

...the value of \$1,000,000, imposing a heavy duty on them, declare that it would be inadvisable if these animals and produce were admitted free into the adjoining Republic? What do you think of a Government announcing a policy and declaring it on the floor of Parliament, that as regards agricultural products, of which we export to the value of \$13,000,000, of which \$9,000,000 worth go to the United States, that the removal of these duties would be injurious to Canada and fatal to our farmers?

Farmers of Canada, the most important electoral contest that our country has seen, since Confederation, is upon us. Two policies clear and distinct are placed before you—the policy of Protection and the policy of Unrestricted Reciprocity. You must select one or the other. Which will it be? You have had Protection and what has it brought you? Has it brought you prosperity? Has it increased the value of your farms? Has it brought you new markets, or has it increased the price of your products? There is no answer but one to all these questions? No, emphatically no. The farmer has to mourn over the days of the past, of prosperity of other years. He looks back over the last ten years and sees the taxation of his country increased by ten millions per annum, the public debt increased by an enormous extent, his farm shrunk one-third in value, his barns filled with hay and farm produce for which he has no market, while every article that he purchases, whether to eat, to wear, or to use on his farm is increased in price.

The policy of Unrestricted Reciprocity is now offered to you. If you adopt it, it will open to you the markets of one of the most powerful, the most populous, and the most wealthy nation in the world. Your horses without limit, and without taxation can be sent to the markets offered by the great cities of the New England states. There too your eggs, your potatoes, your barley, your sheep, and nearly all the various kinds of farm produce can be sent in the same way, without limit and without duty. Under this policy our country will grow in wealth and population, adding strength to the British Empire, and power to our own great Dominion. You are told that the Liberal party run down our country, when they but point out the wounds inflicted on the prosperity of our country by a false policy. It was the Liberal party of old England that in the past has stood up for their liberty, the glory and the honor of that country, and has made of it a nation the most prosperous in peace, and the most powerful in war that the world has ever seen. Under the strength of the protection and the glory of the British flag, let us all unite irrespective of old and worn out party cries, to adopt such a policy as will make us populous and prosperous, and powerful in war, as a loyal colony of old England, to strike with her in the hour of battle, against any enemy that may dare to oppose her in her march along the path of prosperity and liberty.