

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.	
	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 imple-ments.....	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 im-proved 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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