasonable to draw the conclusion that if as a result of reciprocity large quantities of Canadian barley, wheat and oats go into the United States, it is more probable that the American prices will come down than that the Canadian prices will go up.

Anyone who would like to procure the series of articles concerning reciprocity which have appeared in this paper should send his name and address to the chief editor of The Canadian Century Magazine, Montreal, and a pamphlet containing these articles and other valuable information will be mailed free of charge.

An Interesting Book.

We have just received through the mail an interesting book, and an attractive, personal of it leads one to many speculations. The book is the annual catalogue of one of the department stores and mail order houses. Before going into a detailed criticism of it, let us first give credit where credit is due, and say, without hesitation, that as an example of the printer's art it is above reproach. The type is good, the setting is perfect and the proofreading has evident been well and carefully performed. The services of expert writers advertisements have been employed. The illustrations are unmistakably reproductions of photographs, and every advantage has been taken that is known to the photographer's art. Beautiful women have posed for these pictures, dressed in the garments offered for sale. Even the superficial knowledge of the printing and engraving business would enable one to appreciate the immense amount of work required and the expense entailed in the production of the book.

The expense entailed—that is the point where our interest is stimulated—that and the question which naturally follows—who pays for it all? Lithographic and photographic work is high priced; models of such handsome appearance and perfect build are scarce and charge well for their services; writers of advertisements do not work cheaply. The quality of paper that will properly take the impression of a fine half-tone is decidedly expensive, and the presswork and bookbinding are no inconsiderable items. We presume we are justified in coming to the conclusion that the firm is not incurring this expense without expectation of being amply remunerated.

Another point worth considering is that this book, we understand, is not distributed in the city where the firm does business. Customers in the city are attracted by entirely different means—by daily advertising and the offering of special price inducements in some particular line, the idea being, of course, that if a person comes to buy some article at a bargain, he or she may be induced

to make more extensive purchases at the regular price.

It is quite evident, therefore, that it is the mail order customer who is expected to make the publication of the book profitable.

In addition to the expense of producing this book, the firm is located in the business district of a large city, where expenses of doing business are probably higher than any place in Canada, so that their total relative expense seems to be altogether out of proportion to those of the merchant doing business in Markdale.

Another feature we notice in the book is that there are offerings of a lot of articles in one lot, at a specified price for the whole. In other words, people are induced to buy many things they do not want. Is not the sending of this book to us, as residents of Markdale, a reflection on our intelligence, and a still greater reflection on our local pride and public spirit? We strongly advise our readers not to take the alluring picture book too seriously. Our Markdale merchants are quite capable of filling all our requirements, and do so at reasonable prices.

KISSED DEAD WIFE, DIES.

Schenectady Man Victim of Pneumonia Contracted in Tragical Way.

Schenectady, N.Y., March 30.—Albert Adams, aged 44, is dead of pneumonia after three days' illness following the kissing of his last week of the same disease.

Constipation brings many ailments in its train and is the primary cause of much sickness. Keep your bowels regular madam, and to the conclusion that the firm is not incurring this expense without expectation of being amply remunerated.

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It is eighteen feet in length and about five in width, lined with miniver, and has a cape from the shoulders, about eighteen inches deep, of the same fur. The whole train is surrounded by a very rich golden border, edged with three inches of ermine.

The embroideries are, of course, symbolical. There are hundreds of English roses, and at the end of the train, covering its whole sweep, is a particularly rich piece of embroidery, which is meant to represent the growth of the British Empire, by means of a vigorous rose tree, ascending through the crown of the kings of England and spreading upward in strong branches. As the tree grows upward the thistle and shamrock are grafted on to it, and at last it develops the star of the Indian Empire. Among the roots of the tree sprout the fleur-de-lis of France.

The velvet of which the train is made was furnished by Messrs. Marshall & Snelgrove, the great London drapery firm, whose specialties in velvets and silks are famous throughout the world.

That old established hostelry, the Mansion House, Shelburne, changed hands on Monday last. The business had been conducted since local option went into force in May last by Richard Backus, who has now retired from business. The new proprietor is H.M. Henderson, who for some time conducted the Temperance House on Owen Sound street, Shelburne.

