

We beg to submit a synopsis of the views of the farmers whose evidence was solicited throughout the Dominion, on the effect of the Tariff upon their industry, also of the Reeves of Ontario separately, by which it will be seen that a very large majority favor the present Tariff.

| QUESTIONS. | General Replies —Total 720. | | Ontario Reeves —Total 228. | |
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| | For. | Against. | For. | Against. |
| Admitting American Indian corn duty free..... | 195 | 339 | 67 | 135 |
| do Farm produce generally, duty free..... | 116 | 490 | 45 | 158 |
| That the Tariff has beneficially affected prices of corn and coarse grain..... | 280 | 115 | 104 | 43 |
| Beneficially affected prices of Oats..... | 304 | 59 | 96 | 13 |
| do do Corn..... | 244 | 12 | 81 | 5 |
| do do Rye..... | 131 | 34 | 47 | 12 |
| do do Wheat and flour..... | 295 | 176 | 99 | 63 |
| That the Tariff has beneficially affected prices of live hogs, dried hams, bacon and lard..... | 480 | 79 | 161 | 28 |
| That increased duties on horses and other live stock has improved market price by giving Canadians home market, especially in Manitoba and North-West..... | 427 | 164 | 142 | 62 |
| That horse breeding compares well with breeding other stock..... | 457 | 83 | 171 | 18 |
| Farmer raising his own grain to fatten stock (for) or importing American corn (against)..... | 468 | 193 | 149 | 72 |
| Tariff improved market for vegetables, poultry, eggs and butter..... | 378 | 204 | 119 | 76 |
| Reciprocity with United States..... | 419 | 156 | 145 | 46 |
| Canada in better position to negotiate reciprocity than with former tariff..... | 383 | 100 | 128 | 40 |
| Tariff beneficially affected price of wool..... | 129 | 270 | 31 | 103 |
| Tariff fostered cultivation of flax, tobacco and sugar beet..... | 87 | 60 | 27 | 15 |
| Tariff not increased price or deteriorated quality* of farm implements..... | 438 | 160 | 156 | 41 |
| Tariff not increased price of woollens in common use among farmers. | 389 | 172 | 148 | 53 |
| Not increased cottons..... | 348 | 225 | 131 | 70 |
| Not increased hardware..... | 351 | 192 | 133 | 58 |
| Tariff increased and improved home market for farm produce..... | 496 | 169 | 155 | 60 |
| Tariff given diversity of employment and other encouragement to industrial classes, thereby retarding emigration to the United States, and encouraging Canadians to return to this country.... | 467 | 175 | 148 | 69 |
| That there is an increased tendency for investment of capital in farm property under present Tariff..... | 353 | 216 | 100 | 81 |
| That the general condition of farmers and laboring classes has improved since 1878..... | 612 | 46 | 198 | 11 |

*NOTE.—The "General Replies" comprise answers from all parts of the older Provinces; 634 are English and 86 French. The Ontario Reeves are also included.

Witnesses before your Committee assert that the removal of the duty from tea and coffee is a boon to the farming community. Upon the whole we submit that from the evidence taken and obtained by your Committee, it appears that the present Tariff is eminently in the interest of the Canadian agriculturist.

All of which, with the evidence herewith appended, is respectfully submitted.

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