

introduced at a special session of congress now about to assemble. An important measure we are led to believe, is a measure relating to farm relief. Another measure relates to "limited adjustments of the tariff"; that I think is the expression which has been officially used. Having that knowledge before us, I ask hon. gentlemen irrespective of party: In the condition of prosperity which Canada is to-day enjoying would it be desirable on the part of the administration to take any action with respect to the tariff in Canada at the present time which by those across the line who may be interested in seeking to raise the tariff in that country could be regarded as provocative? I say that with the knowledge which we have before us at the present time, were we to do what hon. gentlemen opposite by their amendment apparently wish us to do, namely raise the tariff, we would be creating in the minds of the American people the very sentiment which would cause them to raise their tariff higher perhaps than it was ever their intention to raise it. We do not intend to take any action of that provocative character.

May I say to my hon. friends opposite, in the other corner of the house, that were we to-day to take a step along the lines of increasing the British preference to a greater degree than exists at the present time that step also might be misconstrued, for we know that there are people on the other side of the line who are just as anxious to be troublemakers as certain people on this side of the line, who are ready to misrepresent matters, and we have to take human nature as it is, and deal with it as it is. So facing the situation before us, we have followed the policy that we have followed in the past and that we shall follow at all times, of dealing with each situation as it arises in the light of the conditions as they exist at the time.

I suppose there is no doubt as to the accuracy of that record?

Mr. DUFF: Why pause?

Mr. BENNETT: I think if the hon. gentleman, formerly of Lunenburg, but now of Antigonish-Guysborough, had listened he must have heard what was said by his leader with respect to that matter. But let me ask a question or two as to what is intended by this demand for reciprocity. Reciprocity in cattle, in butter, in eggs, in hogs—reciprocity in all these, I suppose, would be the proper thing to have?

Mr. DUFF: What about fish?

Mr. BENNETT: I am so glad to hear that—fish, as well as cattle, hogs, butter and eggs, because I will now give you the prices of these commodities in Canada and the United States. I got the market quotation to-day on hogs, and I find the figures are as follows:

Hog Prices

	Monday Jan. 29	Tuesday Jan. 30
	Per 100	pounds
Toronto—select bacons. . . .	\$10 15	\$10 35
Montreal—select bacons. . . .	10 10	10 10
		to
		10 15
Winnipeg—select bacons. . . .	9 25	
Chicago—good to choice—		
180-220 pounds.	3 85	4 00
Buffalo—good to choice—		
180-220 pounds.	3 75	
		to
		4 00

So we want reciprocity in hogs in order that Americans can find in Canada a market for their commodities at twice the price they get at home.

Mr. DONNELLY: What about the price of wheat?

Mr. BENNETT: The price of wheat is the same as the price obtained in Canada having regard to the duty of forty-two cents per bushel imposed by the American congress against Canadian wheat.

Just one more moment while I deal with a further question as to the prices of cattle, bacon, butter and eggs, in the two countries. We have now had expressed in this house by western members a desire that we should have a reciprocity agreement with the United States with respect to these items. The prices being received for these commodities at different points in Canada and the United States are as follows:

Cattle—	Per cwt.
Good weighty steers—Toronto. . .	\$5.40-\$6.50
Good 1,100-1,300-lb. steers—Chicago	5.00 - 6.25
Hogs—	Per cwt.
Select bacons—Calgary.	\$8.50
Select bacons—Winnipeg.	9.00
Select bacons—Toronto.	9.45
Select bacons—Montreal.	9.25
Good to choice, 180-220 lb.—	
Omaha.	\$3.25-\$3.40
Good to choice, 180-220 lb.—	
St. Louis.	3.65 - 3.75
Good to choice, 180-220 lb.—	
Kansas City.	3.35 - 3.45
Good to choice, 180-220 lb.—	
Chicago.	3.60 - 3.75
Butter—	Per pound
No. 1 pasteurized, wholesale—	
Montreal.	25½c. to 26c.
Comparable grade—New York . .	20½c.
Butter Fat—	
For special grade cream—	
Alberta.	19c. to 23c.
For special grade cream—	
Saskatchewan.	20c.
For special grade cream—	
Manitoba.	21½c.
For special grade cream—	
Ontario.	27c. to 28c.
For sweet cream—Chicago. . . .	21c. to 21½c.