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the proportion which has to be spent by his less fortunate neighbor. Relief for the Canadian people, so far as the taxation upon the necessaries of life is concerned, must come from the Borden Government. Other nations may benefit our producers by their tariff action, but Ottawa must act if our con-

action, but Ottawa must act if our con-sumers are to be helped. Will Ottawa act? Two years ago Mr. Borden and his allies took a course which denied our people the benefits which the Reciprocity agreement would have brought them. Now that our producers are to benefit through the action of a foreign country, will the Premier and his associates continue to Premier and his associates continue to allow our consumers to be burdened by utterly indefensible taxation upon their food and clothing? Will they continue to allow our people to be oppressed by an outworn tariff system which operates to the advantage of a privileged few and to the disadvantage of everybody else?

#### **Livestock Industry Benefited** (By James E. Poole, Chicago)

Chicago, Oct. 4 .- Speculation is rife live stock trade circles as to what developments of the free trade period will be. President Wilson sits pen in hand ready to sign the tariff bill, and that action will cause a radical change in present conditions. Toronto is aling a portion of its live stock supply, and, to counteract Buffalo competition, is holding a Monday market.

#### **Toronto Fears Competition**

But Buffalo is not the only competitor Toronto has to fear. Buffalo is merely an order market and is easily congested, while Chicago has idle slaughter facilities and needs cattle to put them in operation. So far the cross-frontier movement has been mainly one of stockers bound for the Pennsylvania tobacco regions, the 271/2 per cent. duty being an effective barrier to fat cattle, but Chicage packers barrier to fat cattle, but Chicage packers have been scouring New York and Pennsylvania for cannery stock these many weeks past, and if Ontario has any dairy yard culls to dispose of they wil speedily disappear in the ravenous maw\_of cannery trade. "Hatracks" and "shells" command more money nowa-dams then fat stears when morit is condays than fat steers, when merit is considered, and what speculators will not do to that kind of trash with the duty

do to that kind of trash with the duly wiped out can only be guessed. Chicago is getting canners from far-away Virginia, while Western Ontario is little farther away than Michigan. Virginia grass steers of the \$8.00 variety have been sold on the Chicago market recently, and that is the kind Ontario grows in profusion grows in profusion.

#### **A Limitless Market**

Buffalo can digest a few such cat-tle, while Chicago's capacity is limitless, especially since the Pacific Northwest began hogging the big end of the Montana crop. Two years ago Chicago receipts of range cattle from the Northwest up to Oct. 1, were 190,000, this year barely enough have arrived to fill one-seated buggy and packers miss them. Ontario packers and consumers will regret that cattle went on the free list and it will be regret of the red-eyed variety.

#### Trade in Sheep

Free trade in sheep ought to present an opportunity to Western Canada for finishing sheep and lambs. This is a vast and growing industry in the trans-Missouri region. During the coming winter Montana will feed 300,000, South Dakota 200,000, Wyoming 250,000, Idaho 00,000, and Colorado 1,500,000 Part 00,000 and Colorado 1,500,000. of these will find their way to the Pacific Coast, the rest being destined for Chicago, Kansas City and Omaha. T e sheep enable Western hay and small grain raisers to market their crops at a profit, whereas if these bulky commodities had to be hauled to the railroad nd freight paid East, the operation would show a loss. In the Judith basin of Montana wheat and hay produced remote from the railro d has no other profitable outl t but sheep and tamb feeding. Of course there is an element of chance in the business, but there is a certain fascination in the uncertainty of the draw. In any case the business is expanding an nually and the proof of the pudding is the manner in which it digests.

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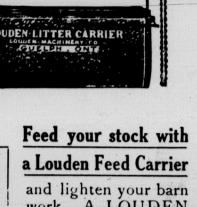
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