

## AMERICAN EXPORTS DECLINING AS THOSE OF CANADA INCREASE

Reciprocity Would Have Given the United States  
Something They Must Have Anyway, With no  
Corresponding Advantage to this Country.

It takes the Toronto Globe a long time to see some self-evident thing, and even when it does see them it is not always willing to admit the fact. When the Globe and all the little Globelets of the country were advocating the acceptance of the Washington-made reciprocity pact they conveniently ignored the fact, evident at that time just as much as it is today, that the United States was rapidly becoming a non-exporting country so far as food products were concerned, while at the same time Canada was rapidly increasing its food product exports. All the argument then was that it would be the finest possible thing to encourage friendly relationships with a sister nation by accepting its proposal, which would have gone into the States free of duty. American food products would have come this way on a free trade basis. IN OTHER WORDS THESE GOOD PEOPLE REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE THE FACT THAT IN GETTING US TO AGREE TO THIS PROPOSAL UNCLE SAM WAS GETTING SOMETHING HE HAD TO HAVE IN ANY EVENT, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME HE WAS FORCING US TO GIVE UP IN RETURN FOR SOMETHING WE WERE WELL ABLE TO GET ALONG WITHOUT.

The Globe has been studying the last United States trade returns, with the result that it finds there stated that wheat exports for the year will probably amount to about 100,000,000 bushels, including flour stated in terms of wheat, exceeding by about 20,000,000 bushels the record of last year, but being less than half that of 1901. In meats and food animals exported the record of the year will be low. The number of cattle exported in the eleven months ending with November was but 44,997, against 152,288 in the same months of last year, and of fresh beef the quantity exported in the eleven months was 1 1/2 million pounds, against 27 million pounds in the corresponding months of last year.

Canada is thus overhauling the United States in wheat, flour and cat-

tle exports. The Canadian fiscal year ends on March 31, and for the twelve months preceding that time Canada exported in wheat or its flour equivalent over 80,000,000 bushels, and of cattle 61,285. During the six months of the present fiscal year ending on September 30, before the movement of the new wheat had begun, Canada's export of wheat or its flour equivalent was 47,675,000 bushels, and there is no doubt at all that the export for the fiscal year will be at least 120,000,000 bushels. Already 85,000,000 bushels of the new crop have been moved to the head of the lakes. In cattle the showing is not so good, the six months export being only 17,843 head.

And these figures lead the Globe to comment as follows:— The figures as a whole, however, indicate that the United States, with over twelve times Canada's population, is providing less surplus food for export than Canada, and that within ten years, unless the American farmer changes his methods greatly and goes in for intensive farming, the Republic will have to look to Canada for a considerable portion of its food. By that time probably our super-loyalists will have decided that Canada's national destiny will not be endangered by selling wheat, cattle, hogs, and other food products of the farm to the American consumer.

With the first portion of this observation the News can find no fault. As for the last sentence, however, the Globe is willfully misrepresenting the case. We know of no super-loyalists who ever argued that there was danger of Canada's national destiny going smash if we sold food products to American consumers. But there were people whom the Globe was pleased to term super-loyalists who did object to Canada being forced into a Washington-made and engineered agreement, with which the Globe editor had a good deal to do, by the way, that would have had the possible effect, as President Taft put it, of making Canada a mere adjunct to the republic to the south of us.—Lethbridge News.

### FISHERIES

report of the Canadian fish-  
litted to parliament we gath-  
details. The value of the  
waters of the respective pro-

.....	\$13,677,125
.....	9,367,125
.....	4,886,157
.....	2,205,436
.....	1,868,136
.....	1,196,396
.....	1,113,486
.....	139,436
.....	111,825
.....	102,325

and Nova Scotia takes  
advance in the Pacific pro-  
enormous salmon catch which  
than half the value. However,  
that the sea harvest of the three  
vinces exceeds that of British Col-  
when the fisheries of the western  
more largely exploited this lead is like-  
cease even although the eastern fisheries  
tinue to increase. The great fishing grounds  
Hudson Bay are also to be drawn upon yet  
and it is more than probable that this will be-  
come the main source of supply for the middle  
west.

The last previous annual report gave the value  
of the fisheries as \$29,965,433. This year it is  
\$34,667,872, an increase of \$4,702,439. The total  
value of the sea fisheries was \$30,153,982, and  
those of the inland waters \$4,513,890.

The industry furnishes a means of livelihood  
for upwards of 100,000 persons on land and sea  
of whom 65,926 men and boys were employed in  
vessels and boats and 35,206 persons of both sexes  
on land in canneries, etc. The fishing fleet consists  
of 1,648 sailing vessels and tugs of 36,761  
boats.

### CAN NEVER SATISFY THEM

Our friends, the fire underwriters,  
a hard lot to please, and the man who at-  
tempts the task is more than likely to give up in  
disgust long before he succeeds. As a matter of  
fact, it is doubtful if he could ever succeed, for  
the underwriters are noted for their ability to  
discover always something else that needs doing  
after their last demands are met.

In the east and west, too, in large cities boast-  
ing of up-to-date waterworks systems and fire-  
fighting apparatus, the underwriters never cease  
urging for some further improvement, under  
penalty of higher rates if their suggestions are  
not complied with. In fact, so insistent have  
they become in their demands in some of our cit-  
ies that city councils are seriously considering the  
advisability of urging for legislation which would  
make some portion of the cost of fire department  
improvement assessable against the insurance  
companies, they profiting by them possibly as  
much as anyone else.

These remarks are prompted by the criticism  
of a contemporary, which complains of the treat-  
ment meted out to consumers of natural gas,  
which is now coming into such general use in  
some parts of the province, and which asserts that  
unless natural gas users comply with certain  
stipulations laid down by them, the cost of which  
is quite immaterial to the underwriters, the rate  
on policies will be raised.

