

NO SPURIOUS BUTTER OR FILLED CHEESE OR DISEASED ANIMALS TO BE ADMITTED INTO CANADA

Here let us remark that this same argument applies to the protection of our trade in dairy products, meat products and animals from the United States. The Reciprocity pact makes no change whatever in our laws against the introduction of spurious butter, or filled cheese, or uninspected meat, or the entry of animals from countries which are affected by diseases. We require to-day that all cattle coming from the United States for breeding or dairy purposes shall be subject to tuberculine test, that all hogs coming from the United States should be quarantined for a period of thirty days. With reference to sheep, those for immediate slaughter are admitted without quarantine, but are carefully watched until killed; those for breeding purposes, unless accompanied by an official certificate as regards health, are held for thirty days or until the officials of the Veterinary Branch are positive that they are not affected by any contagious disease. These laws will be maintained without reference to the Reciprocity pact just as long as the health conditions of the animals in Canada and the other countries require it. So much for the competition of these other countries in our own market—the only economic objection that has been put forward to the Reciprocity pact.

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There are two sentimental objections. One is that we should trade within the Empire. So we should when that trade is the most profitable. The Mother Country has risen to her splendid supremacy in commerce, finance, and industry by trading with all the world, wherever she found it most profitable. Notwithstanding keen controversy upon this subject, she has steadily maintained that principle through election after election. If the heart of the Empire maintains that principle certainly the outlying parts may fairly consider themselves entitled to practice it also. In that British market which is held out to us as the best, we compete with all the world, we have no advantages as an integral part of the Empire. Under the Reciprocity pact as it reads we will have free entry into the United States market,