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THE FARMER'S HOME MARKET

Low Tariff Politicians belittle its importance. Are they right? What are the Facts?

PROBABLY no part of the business of farming is less understood and less appreciated than the value of the home market to the average Canadian farmer of to-day.

First and foremost, given a Government that is sympathetic with you, the home market is one that you can absolutely control, at all times, at least against the foreign farmer who would invade it. On the other hand, the foreign market is one that you may be legislated out of at any moment by the vote of a foreign government that has decided that it wants to give its own farmers an advantage over you!

Next, the market that is best worth cultivating is always the market that absorbs the largest part of your production. The fellow who year after year buys more than half your crop is worth more to you than the fellow who only buys 25% of it. That's fundamental! There's no getting away from it!

From the figures below we prove absolutely that the home market absorbs at the very least 63 1/2% of the produce—not of the Ontario farmer—but of the average Canadian farmer, including the wheat farmer of the West. If we were to leave the

Western wheat farmer out of it, it could be proved that over 80% of what the Ontario farmer produces is consumed by this home market.

The reason some people have an exaggerated idea of the importance of the export market for farm produce is that they have looked at it solely from the standpoint of wheat! It is true that we export in one form or another about 75 per cent of our entire wheat crop. But the wheat crop, important and all as it is, represents only about one-fourth of our total annual agricultural production, and it is only when we take into account what becomes of the other three-fourths that we can arrive at a true estimate of the value of the home market to the average Canadian farmer!

Here is our calculation. Check up our figures from the Canada Year Book, the official statistical publication issued by the Government. Subject our deductions to the most searching investigation and you will find that if we have erred at all, we have under-estimated, rather than over-estimated the importance of the farmer's home market.

TOTAL EXPORTS, FISCAL YEAR 1924, OF

Agricultural and Vegetable Products.

including fresh dried and preserved fruits, grains, flour and milled products, bakery products and prepared foods, vegetable oils, tobacco, fresh and preserved vegetables, maple syrup, maple sugar and molasses and confectionery as products not of Canadian agricultural origin; also excluding alcoholic beverages whose export value is out of all relation to the value of the agricultural products used in their production.

Animals and Animal Products.

including live animals, hides and skins, leather, fresh meats, cured and canned meats, milk and its products, oils, fats, greases, eggs, skins, os, products not of agricultural origin.

Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products.

including all wool and woollens, also flax, jute and hemp products, but excluding binder twine, manufacturers of cotton and silk, manufac-

Grand total exports, all kinds of farm produce

Now the gross agricultural revenue of Canada for crop year 1923 is given as \$1,342,132,600. Deducting the grand total exports, as above of \$489,094,124, leaves a balance of \$853,637,376 to be resorted what must have been consumed by the home market. In other words, the export market took only 36 1/2% of our farm production. The balance, 63 1/2%, was consumed in Canada!

TWO THIRDS OF WHAT THE CANADIAN FARMER RAISES, HE SELLS IN CANADA

Export Prices that Fail to Govern Home Prices.

In attempts to belittle the home market, the argument has been again that the prices obtainable in the export market always obtainable in the domestic market.

Statements of that kind constitute one of the meanest forms of dishonesty. It is probably true that, in the absence of an effective wheat pool, the Liverpool price pretty nearly fixes the domestic price of wheat. But the Liverpool price of hay, or of potatoes, is almost negligible in its effect upon the local prices obtainable for those commodities in Canada. And the reason for the difference is that wheat, besides being a commodity that can be stored indefinitely, has been provided with terminal facilities that enable it to be handled at a minimum of expense, and is carried at the lowest of all freight rates, whereas transportation costs on hay and potatoes substantially protect the producer against surpluses only a hundred miles away!

Hay and Potatoes for Instance.

In 1923, for instance, farmers in Norfolk County received an average of only \$1 1/3 cents a bushel for their potatoes, while farmers in Wellington County, less

than fifty miles away, received \$1.00 for theirs. In that same year farmers in Perth County received an average of only \$0.28 a ton for their hay, while farmers in the adjoining County of Middlesex received \$11.05 for theirs.

Discount these illustrations as much as you like on the ground that differences of quality had something to do with the differences in price, yet do they not serve to shake your faith in the man who would have you believe that Liverpool prices always govern domestic prices? Did Thunder Bay farmers, for instance, get \$19.64 for their hay in 1923 because it was of such superior quality, or did they get it because of the high cost of bringing \$8.98 hay from Huron County, or \$10.11 hay from Lambton County? If Liverpool prices governed hay in the way and for the same reasons that they do wheat, Ontario farmers would have to pay shippers' premium to take their hay away!

