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Mr Robert McBratney is in poor health.

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CANADA'S OPEN DOOR

This is the second of the series of articles on Reciprocity republished from the Canadian Century to which reference was made in our issue of last week.

Canadian Fruit Farmers in Great Peril

From the Canadian Century

The largest deputation of farmers that ever waited on any Canadian Government was that of the fruit growers of Western Ontario, who went to Ottawa on February 10 to protest against the Reciprocity Agreement. The case they presented to the Government was a strong one. They showed that if the Reciprocity Agreement was endorsed by the Canadian Parliament and the United States Congress it would reduce the value of every orchard in Ontario and ruin thousands of small fruit farmers who had paid high prices for their little farms and spent time and money in planting trees. They showed that many large farms had been subdivided for fruit-growing purposes, and that new subdivisions were constantly being made. They said that a farm of one hundred acres which formerly supported only one family, being cut into ten small fruit farms, supported ten families. Among other memorials presented by this deputation was the following:

"We, the undersigned, the president and executive committee of the Old Country Association, composed entirely of men born and bred in the British Isles, and the great majority of whom are engaged in the fruit industry, respectfully and earnestly beg to draw the attention of the Dominion Government to the peculiar hardship which will be imposed upon us should this proposed tariff legislation come into effect.

"We have been induced to leave Great Britain and to come to this peninsula and to invest our capital in the purchase, planting and general improvement of fruit lands in a large measure owing to the very wide distribution of official pamphlets and other literature emanating from Canada, and distributed throughout the British Isles positively stating that the Ontario grower is protected in the home market by a high tariff against foreign-grown fruit and vegetables and thus enjoys that market without serious competition from outside sources."

"The amount of customs tariffs on the various fruits is specifically stated in these pamphlets and literature; and in order that this particular advantage to the Canadian grower may be clearly understood by the Britisher the tariff scale is not only set forth in Canadian money but is also set forth in the coinage of Great Britain. Under the belief that these conditions would be stable we have not only sunk our own capital, but have been instrumental in bringing many of our countrymen here to invest in this growing industry, which owing to the steady rise of recent years in the values of land, now requires a large amount of capital to purchase and equip even the small farms the majority of us own, and to provide for the maintenance of our families during the years it takes to bring an orchard into bearing."

"Our days after these Ontario fruit growers presented their case to the Government Mr Martin Burrell, member of Parliament for Yale-Cariboo, gave the House of Commons a remarkably clear and comprehensive statement of the position of the fruit growers in all the provinces of Canada, giving special attention, of course, to his own province of British Columbia, which has wonderful progress in the planting of orchards during the last ten years. Mr Burrell has devoted twenty-eight years of his life to the practical work of fruit growing. No man in Canada has a better knowledge of the question.

"In 1901 there were 657,000 fruit trees in British Columbia, according to the Dominion census. Now there are estimated to be five million fruit trees in that province, and the area devoted to fruit is rapidly increasing."

"The grain grower of the prairie gets his big farm at low cost, sometimes as low as \$100 per acre; the land is ready for cultivation; Government subsidizes a railway to take the grain to market. The British Columbia fruit farm must first be cleared of enormous trees; the people of the East and of the prairie provinces can scarcely realize the immense size of British Columbia timber. After the land has been cleared at great expense and fruit trees planted the farmer must wait for years for his trees to grow and bear fruit. In many parts of the province he must pay his share of the cost of constructing irrigation works. In the Okanagan Valley alone the amount of \$1,500,000 has been expended already in irrigation works for orchard purposes and vast outlays of the same kind are going on all over the province.

"Why should Canadian farmers lose every vestige of protection for their products while the tariff on manufactured goods remains almost untouched? If farm products from the United States, the Argentine Republic, Russia, Austria-Hungary, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Spain, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and other countries are to come into free competition with Canadian farm products in our home market why should not manufactured products come in free from the same countries?"

"These are the questions which farmers throughout Canada are asking each other now, and they will ask the politicians the same questions a little later on. Free trade in farm products and protection for manufactured products is a condition of things that cannot be permanent.

What Will American Farmers Say?

When the farmers of the United States learn that the same Reciprocity Compact that gives them free entrance to the Canadian market gives exactly the same privilege to almost every food-exporting country in the world they will be enraged. They will say: "With Russians, Japanese, Austrians, Argentines, Danes, Swedes, Norwegians, Spaniards, Australians, New Zealanders and a host of other food producers dumping their surplus products into the Canadian market what will there be left for us?" They will complain that Canadians will try to relieve their glutted markets by shipping some of this foreign stuff into the United States, and indeed it will be very difficult for the United States to prevent them from doing so. How will United States customs officials be able to distinguish between Canadian farm products and the foreign food that will be dumped on the Canadian market? Dishonest men in both Canada and the United States will take advantage of the situation. On the other hand honest Canadian exporters will often be suspected of fraud. American customs officials will sometimes charge that good, honest Canadian butter, cheese, etc., come from Argentine, Siberia, or some other outlandish place that has been given the right to send its farm products freely into Canada. Bitter controversies will arise. The pleasant kindly feelings that have so long existed between Canadians and Americans will be replaced by a spirit of suspicion and antagonism that may have serious consequences.

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	No. 1	No. 3
Brockville (leave)	9.35 a.m.	3.45 p.m.
Lyn	10.05 "	4.00 "
Saeleys	*10.15 "	4.07 "
Forthton	*10.35 "	4.18 "
Elbe	*10.42 "	4.28 "
Athens	11.00 "	4.30 "
Soperton	*11.20 "	4.45 "
Lynhurst	*11.27 "	4.52 "
Delta	11.37 "	4.58 "
Elgin	11.57 "	5.12 "
Forfar	*12.05 "	5.18 "
Crosby	*12.13 "	5.23 "
Newboro	12.23 "	5.33 "
Westport (arrive)	12.40 p.m.	5.45 "

GOING EAST		
	No. 2	No. 4
Westport (leave)	7.20 a.m.	2.30 p.m.
Newboro	7.30 "	2.47 "
Crosby	*7.40 "	3.00 "
Forfar	*7.45 "	3.06 "
Elgin	7.51 "	3.18 "
Delta	8.05 "	3.40 "
Lynhurst	*8.11 "	3.50 "
Soperton	*8.18 "	3.59 "
Athens	8.35 "	4.30 "
Elbe	*8.42 "	4.36 "
Forthton	*8.47 "	4.43 "
Saeleys	*8.53 "	4.54 "
Lyn	9.05 "	5.10 "
Brockville (arrive)	9.20 "	5.35 "

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