

Out of a total of 127 quotations on Eggs, it shows that the American price was higher 71 times, the Canadian price higher 50 times, and the prices were equal 6 times.

The reader will doubtless discover that in the above statements giving the comparative prices of butter and eggs that in January, 1911, the American prices began falling off and in many instances the Canadian prices for these two commodities were higher. This is only natural. For some time past the large produce dealers and cold storage companies in the United States have, at the time of the year when butter and eggs were the cheapest, purchased large quantities and placed them in cold storage. They would then keep these products until the market advanced and unload at enhanced prices. This year, in view of this Reciprocity agreement and the possibility of it coming into force before the summer months, the produce dealers and cold storage people became frightened and preferred slaughtering their goods at a time when prices were fairly high than waiting until Canadian produce was placed in competition with theirs. The result has been that prices have dropped. To-day, however, the condition of affairs is righting itself. Their surplus stock has been disposed of, and even during the past month prices in the United States have materially advanced.

It has been stated verbally and by correspondence, that the American produce dealers, the moment this agreement is passed, will immediately send their representatives into our Canadian markets for the purpose of buying our Canadian produce.

Let us quote a few extracts from American importers.

The Frank Simpson Fruit Co., of Los Angeles, California, writes:

"In view of the prospect for Reciprocity, there will no doubt be considerable demand for Canadian butter, eggs and cheese, providing conditions warrant merchants in this section drawing on Canadian dairymen and shippers.

"We are particularly interested in cheese and in the event that the reciprocity agreement is reached through the Extra Session of Congress, we think it very probable that many houses in the United States will look to Canada for supplies in that line."