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In regard to the admission of Indian corn free of duty, which many cattle breeders and feeders advocate, we may say that the evidence taken before your Committee would show that a very wide portion of Ontario is highly fitted for the cultivation of corn ; and further, that it is a most valuable rotation crop. The large proportion of the evidence favors the duty on American corn and coarse grains generally, and expresses the opinion that better prices are obtained in Canada in consequence of the duties now imposed, and that the cultivation of coarse grains has been stimulated thereby. Finally, that it would be unjust to the large majority of Canadian farmers who raise coarse grains for sale to admit cheap western corn free of duty.

That the relative value of farm produce has increased in 1880 and 1881 as compared with Liverpool, may be seen by a comparison of market prices in Liverpool with the price lists of the Corn Exchanges in Toronto and Montreal, as shown by the following tables, as well as from a comparison of the freight rates by rail and water at different periods. This is especially the case with spring wheat. It may also be noted that prices seem to be ruled more by Liverpool during the four months of September, October, November and December, and that the prices which rule during the other eight months do not seem to be affected to a great extent by the Liverpool market.