

A similar service between Canada and the Argentine is about to be established.

This is bound to largely increase the imports from these countries, and to affect Canadian prices accordingly.

Reference has been made to only three countries. There are nine others. They may not send us as much, but they send us something.

A new Brunswick farmer wrote to "The Canadian Century," the other day, as follows:—

"There may be something in what you say about the danger of competition from great food exporting countries like Australia and Argentina, but I'm willing to bet that not one pound of food will come to Canada from Switzerland owing to the privileges of the reciprocity agreement. What do you say to that?"

The farmer would have lost his bet, for during the fiscal year ending March 31st. 1910, there were 227,954 pounds of cheese imported into Canada from Switzerland.

There is no getting around the fact that the Canadian farmer must, under reciprocity, meet in his home market the competition of the United States farmer in the ratio of twelve to one, and he must also meet the competition of the farmers of these twelve favored nations.

This means to the Canadian farmer the loss of the Canadian market.

What will he get in return for the home market which he will lose?

He will only get the opportunity to compete in the markets of the United States farmer, and the ratio of competition will be the same there as it will be here, twelve to one.

The odds are against the Canadian farmer.

The proposed arrangement is not equally reciprocal.

The Canadian farmer does not get a fair deal.

After giving this question serious consideration, I am forced to the conclusion that the Canadian farmer has much to lose and little to gain from this proposed arrangement.

If they had only Waited.

Developments in the United States Congress since I wrote the first of this series of articles have practically proved what I then suggested—we could have got the gain without the loss.

By a bill introduced into Congress the Democrats have declared their willingness to give free entry into the United States or a long list of articles produced in Canada. This list includes