

AN AMERICAN VIEW

The following interesting circular is being circulated throughout the United States by the Merriam & Millard Elevator Company, of Omaha, Nebraska, who are conducting a campaign against reciprocity with Canada.

Reciprocity

"What is it? What does Canadian reciprocity as proposed in the McCall bill now before the United States Senate mean?"

"It means the giving over to Canada, our greatest and best markets, the mills of the northwest and middle west, for 50,000,000 to 100,000,000 bushels annually, of Nebraska, Kansas and Iowa wheat, without getting anything in return. The mills of the northwest and middle west prefer the Canadian wheat even at a considerable premium over the southwestern wheat, as it makes the whitest of flour without bleaching, whereas, the winter wheat of the southwest needs the bleaching process in order to compete, and this process is illegal."

"Such a condition brought about by reciprocity would benefit especially the Canadian farmer, to the great disadvantage of the American farmer. To the latter it would be suicidal. It also means the giving over to the Canadian farmer our markets in the New England and middle States for 100,000,000 bushels of our western oats, annually, which grain is second only to corn in extent of production, without getting anything in return."

"Furthermore, Canada raises a superior quality of oats to those raised in the west, and hence her oats would be preferred at a premium in our eastern markets, which markets now take a large part of our surplus. This would mean a large increase in the production of grain in Canada, and a corresponding decrease in the United States of both wheat and oats. Our loss would be Canada's gain."

"In a word, reciprocity places the Canadian farmer not only in direct competition with the American farmer in the latter's home markets, but gives the Canadian farmer the advantages of the superior quality of grain, and shorter distances to our eastern markets. These markets, which we now propose to give away to our Canadian neighbors for nothing, have been the largest factors toward the building up of our western country."

"Nebraska will receive a harder blow than any other state on account of the peculiar character of our wheat, not making as white flour as the Canadian wheat. Kansas would receive the next hardest blow, because a considerable portion of the wheat product of that state is similar to the Nebraska wheat, and also, Canada would compete for the large Pacific coast trade, which Kansas now enjoys."

"It is estimated that the depreciation in the values of wheat, oats and corn since reciprocity has been agitated in the United States will exceed sixty million dollars (\$60,000,000). As grain depreciates in value so will the lands on which it is raised. The lessened values of farm products will be felt by nearly all manufacturing industries. This will in time affect labor, because necessities and economy will be the motto."

"We were all taught from the beginning that the farm is the fountain of the prosperity of this country. Is not this as true today as ever? I have distributed the grain products of Nebraska through terminal elevators at Omaha for twenty years, to all parts of our country. If I do not know whereof I am speaking, I ought to. If I am unable to forecast the effects of reciprocity which does not reciprocate, I ought to be. This reciprocity bill impresses me deeply and sincerely as a discriminatory wrong against the farms of our country."

"The disastrous effects of this are already a fact. The United States does not really need the products of Canada, while on the other hand Canada with her vast area of territory, capable of raising 500,000,000 bushels of wheat and 1,000,000,000 bushels of oats and possibly in the near future enough corn for home consumption, needs our markets to help build up her country."

"It should be understood that our farm products are consumed largely in our own country, that we export only ten per cent. of our wheat, three (3) per cent. of our corn, and one (1) to three (3) per cent. of our oats."

"We should not forget that there is no material economy in low prices for

wheat because at \$1.10 per bushel the average consumption for each person does not exceed in value two cents per day. We should always remember that good prices for farm products makes for good times in all industries and high prices for labor, while low prices for farm products makes for hard times, closed factories and low prices for labor and armies of idle men. While we are giving a good deal of consideration to the conservation of our forests and mines we should not underestimate the conservation of our home markets, which were built up and left to us as a sacred legacy to preserve, and they should still be held as sacred as our homes, because they are the makers of homes. Ninety new towns have been started within one year in Canadian sections developed by Americans. What would it be with reciprocity established. Let us open our eyes to the danger and not to be blinded by a little free pulp or ore. The Canadian benefit as compared with United States benefit is as a mountain to a mole hill."

SPEAK NOW

If you've anything good to say of a man,
Don't wait till he's laid at rest,
For the eulogy spoken when hearts are broken

Is an empty thing at best.
Ah! the blighted flower now drooping lonely

Would perfume the mountain side,
If the sun's glad ray but shone today
And the pretty bud expired.

If you've any alms to give to the poor
Don't wait till you hear the cry
Of man in distress in the wilderness,
Lest the one forsaken die.
Oh, harken to poverty's sad lament!
Be swift her wants to allay.

Don't spurn God's poor from the favored door,
As you hope for mercy some day.

Don't wait for another to bear the burden
Of sorrow's irksome load;
Let your hand extend to a stricken friend
As he totters down life's road.
And if you've anything good to say of a man,

Don't wait till he's laid at rest;
For the eulogy spoken when hearts are broken
Is an empty thing at best.

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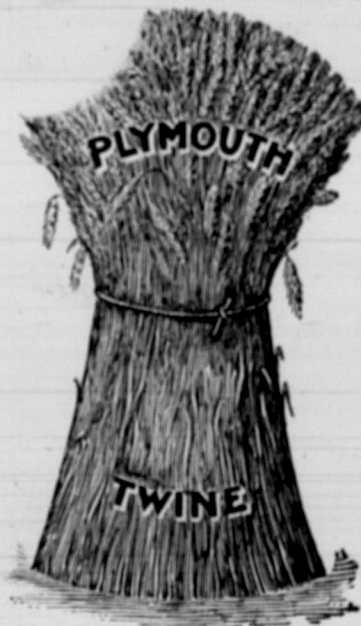
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