Look Pleasant.

We cannot, of course, all be handsome; And it's hard for us all to be good. We are sure now and then to be lonely. And we don't always do as we should. To be patient is not always easy. To be cheerful is, much harder still. But at least we can always be pleasant. If we make up our minds that we will. And it pays every time to be kindly. Although you feel worried, and blue. If you smile at the world and look cheerful. The world will soon smile back at you. So try to brace up and look pleasant. No matter how long you are down. Good humor is always contagious. But you banish your friends when you frown.

DURHAM.

While watering his horse on the side on McKechnie's dam on Sunday evening last, Mr. John Latimer had a soaking experience he'll not forget for some time. The ice broke through, and Mr. Latimer and the animal were forced to take a plunge bath in several feet of water. The horse, a blind one, started to swim to save himself, but headed the wrong way, and landed on a little island in the middle of the dam. Mr. Latimer followed on the ice, and after some difficulty got him back to the shore, where, with the assistance of two or three men, he was dragged out. Mr. Latimer had been on his way to church, but thought he could listen with better attention if he had his chores done, but when he got through with the job, he was wet from head to foot overcoat and all. He didn't go to church.

RAISE MINISTERS' SALARY

Committee of Presbyterian Church Must Raise \$63,000 for Work.

Providing the Augmentation Committee can raise \$63,000 for the work, the minimum standard of stipend for ministers of the Presbyterian Church fixed by the General Assembly will be paid this year. Last year \$16,000 was paid out to supplement stipend. For the raising of a field secretary by the General Assembly will be recommended.

Last year the supplemented stipends were: Ontario and Quebec, \$850 and manse; \$950 and manse in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta; \$975 and manse in British Columbia. Nearly all congregations which had been self-sustaining, but had paid less than \$850 with manse, were advanced to \$850 or \$900. Some 24 congregations were added to the list, and 12 became self-sustaining.

The new schedule aimed at by the committee for the coming year is: Ontario and Quebec, \$900 and manse; Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, \$1,000 and manse; British Columbia, \$1,100.

Dundalk will hold their Annual Spring Show on Tuesday, April 25th.

Auld Lang Syne

25 YEARS AGO.

Items of General Interest from The Standard Files of April 8th, 1886.

Messrs. Allan Bros., of Durlum, have purchased the Thornbury tannery.

Our esteemed friend, Mr. Dundas, is about opening a boot and shoe store in Rocklyn.

An extensive fire broke out in Shelburne, in the Royal block, on Sunday. The loss is about \$15,000.

We are glad to report that Mr. John McKenna has changed his mind, and will not remove from Markdale.

A little child of George Rutherford's in Shelburne was severely scalded by falling backwards into a pail of water.

Mr. John Neely shipped last week from Dundalk, Williamsford and Markdale stations 656 cords wood to Toronto, using 82 cars.

To-day (Thursday) is the day

appointed by Mr. Gladstone to make known in Parliament his "Home Rule" policy. The whole world is waiting with great interest for the secret.

An Osprey correspondent informs us that a disgraceful row took place in Providence church a week ago last Sunday, in which four young men, named Robert Ellis, George Cooper, Henry Smith and John Dyer engaged in a free-all-round-rough-and-tumble scuffle. Each of the individuals named had determined to escort home "They fought for her," says our correspondent, "up and down the aisle until they reached the pulpit, where, in disgust, the minister parted them, and the biggest man took her home, after trouncing the other three on the road."

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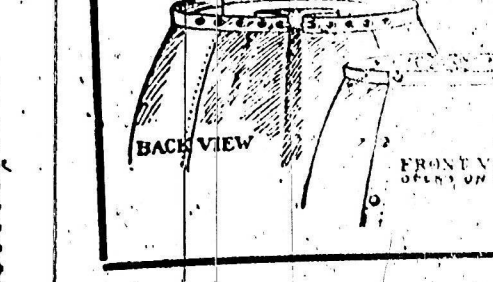
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