

ANENT RECIPROCITY

The United States Senate, the term of which expired at noon on Saturday last, failed to reach a vote on the proposed reciprocity compact. President Taft called an extra session of the Senate to consider the matter. The possibilities of the measure passing under the new Senate are said to be brighter than they could possibly have been

with the old Senate. The extra session will be called on April 4th.

Practically the only logical criticism that has yet been offered against the reciprocity agreement was made in the House last week by Hon. Clifford Sifton, who for 23 years has represented Brandon in the Liberal interest and who for nine years was Minister of the Interior. The sentiments expressed by Hon. Clifford Sifton are directly opposed to the views held by his constituents.

The Grain Growers Association in Manitoba through their executive repudiated the statements in Hon. Clifford Sifton's speech in the House that the grain-growers oppose reciprocity. They further declared the ratification of the reciprocity agreement, complete abolition of all duties on agricultural machinery, and the increase of the British preference to 50 per cent, on the general tariff.

Senator Cox uttered last week some very plain words about the self-announced spokesman of the financial interests of the country. He is out and out for the proposed reciprocity measures and states that the farmers of Canada supply the bulk of the money in the banks and if that money could be voted, its vote would be pooled for the agreement.

Hon. Duncan Marshall, Minister of Agriculture for Alberta, stated last week that the farmers of Alberta are delighted with the prospect of free trade with the United States. It will give them a wider market.

"Protection," said Mr. Marshall, "has not helped the manufacturers as much as they imagined. It has been the bringing under cultivation of much more land than before, especially in the west, that has helped. The farmers of the prairies have bought freely, hence the prosperity in the east. Neither will the reciprocity agreement affect the manufacturers in the main."

The House of Commons was assured last week by Mr. Carvell that it is the practically unanimous wish of the electorate of the Maritime Provinces, Conservatives as well as Liberals, for freer access to the United States markets in natural products. Mr. Carvell pointed out that his own constituency ran for 50 miles along the border line. "In my riding," said he, "during the last few years, hundreds of farmers have gone over to the American side, scarcely a stone's throw away. It was not because the land was more fertile or productive. It was because they were hampered by the tariff, and because they sought free access to the larger market."

It has become apparent that from the agitation on the part of the

Grange of the United States, the United States may admit free meat and flour from Canada without removing Canada to remove the duties on these products.

Treatment of Oats for Smut

To treat oats for smut prepare a solution as follows: Mix one pound of commercial formalin, 40 per cent strong, with 40 or 50 gallons of water in barrels. This formalin can be secured at a drug store. After the seed oats have been thoroughly fanned, spread them out on a clean floor and sprinkle them with the solution until damp enough to pack in the hands. Turn them with a shovel until all have been well dampened. Then shovel them into a pile and cover with some old sacks or carpets for two or three hours. The oats should then be scattered and turned from time to time until dry. As soon as dry, the oats are ready for seeding at once or they may be set for weeks until they can be used. Formalin solution is poisonous in considerable quantities but as recommended, is very weak. It will not injure the hands and is perfectly safe to handle.

What Ontario Counties Excel in

Editor, Farm and Dairy.—From Crop Bulletin, 106, of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, I have figured out the counties in which each crop is grown to the greatest extent and in the largest quantities per acre and present the results herewith. The county that produced the greatest quantity of fall wheat last year was Simcoe; of spring wheat, Renfrew; barley, Simcoe; oats, Huron; peas, Bruce; beans, Kent; rye, Northumberland; buckwheat, Northumberland; corn, Essex; corn for silo, Oxford; potatoes, Simcoe; carrots, Lambton; mangels, Huron; turnips, Wellington; mixed grains, Wellington; hay, Grey; sugar beets, Kent; pasture, Middlesex; orchards, Northumberland; small fruits, Halton; vineyards, Lincoln; garden acres, Middlesex; horses, Simcoe; cows, Middlesex; cattle, beef, Grey; sheep, Grey; hogs, Essex; turkeys, Middlesex; geese, Grey; ducks, Huron; chickens, Middlesex; horses sold, Huron; cattle sold, Middlesex; sheep sold, Grey; hogs sold, Essex; poultry sold, Middlesex; wool sold, Grey.

The counties in which highest yields per acre in various crops, were as follows: fall wheat, Perth; spring wheat, Rainy River; barley, Perth; oats, Perth; peas, Russell; beans, Hastings; rye, Dundas; buckwheat, Stormont; corn, Elgin; corn for silo, (tons), Stormont; potatoes, Sudbury; carrots, Kent; mangels, Perth; turnips, Peterboro; mixed grains, Perth; hay, Stormont; sugar beets, Durham.—J. S. Orr, Middlesex Co.

Farm and Dairy's Proposal to hold another prize Dairy Farms Competition this year and next throughout Ontario and part of Quebec was endorsed recently by the Directors of the Eastern Ontario Dairyman's Association at the time of their annual convention in Perth. The Association reappointed Messrs. Henry Glendinning, of Manilla, and Geo. A. Gillespie, of Peterboro, to act on the committee that will have charge of the competition and will pay their expenses while attending meetings. It was decided also to give \$150 towards the expenses of the competition.

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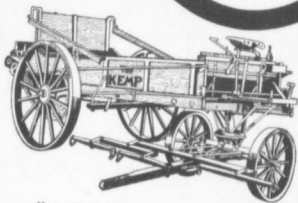
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