What's Sauce for the Goose is Sauce for the Gander.

Belittlers of the home market assert that a tariff on farm products is of no benefit to our farmers. Is the United States tariff on farm products of no benefit to United States farmers? Is it no detriment to Canadian farmers? If a foreign tariff is a detriment to Canadian farmers, why should

not a Canadian tariff be a detriment to foreign farmers and consequently a benefit to our own?

What a New Industry, in your Market Town, Means to You!

It increases the prosperity of the town, gives work to the unemployed, adds to the population, gets the empty houses rented and starts the building of new ones. The town immediately has more money to spend on the butter and eggs, the vegetables, fruit, milk and grain your farmers produce.

The foreign market is admittedly an important market, but after all what does it consist of? Isn't it made up entirely of town and city dwellers—wage-earners—who cannot obtain from their own farmers as much food as they require so they must buy from you? Is the city dweller an asset to the Canadian farmer only when he happens to dwell in a foreign city? If we persuaded him, by the offer of a better job than he now has, to come and live in Canada, would he not be a bigger asset to our farmer than he is at present?

Those who scoff at the home market would encourage those dwellers in a foreign city to stay where they are, thus leaving our farmers in the position where they must take a chance on shipping their products long distances, and then selling them in competition with other producers from all over the world! Isn't the plan of those who would build up the home market a vastly better one?

A higher tariff will give more workers good jobs in this country. Canadian workers with good jobs are the best customers the Canadian farmer will ever have.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8th, 1925

Miss Eunice Gordon spent Sunday at her parental home.

Mrs. J. A. Gardner of Eagle River spent a few days with her cousins, Mrs. Wilfred Magee and Mrs. John Campbell, and aunt, Mrs. Wm. Hislop.

Mrs. R. McMaster of Flesherton and Mrs. J. Lyness of Stone's Settlement attended the funeral of Mary Magee.

Mrs. and Mrs. Gordon Warling and family of Flesherton visited with Mr. and Mrs. Partridge here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Martin and family dined with Mr. and Mrs. S. Croft, Flesherton, recently.

Miss Moffatt, nurse, is waiting on Mrs. Allen, who is yet in a serious condition.

Mrs. Douglass is with Mrs. E. Clinton at present.

Mrs. McQueen, teacher, attended the Convention in Owen Sound on Thursday and Friday of last week.

We are glad to learn Mr. J. K. Williamson is recovering from his illness.

Mrs. Alex. Cameron has returned home from a visit in Toronto, Hamilton and St. Catharines.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Forster attended Chillingwood Park on Thursday of last week.

Wodehouse

(Special to The Standard.)

Mr. and Mrs. Williams of Toronto spent over the weekend at the home of their daughter, Mrs. A. A. Thompson.

The Rev. Mr. Spencer of Dundalk conducted the Anniversary Services in New England Church on Sunday last and preached excellent sermons both in English and German.

The little easel which she had brought with her little white basket she was a symbol of undenied purity and innocence, too beautiful to remain in this cold world of ours; so she has departed to a world of bliss, where joy, innocence and sorrow are unknown.

Joe Harrower of the United Church officiated at the house and gave a short sermon.

Thursday afternoon, Intermission, services to the family plot at St. Peter's Cemetery beside the remains of two dear little sisters who have joined the Heavenly Band. The bearers were Clifton Maude, Magee, Harold Turner and Mr. Donald. The little easel was joined with pretty floral tributes which expressed sympathy and devotion.

Monday evening a hot meat supper was served by the ladies, which was enjoyed, judging by the way the good things disappeared off the tables.

This was followed by a splendid program of moving pictures and instrumental music and singing. The assembly is extended to the family in their sorrow.

There are some who miss her very much and find the time long since she went.

And there are some who think of her daily.

As they shed tears that are silent.

And breathe sighs of regret.

For she was theirs to remember.

If all the world should forget.

Born PROCTOR. On Tuesday, September 29th, 1925, to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Proctor, the gift of a baby girl.

Mrs. Macphail speaks on October 6th.

Dr. Campbell of Markdale, Conservative candidate for the federal election, held a meeting in the Hall here on Friday last, giving a very interesting address.

Philip Progressive candidate addressed the public in the Hall.

Mrs. Murray. It was an unusually quiet evening in preparation for the general election.

At the meeting, which was well attended, a discussion on the question, "Is it necessary to increase the cost of living?" was opened by Mrs. Murray.

Mrs. Geo. Proctor of Kimball, granddaughter of Majorie, her son, Ernest, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Whitehead of Mrs. Roy of Flesherton.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Newell of the East Backline visited Mrs. A. F. Pollard on Sunday.

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