

question never presented to farmers by Free-Traders. They tell them that Reciprocity means twenty cents a bushel on barley, which is not true.

Barley has been at as good a price since 1864 as during the ten years of Reciprocity. Free-Traders do not tell farmers that Reciprocity means a scarcity of money when their produce is being moved to market. When a bank lends an importer ten thousand dollars, he takes it in gold, and the loanable funds of the bank are diminished to that extent at once, and during the continuance of the loan.

Supposing the *twenty-five hundred Champion Reapers* wanted were made in the States. When a farmer bought one, the bills which he paid for it are taken to a bank and exchanged for gold, which is taken immediately out of the country. Even where a farmer gives his note for a machine, the note is discounted, and the gold is exported precisely as before. Gold is the basis of our currency, and every dollar exported diminishes the currency to two or three times that amount.

As shown, with regard to the reapers, it is doubtful whether farmers would gain in any particular by Reciprocity, while it is certain they would lose heavily on their grain by a scarcity of money at certain seasons.

Free-Traders continually assert that duty necessarily increases the cost of an article. I think I have, in the case of these machines, shown that it does not, and why it does not. The Free-Trade argument addressed to farmers is: Why should Canadian manufacturers be enriched at your expense? This is a powerful argument, when thus stated, and applied to the selfish side of human nature, without a proper knowledge of all the facts.

A farmer goes to Hall & Co.'s shop to buy a reaper; he takes a look about the establishment, thinks he sees a great many evidences of wealth; concludes, for certain, that Hall & Co. are getting rich at his expense, and decides to vote for the Free-Trade candidate at the next election. This is the effect of Free-Trade fallacies and lectures on him.

Messrs. Whitley, Fassler & Keily, of Springfield, Ohio, have an establishment many times as large as Hall & Co.'s. They export reapers to this country; that farmer appears to buy from them without ever appearing to suspect that *they are getting rich at his expense*. The Free-Traders never told him so, and the idea has not occurred to his own mind. He envies the moderate wealth of the Home Manufacturer, while the much greater wealth of foreign manufacturers does not move his envy at all. This is one of the pernicious effects of Free-Trade agitation.

They are not good men who seek office by arraying class against class,—telling one that others are getting rich at its expense; or instilling such principles as the foregoing into the public mind. Our interests are all identical. As well might the hand say to the foot: "I can do without you," as for Canadian farmers to say: "We can do without Home Manufacturers," without very great loss and inconvenience.

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