

People who have bought these goods from the United States are many of them amongst those who oppose Reciprocity. Do they think it disloyal and fear it will lead to annexation? How is it they are trading with these Americans?

The manufacturers of Eastern Canada buy their coal from Pennsylvania, not from Nova Scotia, Alberta, or British Columbia. The Cotton Manufacturers of Canada buy their cotton from the United States, not from Egypt or India, where it is raised in large quantities, under the British flag, and within the Empire. Are they disloyal or annexationists? No. They are sound, true Canadians, buying and selling where they can make the most out of their industry, and for the benefit of themselves, their families, and their country; but surely if that is true of them the Canadian farmer may be trusted to sell a few more horses or sheep, or pounds of butter, or bushels of wheat, or barley to the American and not become disloyal and an annexationist. The facts have only to be stated to show the utter absurdity of this cry.

Having thus shown the main economic reasons in favour of the pact, and the absurdity and unsoundness of the main appeals against it, these latter seem to show that there must be some further reason for the opposition which has been so persistently and so obstructively made.

I can quite understand that the present purchasers of our Canadian produce, like the packers, the dairy handlers, the millers, the grain dealers, and the fish dealers on the coasts should object to the American buyer entering their preserve, which, up to the present time, they have practically controlled.

It is well understood that the Wm. Davies Co., and a few other packing houses in Ontario and Montreal practically fix the price which the farmer is to get for his cattle, or his hogs. It is well known that Mr. A. A. Ayer and a few other dealers in Montreal practically fix the price which the Canadian dairyman is to get for his butter, or his cheese. It is well understood that the dealers in fish in coast cities practically fix the price the fisherman is to get for his catch.

These people, comparatively few in number, but with a thorough understanding amongst themselves, are greatly incensed at the idea