Incidentally our contemporary says, it may be  
noted that there is no suggestion of a lower rate  
of insurance where people who have been using  
gasoline have installed natural gas. Just why this  
should be the case we are at a loss to understand.  
Natural gas is a thousand times safer than gaso-  
line, and ought to reduce the risk of fire consid-  
erably, but the insurance people do not seem to  
see it that way.

There is an old saying that "Love will find a  
way." It would seem that there are other things  
besides love that will do this, for, failing to find  
any other grounds on which to obtain a divorce,  
Mrs. Weisbaum of New York falls back on the  
plea that "life for her has been almost one contin-  
uous headache since she married the defendant, in  
1907."

A tailor's advt. in the Campbellton Graphic an-  
nounces that "Here are the big killers." Among  
the "killers" is the following, in 24 pt. caps  
"POPUSRGSSEPHINIT TLIAR" followed  
by the statement "our customers realize just what  
this means to them." It is to be hoped they do,  
but we trust it is nothing so serious as it looks.

The Transcript remarks that its esteemed con-  
temporary is never very accurate in its alleged  
quotations from its (Transcript's) columns. The  
Transcript should be the last paper to talk about  
misquotations.

Language reformers are looking for the man  
who put the needless "s" into "parcels" Post. One  
does not put letters into a "letters" box.

### F. D. SWIM, M. P. P. HAS EXCITING ADVENTURE

Mr. F. D. Swim, M. P. P., narrow-  
ly escaped a serious accident a few  
days ago, while driving home. When  
crossing the railway track near  
Doaktown station, the runner of the  
sleigh caught in the rails and upset,  
throwing Mr. Swim out with consid-  
erable force and landing him on his  
face amid a pile of lumber sleds  
standing close by, though he fortu-  
nately sustained no injury beyond a  
considerable shaking up. The horse  
started off home at a smart pace, tak-  
ing the sleigh with it, and in the  
course of its mad career, it created a  
pile of lumber four feet high, and  
negotiated a wire fence. Ultimately  
it was caught and taken home and  
it is somewhat strange that neither  
the animal nor the sleigh was in any  
way damaged.

### NEW BATTLESHIPS FOR BRITISH NAVY

According to the "Daily Mail" the  
work of framing the British navy for  
the coming year is nearly completed.  
The one point remaining for decision  
namely, whether five or six battle-  
ships shall be laid down, depends up-  
on the Austrian naval programme.  
If the admiralty decides to wait be-  
fore taking action till the Austrian  
ships are laid down, it may be ex-  
pected to be five battleships this  
year. The naval programme will  
then, according to the present infor-  
mation involve an expenditure of  
\$240,000,000 and will include five bat-  
tleships, six light armored cruisers,  
twenty destroyers, several submar-  
ines, and an addition of 5,000 men to  
the personnel, making a total of  
142,500 officers and men.

The battleships will be of a new  
type, the largest and strongest which  
science can build or money supply.  
They will be intermediate between  
the present Dreadnought battleship  
and battle cruiser. They will be  
armed in all probability with eight  
16 1/4 inch guns, each firing 2,200 lb  
shells, or, if the 16 1/4 inch gun is not  
adopted, with 15-inch guns firing  
shells that weigh about 1800 pounds.

About once a week dip brooms in  
hot soapsuds. It can be done on  
washdays when the suds are at hand  
it will make the brooms both tough  
and flexible and will increase the  
wear of both carpet and brooms.

Before dipping fish, dip in boiling  
water for some moment, they will seal  
much more quickly.

### PREDICTS A GREAT STRUGGLE ON PACIFIC

Rev. Principal Gordon of Queen's  
University, speaking before the Mon-  
treal Canadian Club recently, said  
that the Pacific Ocean was destined  
to become the scene of a gigantic  
struggle between Orient and Occi-  
dent, and Canada as a Pacific Coast  
nation, must be prepared to take in  
that struggle.

In an address on Australia Dr.  
Gordon dwelt at considerable length  
on the growing importance of Japan  
and China as factors in world poli-  
tics.

Australia was being kept as a  
white man's country, and every bar  
that could possibly be provided was  
being raised against alien immigra-  
tion, he declared. The Labor party,  
which ruled the country, was as one  
man in excluding Asiatics from the  
labor market.

Indeed, the speaker said, the pol-  
icy of exclusion of the Labor Govern-  
ment was holding back the develop-  
ment of the country, for there was  
no labor to be had for building of  
railroads, or the cultivation of the  
vast farms, which were Australia's  
chief source of wealth.

Comparing Australia with Canada  
Dr. Gordon said that in the antipodes  
the people were more or less all  
for pleasure. Compared with Cana-  
da in other ways, Australia had not  
yet the broad hopes that this country  
cherished, nor had Australia come  
to the same degree of self-realiza-  
tion of responsibility or man-  
hood, though this might be partly  
due to the fact that Australia's Gov-  
ernment was much newer than our  
own.

In many ways, however, Australia  
should give Canada a lesson, particu-  
larly in its number of botanical  
and zoological gardens, public muse-  
ums and art galleries. Parks and  
playgrounds, too, abundant; their  
bookstores could not be approached  
in this or any other country; and  
the public press of the country was  
far and away ahead of the Canadian  
or American journals.

When a poor man desires to call  
another man a liar he must do it him-  
self. But a rich man can hire a law-  
yer to attend to the matter for him.

Generally speaking, the line of de-  
marcation between youth and middle  
age is marked by an exchange of  
fancy hose for black ones.

If you can carry a mattress up-  
stairs, you can take that as an in-  
dication of your strength.

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