

the Argentine producer could compete with any possible success against the Canadian producer in his own home market.

It is said that live cattle can come to Canada from the Argentine. There is much disease amongst the animals of that country, and for years the Argentine has been forbidden to land live cattle in Great Britain or Canada. Our Quarantine Laws are strictly enforced. They will be just as strictly enforced under Reciprocity as they are to-day, and there seems to be no prospect at all that live animals from any of the Favoured Nation countries will be permitted to be landed in Canada in the future any more than in the past.

At the Imperial Conference, Sir Wilfrid Laurier secured an arrangement for the abrogation of these Favoured Nation Treaties. To-day Canada is hampered in commercial tariff arrangements, and is forced, by reason of these old treaties which were made, before Canada became a nation, by the Imperial authorities including the Colonies, as they were then called, without the Colonies having any say therein. This condition is shortly to be remedied. This is the last of the signal triumphs which Sir Wilfrid Laurier has secured in the upbuilding of the Canadian nation and the recognition of its status and maintenance within the Empire. At the last Imperial Conference, which took place in London in June, 1911, the following resolution was unanimously passed:

"That His Majesty's Government be requested to open negotiations with the several foreign governments having treaties which apply to Overseas Dominions with a view to securing liberty for any of these Dominions which may so desire to withdraw from the operation of the Treaty without impairing the Treaty in respect of the rest of the Empire."

We thus see that not only has Canada, through her great leader, secured a further and very important recognition of her authority in regard to her own affairs, but the practical effect is of the greatest importance; not only in regard to this particular pact between us and the United States, but also in regard to the several treaties we have already negotiated, and may in future negotiate, with other countries for the expansion of markets for our own products.