

separators, thresh and harvest wire, which are on the free list.

Special effort is being made to belittle the advantage of free trade in natural products to Canadians, and estimates of statistics have been used with a view to convince the people that the grain growers, in asking for free trade in natural products with the United States, did not know what they were doing.

An outstanding feature of the controversy in the selfish-minded men and professional politicians exhibit for the welfare of the farmer. The paternal interest they manifest in his affairs and their evident desire that he should not unconsciously do something that would not work out in his own interest is too thing? In other words they are very much concerned that the man on the farm should manifest any interest in economic and fiscal questions, which, in their estimation, he knows nothing about.

The grain grower and stock raiser of Western Canada who knows from years of experience and observation that his fellow farmers on the south side of the boundary line have received so much more for their product than he has done, will not readily yield to the specious pleading of "Special Interests" in his behalf and will more than likely disregard the teachings of his would be tutors in economics and do some thinking on his own account.

While we do not for a moment justify the continuance of customs duties on agricultural implements and freely admit that the agreement would be much more acceptable if free implements were introduced, we cannot close our eyes to the fact that its provisions will be of much value to the people of Canada. In order to demonstrate the relative value to the Western farmers of free trade in farm implements and free trade in farm products, we submit the following statement of the probable amount of customs duties the farmer on one half section of land pays each year and compare it with the probable value to him of free trade in farm products.

The following list comprises implements as classed in the trade returns as "agricultural implements." The retail price varies at different points and that given is approximately correct. The appraised value, for the purpose of determining the duty to be paid when the size of the implement is given, is correct, while in other things is given, is an approximation of different sizes is given:

Article	Retail Price by Farmers	Trade Agreement	
		Appraised Value	Duty
Hand plow	\$15.00	3.00	15%
Reaper	100.00	20.00	10%
Harrow	50.00	10.00	5%
Seed drill	100.00	20.00	10%
Wagon	100.00	20.00	10%
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