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It is our firm conviction that if there is any one political question on which the Canadian people hold sentiments in common it is that of reciprocal free trade with our Southern neighbors in the natural products of both countries, and yet the Opposition press persistently maintains that the Government is not sincere in desiring a reciprocity treaty. We have been much surprised at a recent article on the subject of reciprocity in the London Advertiser, which ought to be competent to discuss it intelligently. That journal broadly affirms that "there is but one party in this country that can "negotiate reciprocal trade relations " with the United States, and that party " is the Reform party." Again we find in the same article: "The Reform party " can secure a reciprocity treaty with the "United States. The Tory party and " the leaders of the Tory party cannot do "it; they are not anxious to do it, they " are committed to a line of policy that " is wholly inconsistent with such trade " relations."

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