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mitted it will be a great boon to the farmers, and as the farmer is the backbone of our country his prosperity will bring prosperity to all. Now, I will give you my reasons for thinking that I am going to be benefited personally. In the first place you are all aware that I am a comb honey producer, and have to sell all my choice honey in Toronto to get a fancy price for it. But I have no monopoly of the Toronto market, so there are others who find in Toronto their market, as I do, and some of them are living close to the border within a short distance of American cities as large and wealthy as Toronto. I have reference to Buffalo, Detroit and Cleveland, where some of our American brother bee-keepers claim they get better prices than we do (vide National Report). In each of these cities there is a good market for fancy honey, all about the same distance from us—or in other words, about three hours distance. Free Trade with these cities would benefit us greatly. And furthermore, a large percentage of the population of these cities is made up of our own boys and girls, who would be glad to get our choicest honey, which they are now deprived of on account of the tariff. Also New York and Chicago, with their immense populations, would be glad to get a taste of our Canadian honey. They would be likely to pass the same remarks about it as did the Californian to our Canadian bee-keeping friend, "have you more of that honey? If so, pass it this way."

I must tell you I am one of those fellows who always buys where I can get my goods the cheapest—quality considered; and also sell where I can get the best price. Therefore I am looking for this change with agreeable expectations. Our choice Ontario honey will have four large cities—all as large as Toronto—and all within the same distance of most of us, for a market. In these cities there are a large number of wealthy people, who

do not consider price so long as they get a choice article. We have abundance of this kind of honey in Ontario, but we must be careful to put it up in an attractive manner.

We hear a great deal about the West! For my part I cannot see where it is going to make much difference, providing we always send them nothing but first-class honey. We boast of Ontario as having the best honey in the world, and why should we be afraid of honey from the South? A recent writer put it "that it would kill a horse if he ate it!" And more than that, why should we be so selfish as to say "You sons and daughters of ours, out in that vast Western country, must bow to us and take our honey at our price."

Do not let this great question worry you, Mr. Editor. It will work out for the best. Be careful, by all means, to make inquiry before you shoot, for some of these horrid Americans may turn out to be one or more of our own boys and girls, for there are lots of them there. For myself, I have three there; one in Detroit, and two in Chicago, all doing well.

Now in conclusion, I will say that if I took the same view as some writers have taken, I would exclaim, "Oh, horrid reciprocity! If it passes it will be a terrible thing; ruination to two great countries!" I cannot take this view of it, however.

John A. McKinnon.

In your last issue you asked for opinions on the proposed reciprocity agreements, regarding the bee industry. While I know that my opinion would not amount to more than a puff of smoke on a windy day, yet I shall certainly register an X against it if given an opportunity to vote on the question.

The bee-keepers of Ontario have built up a strong market for our native honey, which brings in our market two to

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