

will be about as effective as they were in 1911. Touching the question of potatoes, it was represented to us during the reciprocity discussion in 1911 that the American market, with its ninety millions or a hundred millions of consumers, was a great market for our potatoes. During the discussion on that question, early in April, 1911, I took occasion, together with the hon. member for East Peterborough (Mr. Sexsmith) to visit the United States and to investigate for ourselves the actual conditions there, to find out whether that great market existed, and to what extent. Two of the agricultural products of Canada were specially dwelt upon by hon. gentlemen opposite as being fit subjects to find a market in the United States, namely, potatoes and hay. I went into the state of New York, where they told us hay was put upon the market at \$22 per ton, and from watching the farmer sell the hay right off their wagons we found it sold in even large cities at \$10 per long ton of 2,240 pounds. We were told at that time that potatoes were bringing one dollar and more per bushel in the United States, and we actually saw them with our own eyes sold out of the stores in the city of Watertown and other cities in the United States at forty cents a bushel. The same condition of affairs prevailed over a large part of the United States at that time, and it prevails over a considerable portion of the United States to-day.

The great fact remains that the United States is an agricultural country, that they produce in abundance all kinds of agricultural products that we produce in Canada, that they can supply all their needs, potatoes and wheat included, with the products we raise in this country and that they have abundance for export. One of the best authorities in the United States made the statement during the reciprocity agitation that the agricultural land of the United States was capable of producing a sufficient amount of agricultural products, potatoes and wheat again included, to feed a population of 311,000,000 people.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: They are not doing it.

Mr. WRIGHT: They are producing all they need at present and exporting large quantities, and if the hon. gentleman can name something they are not exporting I will be very pleased to hear from him.

[Mr. Wright.]

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: That would not prove anything; they might be large importers at the same time.

Mr. WRIGHT: The facts are that while they do import certain tropical and semi-tropical products, which they do not produce in abundance in the United States, to the extent of about \$500,000,000 annually, they are sending out of the United States over one billion dollars worth of agricultural products, and the products included in that vast export are of the quality and kind that we produce in Canada.

With regard to potatoes, it may not be out of the way to call the attention of the House to a few figures which I have taken from the trade and navigation returns for the year 1913. We made some exports, among other things potatoes. We managed to sell to that great American market, to those ninety million people, the grand total of 152,557 bushels.

Mr. CARVELL: What year was that?

Mr. WRIGHT: 1913.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: New Brunswick sold 50,000 bushels in three months last year.

Mr. WRIGHT: I am giving the figures from the Trade and Navigation returns.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: It was stated last night that the province of New Brunswick exported 50,000 bushels into the United States in October, November and December of last year.

Mr. WRIGHT: I cannot help what the hon. gentleman says; I am giving the figures from the Trade and Navigation returns. The hon. gentleman will find them on page 457.

Mr. CARVELL: I realize that the hon. gentleman wants to be fair about this matter. He is quoting the returns down to the 31st of March, 1913, and the duty was not taken off until the 3rd day of October, 1913. The potatoes to which my hon. friend from Halifax (Mr. Maclean) refers, were shipped after the duty was removed.

Mr. WRIGHT: On the 1st of April, 1915, we shall be able to give official figures in regard to that.

Mr. CARVELL: I have a return here which I am willing to show to my hon. friend.

Mr. WRIGHT: As I said before, the grand total export of potatoes to the United