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CANADIAN FARMERS CAN COMPETE WITH U. S. FARMERS EVERY TIME.

One of the arguments against reciprocity is that the Canadian farmers will not be able to compete with the U. S. farmers if they have access to the markets of both countries on equal terms. That the Canadian farmers can hold their own, and even do better than hold their own in such a competition, can be easily proved. In the first place they have always competed in the world's free markets successfully, with all comers. In the second place they have sold over three times the value of farm products in the U. S. markets than the U. S. farmers have sold in our markets. Take, for example, the official figures for the year ending

March 31st, 1910. The figures for the principal products effected by reciprocity show that our farmers sold \$9,735,060 worth of products in the U. S. markets, while the U. S. farmers sold only \$3,153,926 worth in our markets. And the average rate of duty against our products was nearly twice as high as the duty we charge for their products coming in here. The list, which is well worth studying, shows in which lines our farmers competed most successfully, and that on the whole our farmers are in a position to welcome a change of tariff laws that will put them on equal terms. That's why it is to their interests to vote for reciprocity. Read the figures:—

Imp. from U. S.	Duty.	Exp. to U. S.	Duty.
Horses	\$400,000	\$12.50 head	\$453,000
Cattle	25,000	25 per cent.	643,000
Sheep	130,000	25 "	574,000
Swine	2,000	25 "	6,000
Wheat	55,000	12c. bush.	1,800,000
Barley	100,000	15c. "	66,000
Oats	14,000	10c. "	535,000
Peas	35,000	15c. "	420,000
Beans	56,000	25c. "	25,000
Buckwheat	426	15c. "	90,000
Hay	142,000	\$2 a ton	673,000
Straw	1,800	\$1.50 a ton	24,000
Flax Seed	4,000	10c. bush.	741,000
C. and Tim.	743,000	10 per cent.	489,000
Potatoes	182,000	20c. bush.	346,000
Vegetables	486,000	30 per cent.	334,000
Apples, gr.	264,000	40c. bbl.	133,000
Berries	211,000	2c. lb.	147,000
Butter	16,000	4c. lb.	200,000
Cheese	45,000	3c. lb.	24,000
Eggs	178,000	3c. doz.	12,000
Maple S. & S.	700	1c. lb.	131,000
Apples, evaporated	6,000	25 per cent.	88,000
Poultry	57,000	20 per cent.	121,000
Cream	none		1,660,000
Total	\$3,153,926		\$9,735,060

Reciprocity Notes.

Eighty-six thousand tons of Canadian hay were sold in the United States last year. The American customs tax on this hay was \$344,000. Under reciprocity this tax will be abolished.

Nearly 700,000 bushels of Canadian potatoes were sold in the United States in 1910, notwithstanding the fact that a duty of 25c per bushel had to be paid on crossing the border. The figures are an indication of the extent to which trade will be developed under the conditions that will be established by reciprocity.

Even in the off year of 1910 we exported 48,000 barrels of apples to the United States. The duty paid on these was 75c. per barrel. In a normal year, and with no duty in the way, as provided for under

reciprocity, much larger shipments would be made and with greater profit to Canadian producers.

The duty on calves entering the United States is \$2 per head; on cattle valued at \$14 or less, \$3.75; on other cattle 27½ per cent. Notwithstanding these high duties 12,000 Canadian cattle were sold in the United States last year. The volume of trade accomplished in the face of such a handicap is an indication of what might be done under natural conditions.

Eighty-eight thousand Canadian lambs were sold in the United States last year and paid a duty of 75c per head on entering the American market. Sixteen thousand five hundred Canadian sheep were sold in the same market and these paid of tax of \$1.50 per head. Just watch for the expansion of this trade when reciprocity sweeps present barriers away.

ARKONA

Miss Lula Hunter, of Cornwall, is visiting friends in and around the Ark.
Mrs. Bretz, of Drayton, is visiting her father, Mr. Robt. Dunham.
Mrs. Bert Kelper, of Toronto, is visiting friends in and around the Ark.
Mr. Herb. Bartam, of Parkhill, made a business trip to the Ark on Monday.
Our fall mantles are now ready for your inspection.—Brown Bros.
Mr. John F. Dickson spent a few days last week at Toronto Fair.
Miss Lucy Waterman, of Sarnia, spent a few days visiting friends in the Ark.
Miss Geraldine Cochrane left on Monday to take a course in London Business

College.

Miss Alice Keene and brother Wilfred, of London, are the guests of the Misses Stella and Alta Rook.
Mr. and Mrs. John Hall and daughter, Dorothy, of Sarnia, spent Labor Day at Showler Waterman's.
Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Bears, of Bailey, Mich., are visiting their daughter, Mrs. H. Rook, this week.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morningstar, of Pt. Arthur, are spending their honeymoon at Mr. Albert Morningstar's.
Our dress goods dept. this season is particularly strong in all the leading weaves and colors. Make your selections early.—Brown Bros.
Rev. Wm. Moulton, of London, will

preach in St. Stephen's church, Arkona, Sunday, next, Sept. 10th, at 10.30 a.m. Subject—"Shall the King rule us or the Pope, or the guiding hand of God, in British affairs."

