

12. It has not increased the price of agricultural implements, and the quality is as good as before the tariff was raised, and has secured to us all the trade of the great North-West.
13. No.
14. Yes, by shutting out American produce.
15. Yes.
16. Yes. Yes, because there is a greater demand for farm lands.
17. Yes, by 25 per cent.
18. Stop tinkering at the tariff.

General Remarks:—On the whole the National Policy has been beneficial to the country generally, and has given the farmer, the manufacturer, and the miller the sole trade of the country, and has increased the wages of the laborer. In contradistinction to Grit misrule.

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1. It would be in their interest to admit Indian corn free of duty, because of its cheapness for fattening purposes. I do not see that it would make any difference whether other farm produce were free or not.
 2. It has raised Indian corn in price by the amount of the duty; there is little or none raised for sale here, as it is a precarious and expensive crop. Oats, rye, barley and peas have not been affected by the duty.
 3. I have not observed any effect.
 4. I cannot speak for the general Canadian market; there are not enough hams, bacon or lard raised hereabout to supply the home market.
 5. No.
 6. It is not profitable here to breed many more horses than to make sure of enough for home use. Our principal market for them is the United States. Beyond as above cattle and sheep are more profitable to raise.
 7. It would pay better to import American corn. 8. No.
 9. Yes. I do not know whether we are in a better position to negotiate a treaty or not.
 10. Wool has been low since the Tariff, but I do not think they have any connection.
 11. There is little or no flax, tobacco and sugar beet raised in these parts.
 12. Farm implements have been improving under all Tariffs ever since I began to use implements. I cannot separate cost caused by the Tariff from other cost, as the new implements differ from those used even a year or two ago.
 13. There is not an advance in price of woollens, I think. White and grey cotton, shirtings, gingham, ducks and canton flannels are dearer by 15 to 17 per cent. in consequence of the Tariff. Spades, shovels, hoes, forks, locks and screws are increased about 10 per cent by the Tariff. Nails and iron are much dearer, but I do not know what share of the increase is due to the Tariff.
 14. It has not increased nor improved.
 15. It has not. The emigration to the United States is very great and increasing. No Canadians are returning except to visit friends and take them with them.
 16. No, there is not. Farm lands have not increased in price, but they are held little firmer since 1878, because the crops have been good, last crop having been the best in 40 years in these parts.
 17. The condition of farmers has improved; of the labouring classes it has not—they are not so well off.
 18. The changes needed are to run the Government more cheaply, to compel carriers by canals and railways not to discriminate against Canadians, and to leave farmers as free as possible to sell and buy where they please.