

"1. If we may judge what Canada means by Reciprocity, from the proposals of the unfortunate treaty of 1873, or from the terms of that of 1854, then that measure is so one-sided and unfair to our own country as to deserve no consideration at our hands. Her first offer in 1873 was simply to allow of a completely free interchange of agricultural products between the two countries. Under Mr. Secretary Fish's leading, they enlarged this to include all those coarser grades of manufacture which were found to exist even in a British colony practising Free Trade with the Mother Country, and in which the Canadians might be expected to hold their own against our competition.

"The great object of such Reciprocity manifestly is to throw open to the Canadian farmer our Eastern markets for agricultural products and raw material. That market has been created through the development of manufactures in our Eastern and Middle States, beyond the capacity of their agriculture to supply food to the people thus employed. Canada has had no share in the sacrifices made for the development of these manufactures. She has followed the easier policy of buying in the cheapest and selling in the dearest of the markets she found open to her. She has done nothing to create other and more advantageous markets on her own soil by the diversification of her industry. It is true that she has just awakened to the necessity of doing something. Her perennial poverty has prompted the adoption of what is called a "National Policy" to that end. But the one year of that Policy, of course, has not effected any great change, and Canada is still an agricultural country, anxious for access to the better markets created in our country for her corn, her timber, and other raw materials.

"I think it is self-evident that such Reciprocity — and we have no other proposed — would be unjust, not so much to the manufacturers of the East, as to the farmers of our great West. In ordinary years four-fifths of the grain which crosses the Alleghany watershed is