

or five hundred miles from twenty to thirty millions of people in the Eastern States—the richest and best consuming population in the world. With no duties imposed on his produce, these people stand, for all practical commercial purposes, in exactly the same relation to him as his home market, and the praise which is lavished on the home market by the enemies of Reciprocity must be accorded to this market. The Canadian farmer gets all the advantages of the American market without sacrificing anything of his political status or independence. This is the reason why the farmers of the American Union have made such a tremendous fight against the adoption of the Reciprocity pact by the American Congress. They say that the Canadian farmer, as far as the disposal of his produce is concerned, is getting all the advantages they enjoy without having any of the responsibilities of American citizenship. Quite true.

These facts make it very evident that the agreement is to the interest of the Canadian farmer and must induce him to support Reciprocity.

WHAT ARE THE OBSTACLES HELD UP TO FRIGHTEN HIM FROM DOING SO?

From an economic point of view there is but one—that in his own home market he will have the competition of the United States farmer, and, by reason of the Favoured Nation Treaties of the British Empire with certain other countries, the free entry of their similar products into the Canadian market.

Dealing first with the United States products, the comparison of prices above indicated show there will be no inducement to the American farmer to sell his produce in Canada. It may be that in a few instances, where local or climatic conditions are paramount, some American produce will come into Canada under the Reciprocity pact, just as it does to-day. It is true that a considerable amount of farm produce comes from the United States into Canada and pays the duty, just as we send a considerable amount of farm produce into the United States and pay the duty; that in some parts of Canada animals are brought in and the duty paid, just as we now send a considerable