

attributable to personal objections and local political feeling, it is also obvious that the Canadians are very determined in resisting every approach to reciprocity in the form of a Treaty which does not offer what to their view shall appear to be really reciprocal terms. In the recent meeting of the Dominion Board of Trade at St. John, New Brunswick, Delegates from the National Board of Trade of the United States being present by invitation, the entire question of reciprocity was very thoroughly gone into, and opinions *pro* and *con* were freely advanced. It was then shown very clearly that, while the prevailing business and commercial opinion in Canada was firmly in favour of a suitable Treaty, and most kindly disposed towards the United States, yet the Treaty offered was considered generally as unfair and unequal, and objectionable in many of its features. So marked was the character of the sentiment of those concerned, that resolutions were agreed upon by the meeting authorizing a memorial to the Dominion Government, asking the alteration or withdrawal of the Treaty. It was alleged in these resolutions that the Treaty conceded privileges to the United States much more valuable than those afforded to Canada, and that its final conclusion would be largely detrimental to Canadian interests. As the wool manufacturers and iron manufacturers of the United States have, by resolution, complained of the Treaty on precisely similar grounds, viz., that the apprehended consequences of its acceptance are ruinous both to the agricultural and manufacturing interests of the country, and as this opinion is shared in a minor degree by possibly a majority of the representative men and the representative newspapers in both countries, it follows that it is a little surprising that it should be believed both in Canada and the United States that the Treaty will be confirmed. The Canadian press admit that the Dominion Government has committed itself to its stipulations, while there is a well-grounded opinion that the United States' Senate will likewise sustain and confirm it. On August 12 and 13, a meeting of the manufacturers of Ontario is to be held in Hamilton to consider the Reciprocity Treaty, when the whole subject will be fully discussed, and we shall possibly have some new light thrown on the political history of this remarkable instrument.

---