

With regard to the Agricultural interest of Canada :—

One of the most striking advantages which this measure confers upon the Canadian grower is, that although he cannot, for reasons already assigned, successfully compete with the grower in England, still he will realize the full benefit of the Home Market, as well as that of British North America, from which he has hitherto, under the existing system, been too successfully excluded by his more fortunate rival—the American grower.

It appears from the minutes of evidence, as well as from the numerous Addresses of the Legislature to the Home Government, that the Agricultural interest, as well as the trade of the Country, is in a very depressed state.

The protection which will be afforded by the proposed Duty will ensure to the Canadian grower a higher price for his products, and induce the investment of Capital for Agricultural purposes in this Province in preference to the United States. It will transfer the Duties on the articles when imported from the Mother Country to articles which compete with what he produces. It will also preserve our carrying trade, by securing the transportation through Canada when prices are high in England, when otherwise it would be directed through the Erie Canal ; it will have a direct tendency to create an extensive Home Market, by the increasing employment in navigating our waters, and it will materially lessen the price of transportation by diminishing the price of