

exclude us from fishing on her provincial coast inside of direct lines drawn three miles out from headland to headland instead of three miles from the line of the coast. If the reciprocity treaty was a concession of her right to make this demand, and it will probably be so construed, it was most unfortunate.

The next article, Art. 3, is of a different character from the one we have been just considering. It embraces what is termed the free list, or list of articles which are admitted into each country respectively, free of duty. This list comprises some thirty or more articles, articles which it will be seen have a movement mainly in one direction, viz., from the provinces to the states. At least five-sixths are articles having this character in which there is no reciprocation in kind, and these five-sixths are, as stated, articles exported from the Provinces into the states where they come into competition with the productions of our own people. Take, for example, the first on the list, viz., "grain, flour and bread stuffs of all kinds." During the ten years operation of the treaty, the Canadas have sent, as stated, to our markets not less than five millions of bushels of wheat annually, more than has been sent from the states to the Canadas. During this time, also, thousands of bushels of wheat have been sent from the states to the Canadas to be manufactured into flour, and in this form has come back to our markets, thus preventing the erection of mills within our own borders to do the same work. It is said, as we are aware, that the Canadas have given us white wheat and taken the red or spring wheat of the west, which is inferior, in exchange, but this can only have been done to a very limited extent.

Wheat from the Canadas yields a greater profit in our markets on the seaboard and in New England, than wheat from our Western states, because of the less cost of transportation and less cost of labor in its production, and if admitted free of duty comes into a ruinous competition with that large portion of our own producers who are burdened with the charge of a longer road to market. The west when it acquiesced in the present treaty supposed it had secured something like an equivalent for this great loss in the free navigation of