

This seems to cover pretty completely, as far as the Eastern farmer is concerned, the advantages from the selling point of view, that he will have by the removal of duties on his products when going into the United States.

HOME MARKETS vs FOREIGN MARKETS

The opponents of Reciprocity laud the home market and talk about the Canadian home market as the best. In this they are quite right. A home market, in a general way, is the best place, because it is the nearest and most convenient and is one in which there is the least obstruction to the trade. This has been acknowledged in a most remarkable way by one of the leading Conservative Members of the House of Commons, Mr. Joseph E. Armstrong, of Lambton, who, in an open letter to the press, stated as follows:

" In the case of the Wyoming Plant in which our Company has a half interest, the whole milk is taken and skimmed at the plant, the skim milk being made into casein, and the sweet cream shipped to the United States, during the summer months, for ice cream purposes. In this connection, we might state that we were offered as high a price for our sweet cream at Toronto, but the American Market, being nearer, we accepted their quotation for the small amount required, on account of much cream having arrived in Toronto, formerly in a sour condition owing to the great distance. "

Mr. Armstrong may squirm and wiggle all he likes, the fact is on record that he and his leader, Mr. R. L. Borden, and the whole Conservative Party, have for the past six months bitterly opposed the Canadian farmer being given access to this American market—a market which he himself has been enjoying. There are a whole lot of farmers in Canada who live nearer the American market. Why does the Conservative Party stand in their way?

Canada is a very large country, and the home market of Canada at one end of the continent is very far away from the home producer at the other end, even sometimes within the same Province. The producer in Ontario might easily be from five hundred to seven hundred miles away from the consumer in Ontario. The producer in Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces is within four hundred