

late, if Congress rises to the level of this, perhaps the greatest piece of statesmanship effected by an American President since Thomas Jefferson annexed the West."

Down in the Middle West, beyond the Mississippi, there is a like feeling expressed with some restraint by the "Des Moines Register and Leader":—

BEST SINCE CUBAN TREATY.

"The compact is probably the most important step towards annexing markets since the Cuban treaty. Every opening for reciprocal good will on the American continent means something more than the immediate gain in dollars and cents."

The "Minneapolis Journal" has written many times on the agreement, always in this strain:—

"The next step will be the removal of duties on manufactured products. Why should that barrier exist any more than one between Minnesota and Dakota? To-day England is our best customer, and Canada is our third best customer. But our foreign trade wanes, and that of Canada grows. If we push Canada into England's arms, the trade arrangements between the two will tend more and more to shut us out.

"How long will our trade with these two customers last if reciprocity fails? Our Canadian trade must fall off, as the East and West channels of her commerce are scoured by use. And Canada will more and more supply English needs in our stead."

TO SACRIFICE HALIFAX.

The "Wall Street Journal," recognizing the damage to Canada's winter ports already assured, and the possibility of reverting to the pre-confederation dependence on United States transportation, said:—

"The Canadian roads are not likely to sacrifice themselves to preserve a port so indifferent as Halifax if they can secure better access to tidewater from elsewhere. Mr. Hill's Great Northern has been developing with a view to getting more Canadian business. Its branches into Alberta and British Columbia promise to gather a rich tonnage with the possible removal of the tariff on Canadian wheat, and further branches crossing the border will undoubtedly be built."

The export of Canadian wheat from New York is also clearly foreseen by the New York "Sun":—

"The scheme will give the United States greater control of the wheat market than it ever had before. It will enable its milling plants to turn Canadian wheat into flour and send