During the electrical storm Saturday afternoon Mr. Henry Rook's barn was struck. When noticed the barn was completely enveloped in flames, the buggy and horse being saved with great difficulty. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

Try a pair of Crompton corsets. We sell them.—Fuller Bros.

Miss Dorothy Cutler, of Coldstream, is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. J. G. Brown has returned from Elmvalle.

Miss Lettie Ott has returned from Aylmer.

Miss Mabel Jackson is spending a few weeks in Toronto.

Miss Elva Fuller has returned from Toronto.

Miss Nellie Nelson and Mr. Fred Nelson spent a few days in Toronto.

Miss Minnie Symons, of London, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wm. McPherson.

The new "Empress" shoes have arrived at Fuller Bros.

Mrs. (Rev.) Edmunds and Miss Lula Edmunds have returned after spending the summer in the Northwest.

The Misses Ella Copeland, Maggie Fuller, Marie Davidson, Olive Oaks and Mary Brown, are attending the Watford High School.

The budget from one of our correspondents here was mislaid to Warwick last week and did not arrive before we went to press.

Miss Ellwood, of St. Thomas, who leaves this month as missionary to China, spent a few days at Mrs. T. Pressey's.

Miss Ellwood addressed the Epworth League here on Tuesday evening.

Fuller Bros. are showing an excellent range of new wrapperette and kimona cloths.

Stoner—Evans.

The social event of the season in the pretty little village of Arkona was the marriage on Wednesday evening, August 30th, of Mr. Roy H. Stoner to Miss Sarah Gertrude, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Evans, at their home on King street. The ceremony, which took place under a beautiful arch, was performed by the Rev. W. A. Johnston, pastor of the Baptist church. The bride was beautifully gowned in cream chiffon tulle trimmed with pearls and gold points. Her going-away gown was of brown corded silk. Miss Mabel Brock, of Oakdale, very gracefully performed the duties of bridesmaid, prettily gowned in pale green mull with silk trimmings. The groom was supported by Mr. James Evans, brother of the bride. The wedding march was played by Miss Carrie Harper, of Hamilton, while little Miss Lois Baldwin looked very dainty as ring-bearer. After the congratulations the guests repaired to the dining room where a dainty epicurian repast was served. Many beautiful and useful articles gave material expression to the high esteem in which the bride is held in the community. After a short tour to Detroit and other points Mr. and Mrs. Stoner will reside at their home on the second line of Boscawen. Among the out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Brock and Miss Brock, of Oakdale, Mrs. and Miss Harper, of Hamilton, Mrs. (Dr.) Fair, of Durand, Miss Reta Boylen, of Dresden, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Evans, of Durand, Mich., Mrs. Adamson and Misses Myrtle and Ivy Adamson, of Strathroy, and Miss Eliza Fair, of Durand.

PLYMPTON.

Miss Nellie Peacock has returned from Windsor.

Mrs. Dr. Chapelle called on Mrs. McMahon last week.

Miss Squires is the new teacher in S.S. No. 8. She is already popular.

Mr. B. Dill's house was struck by lightning last week but little damage done.

Dr. J. F. McPhedran and family of Toronto, are visiting at the former's old home.

Mr. Sinclair called on Wanstead friends last week and is now holidaying at Hillsboro.

Miss Grace Campbell, of Forest, spent a few days last week with Miss A. Tait and Miss L. McGugan.

Mr. E. Jones died last week, aged 83 years. Funeral Sunday from his late residence, Wyoming, to the S. Plympton cemetery, service being held in the brick church. He leaves a widow, two sons and one daughter.

Miss Olive Tait and Miss Laura McPhedran took the Harmonic to the Soo this week to meet Mr. and Mrs. John D. McPhedran and son who are returning from a two months' visit with friends in Calgary, Moosejaw and other western points.

WYOMING.

The Wyoming correspondent of the Petrolia Topic of last week says:—"Mrs. Abbott, sister of Reeve Wilson, died in Watford on Sunday. Mr. Wilson is surely having his troubles and the sympathy of the village is extended to him and his family. Not long ago his son-in-law died of typhoid fever in Virginia. Following that his grandson contracted the same disease, as did another married daughter living in the south, but who is now here recuperating. Last week word was received that his surviving son-in-law met with a serious, if not fatal, accident in a cotton mill where he was employed, and Saturday Mr. Wilson received word of his sister's death. His son, Roy, left on Monday for Virginia to see what assistance he could render."

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