

General Agreement on Reasons:-(1) Loss of Other Markets.

There was a common ground, even beyond a recognition of the central feature. The ~~reasons alleged~~ ^{explanations of the problem as set forth} by the different parties as to why the British market was all-important were not dissimilar. It was stated, for example, that markets ~~hitherto~~ ^{which formerly were} accessible were being altogether closed, or made more difficult of access. France, Germany, ^{and} Italy, were cited as countries which had raised their tariffs, and ~~thereby made correspondingly difficult the sale to them of~~ ^{thus contracted the European market for} Canadian wheat.

(2) The Other Competitors.

There was agreement as well upon Canada's competitors in ~~all parts of the world~~ ^{world markets} and, in particular, her competitors in the British market. The formidable competition of the Argentine Republic, and the possible competition, in increasing measure, of the Soviet Republics, were equally recognized and stressed by all. The crux of the problem centred in preserving and, if possible, extending the market for Canadian wheat in Britain. Allowing for possible differences of emphasis, I think that, in thus stating the situation, I am putting it fairly. To preserve and extend the market for Canadian wheat in Britain, more than a year

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