

that the American buyer is coming into their market to compete with them, and, probably, buy at a higher price than they have paid or want to pay in the future.

Let us just for a minute see what a large English importer of butter and frozen and chilled meats, by name Mr. Samuel Lowe, of Messrs. W. Weddell & Co., Ltd., London, England, has to say:

"The Reciprocity treaty between yourselves and the United States seems to me likely to change the course of events to the better for Canada. If the treaty becomes law then Canada will have two buyers instead of one, and that is a position that is always to the advantage of the seller.

"If Canada sends us less it will be because she has found a better market elsewhere and therefore the treaty must be beneficial to her and her people."

But it seems extraordinary that the Manufacturers who sell fifty per cent. of their surplus produce to the Americans, or lumbermen who sell sixty-five per cent., or miners and handlers of mineral products who sell eighty per cent., should have the audacity to object to the farmers and fishermen also selling a large proportion of their products to the United States. When we have capitalists who are constantly investing their capital and lending their money in the United States objecting to greater trade with the United States, and saying it is disloyal and will lead to annexation, the insincerity and dishonesty of their attitude must be apparent.

What has this obstructionist Conservative party done to promote trade relations with the Mother Country? Shortly after the Liberal Government came into power they adopted the preferential tariff, making it more advantageous for Great Britain to trade with Canada. The Conservative party and the men who are opposing Reciprocity to-day, objected to this preferential tariff. When this preferential tariff had been in operation for some time and, therefore, could not be looked upon as an experiment, Mr. Benjamin Russell, M.P. for Halifax, on a motion before the House to resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, moved an amendment, and after a most instructive speech, asked the House to pass the following resolution: