

Reciprocity Opinions

Since the minister of finance announced the reciprocity arrangements made with United States in the House of Commons on Jan. 26th, a great variety of opinions have been expressed by leading men throughout Canada and the rest of the world and the various newspapers have also commented freely. As these opinions are interesting brief extracts from them are reproduced here.

Sir William Mackenzie

Sir William Mackenzie, president of the C.N.R.—"I am dead against any such agreement. Canada is prosperous enough at present and 'Hands off the tariff' should be the motto. Quite another matter is free trade within the Empire if desirable."

W. J. Tregillus

W. J. Tregillus, vice-president of the United Farmers of Alberta, Calgary—"It is a move in the right direction and the only criticism that might be directed at it is that it does not go far enough. We have had too narrow a market and there has been no competition but now that the United States market is open to our grain we may expect competition and better prices."

S. L. Head

S. L. Head, cattle dealer, Winnipeg, says reciprocity will be of immense advantage to Canadian agriculture generally.

L. A. Walsh

L. A. Walsh, Land Co., Winnipeg, says that free wheat should increase the value of Western Canadian lands.

W. H. Rowley

W. H. Rowley, president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association—"There is absolutely no necessity for any change at the present time, but it is just possible that in the future certain changes in the tariff may be advisable. It is inopportune however, to re-adjust our tariff with the United States now. We should wait and see what the democratic party, the new party of power, is going to do. It is foolhardy going about revising tariffs until we know how we stand with the democrats. Another reason why we should not tinker with our tariff at present is because we are doing very well as we are. We do not want any assistance from the United States in the management of our affairs. They had better learn first to manage their own. Then there is another reason why these changes should not be brought about. We do not want anything done which will disturb our well understood trade policy with Great Britain and it looks to me as if this new arrangement would do so. In a word we do not want anything done that will minimize or lessen the benefits which we give Great Britain under the preference, and as I say it looks as if this agreement would do this."

Robert Meighen

Robert Meighen, president of the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., and director of the C.P.R.—"I am decidedly opposed to reciprocity with the United States. Our great aim should be to get freer trade relations with the 450,000,000 of people within our own Empire, a large proportion of whom are the greatest consumers in the world of our natural products."

E. J. Chamberlin

E. J. Chamberlin, general manager of Grand Trunk Pacific Railway of Winnipeg—"The proposed new tariff on manufactured goods should make very little change in traffic to the railways. They will undoubtedly at some points which will be offset by the increases at others. The Grand Trunk Pacific sees nothing to be alarmed about in the new tariff, either for the company or the country."

Ontario Fruit Dealers

J. Robinson, an Ontario fruit dealer visiting in Winnipeg—"I have heard that Ontario apples and Ontario peaches and grapes will suffer by free trade but I think that the market for these products will be better than ever."

R. M. Wilson

R. M. Wilson, Maringhurst, director of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association—"I am glad that there has been a reduction, however slight, in the duty on implements coming into Canada. But I am not yet satisfied. If the natural surroundings are congenial to any industry, then it can exist without being

The Reciprocal Tariff

The following schedule shows the present tariff of Canada and United States on the articles affected by the reciprocal arrangements and also proposed new tariff. This schedule is the one presented to parliament by Hon. W. S. Fielding, and is copied from Hansard

ARTICLES	CANADIAN TARIFF			United States Tariff	Rates now proposed for both United States and Canada	Reduction by United States	Reduction by Canada
	Preferential	Intermediate	General				
Cattle	15 per cent	22½ per cent	25 per cent	\$4 per head	Free	\$4 per head	25 per cent
Less than one year old							
Valued at not more than \$14 per head				\$5.75 per head		\$5.75 per head	
Valued at more than \$14 per head				\$7½ per head		\$7½ per head	
Horses and mules					Free		
Horses over one year old, valued at \$10 or less	\$10	\$10 50	\$10 50	\$10 per head	Free	\$10	\$10 50
Horses, N.A.P.							
Valued at \$10 or less per head	15 per cent	22½ per cent	25 per cent	\$10 per head	Free	\$10	
Valued at over \$10				\$10 per head		\$10	
Swine							
Less than one year old	15 per cent	22½ per cent	25 per cent	\$1.50 each		\$1.50 each	1½ per cent
Over one year old or over				\$1.50 per head		\$1.50 per head	
Other live animals	15 per cent	22½ per cent	25 per cent	\$1.50 per head		\$1.50 per head	
Poultry, dressed and alive				\$1.50 per head		\$1.50 per head	
Alive	15 per cent	22½ per cent	25 per cent	5c. per lb.		5c. per lb.	25 per cent
Dead	15½	17½	20	5c.		5c.	25
Wheat, per bushel	7 cents	9	10	10 cents		10	10
Rye	7	9	10	10		10	10
Oats	7	9	10	10		10	10
Barley	10	12½	15	15		15	15
Black wheat	10	12½	15	15		15	15
Beans, edible, dried, per bushel	15	22½	25	25		25	25
Peas, dried, per bushel	10	12½	15	15		15	15
Potatoes, per bushel	10½	17½	20	20		20	20
Corn (except into Canada for distillation)	Free	Free	Free	15c. per bushel		15c. per bushel	10
Sweet potatoes, per bushel	7 cents	9 cents	10 cents	10 cents		10 cents	10
Yams	15 per cent	22½ per cent	25 per cent	25 per cent		25 per cent	20 per cent
Turnips	15	22½	25	25		25	20
Onions	15	22½	25	25		25	20
Cabbages	15	22½	25	25		25	20
All other vegetables in their natural state	15	22½	25	25 per cent		25 per cent	20
Fresh fruits, viz—							
Apples	25c. per bbl.	25c. per bbl.	25c. per bbl.	25c. per bushel		25c. per bushel	40c. per bbl.
Pears	17½	22½	25	25c.		25c.	25 per cent
Peaches	25c. p. 100 lbs.	25c. p. 100 lbs.	25c. p. 100 lbs.	25c.		25c.	\$1 per 100 lbs.
Grapes	1½c. per lb.	1½c. per lb.	1½c. per lb.	1½c. per cub. ft.		1½c. per cub. ft.	25c. per lb.
Wild Blackberries, wild strawberries and wild raspberries	Free	Free	Free	1c. per quart		1c. per quart	25c. per lb.
Blackberries, gooseberries, raspberries and strawberries, n.s.p.	1½c. per lb.	1½c. per lb.	1½c. per lb.	1c. per quart		1c. per quart	25c. per lb.
All other edible fruits in their natural state, n.s.p.	17½ per cent	22½ per cent	25 per cent	Free or 25 p.c.		Free or 25 p.c.	25 per cent
Dried apples	17½	22½	25	25c. per lb.		25c. per lb.	25
Dried peaches, pears and apricots	17½	22½	25	25c.		25c.	25
Butter	30c. per lb.	30c. per lb.	30c. per lb.	30c. per lb.		30c. per lb.	30c. per lb.
Cheese	30c.	30c.	30c.	30c.		30c.	30c.
Fresh milk	15 per cent	17½ per cent	20 per cent	2c. per gal.		2c. per gal.	17½ per cent
Fresh cream	15	17½	20	2c.		2c.	17½
Eggs	5c. per doz.	5c. per doz.	5c. per doz.	5c. per doz.		5c. per doz.	5c. per doz.
Honey	8c. per lb.	8c. per lb.	8c. per lb.	8c. per gal.		8c. per gal.	5c. per lb.
Gardens, field and other seeds not herein otherwise provided for, when in packages weighing over one pound each, not including flower seeds	10 per cent	10 per cent	10 per cent	from 10c. per bushel to 20c. per lb.		10c. per bushel to 20c. per lb.	10 per cent
Grain seed, including timothy and clover seed	5 per cent	10 per cent	10 per cent	Free			10 per cent
Flaxseed or linseed, per bushel	7½c.	10c.	10c.	25c.		25c.	10c.
Cotton seed and all other oil seeds	5 per cent	10 per cent	10 per cent	Free			10 per cent
Hay, per ton	\$1.50	\$1.75	\$2	\$4 (\$2,500 lbs.)		\$4 (\$2,500 lbs.)	\$2
Straw	\$1.50	\$1.75	\$2	\$1.50 (\$2,500 lbs.)		\$1.50 (\$2,500 lbs.)	\$2
Extract of hemlock bark	Free	Free	Free	1½c. per lb.		1½c. per lb.	
Glycerine, crude, not purified	Free	Free	Free	1c. per lb.		1c. per lb.	
Fish—							
Mackerel, fresh, pickled or salted, per pound	½ cent	½ cent	1 cent	1 cent		1 cent	1 cent
Herring, fresh	½ cent	½ cent	1 cent	1 cent		1 cent	1 cent
Pickled or salted	20c. per 100 lbs.	20c. per 100 lbs.	20c. per 100 lbs.	20c. per 100 lbs.		20c. per 100 lbs.	20c. per 100 lbs.
Smoked or kippered, per lb.	½ cent	½ cent	1 cent	½ cent		½ cent	1 cent
Halibut, salmon, fresh, pickled, or salted, per lb.	½	½	1	1		1	1
Cod, haddock, ling, pollock, fresh, salted or pickled, per lb.	½	½	1	½		½	1
Bonfilet, per lb.	½	½	1	1½ cents		1½ cents	1
Eels and smelts, fresh or frozen, per lb.	½	½	1	½ cent		½ cent	1
All other, fresh, pickled or salted, per lb.	½	½	1	½		½	1
Salmon and all other fish, prepared preserved, n.s.p.	17½ per cent	22½ per cent	25 per cent	25 per cent		25 per cent	25 per cent
If in packages containing less than half a barrel				25 per cent		25 per cent	
Oysters—							
Shelled in bulk, per gal.	7 cents	9 cents	10 cents	Free			10 cents
Shelled, in cans not over one pint, including the duty on cans, per can	4	4½	5				5
Shelled, in cans over one pint and not over one quart, including the duty on cans, per can	3	4½	5				5
Shell, in cans exceeding one quart in capacity, including the duty on cans, per quart	3 cents	4½ cents	5 cents	Free			5 cents
Lobsters, fresh	15 per cent	20 per cent	25 per cent	Free			25 per cent
Crabs, fresh	17½	22½	25	30		30	30
Fresh water fish	½ cent	½ cent	1 cent	½ cent		½ cent	1 cent
All other fish the produce of the fisheries	15 per cent	20 per cent	25 per cent	Shell fish, fresh, other fish ½c. per lb.		Free or ½c. per lb.	25 per cent
Fish oil—							
Cod liver oil	12½ per cent	20 per cent	22½ per cent	15c. per gallon		15c. per gallon	22½ per cent
Seal, herring, whale and other fish oil	12½ per cent	20	22½	8c.		8c.	22½
Feldspar, crude, powdered or ground	Free	Free	Free	20 p.c. (ground)		20 per cent	
Fluorapatite	Free	Free	Free	\$3 per ton		\$3 per ton	
Mica, unmanufactured and rough-trimmed and mica, ground or bolted	15 per cent	17½ per cent	20 per cent	20 per cent		20 per cent	20 per cent
Talc, ground, bolted, or precipitated, naturally or artificially, not for toilet use	Free	Free	Free	1c. per lb.		1c. per lb.	
Plaster rock or gypsum, crude, not ground				30c. per ton		30c. per ton	
Salt, in bulk		4c. per 100 lbs.	5c. per 100 lbs.	7c. per 100 lbs.		7c. per 100 lbs.	5c. per 100 lbs.
Salt, in bags, barrels and other coverings		6½c.	7½c.	11c.		11c.	7½c.