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THE UNDERWOOD BILL
AND RECIPROCIITY

Some Conservative journals
during the past few weeks have
been misrepresenting the tariff
situation as between Canada
and the United States, with
a view to pulling the wool over
the Canadian farmers' eyes. It
is an interesting feature of the
situation that the Congress-
sional statute ratifying the recipro-
city agreement of 1911
has never been repealed. It has
never been put in force be-
cause Canada left the agree-
ment unratified, and so long
as that statutory offer to Can-
ada remains unrevoked just so
long will the Canadian big in-
terests, who deprived the farm-
ers of the advantages it of-
fered and still offers, feel un-
easy in their contemplation of
the tariff controversy now go-
ing on in Congress.

A very brief consideration of
the provisions of the recipro-
city agreement as compared
with those of the Underwood
draft tariff bill will suffice to
show that for the Canadian
farmer the former is much
more advantageous. Under it
all the grains were to be ad-
mitted free into the United
States; under the pending Un-
derwood schedules wheat is
still to be taxed ten cents a
bushel, barley fifteen cents,
oats and rye ten cents, beans
twenty-five cents, onions tw-

enty cents, peas fifteen cents,
live poultry a cent a pound,
dead poultry two cents a
pound, eggs two cents a doz-
en, berries a half cent a quart,
cranberries ten per cent, ad
valorem, cattle and sheep ten
per cent. These proposed duties
are much lower than the
Customs duties at present col-
lected, but they are quite high
enough to make a difference to
Canadian farmers and Ameri-
can consumers of many mil-
lions of dollars a year.

These duties will unques-
tionably put Canadian farmers
all over the Dominion at a dis-
advantage as compared with
the reciprocity agreement. They
have collectively lost many
millions of dollars by the failure
to ratify that agreement two
years ago; under the proposed
duties they will continue to
lose heavily and needlessly
year by year indefinitely.—Toronto Globe.

A contemporary mentions
butter as the chief export of
Denmark. What about kings
and queens for the other
countries of Europe?

Militants have burned Sir
William Lever's house, think-
ing, no doubt, he could afford
to build another. While there's
life there's soap.



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FAVORABLE CROP PROSPECTS
STIMULATE WESTERN TRADE

DESPATCHES FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES IN CAN-
ADA SHOW GENERAL CONDITIONS STILL QUIET
BUT WEST IS IMPROVING.

New York, July 24.—Despatches
to Dun's Review from branches
in the leading trade centres of
the Dominion of Canada note
somewhat quiet conditions with
merchants generally awaiting
crop forecasts before entering
into extensive future commit-
ments.

Wholesale trade at Montreal is
not very active and retail busi-
ness is quiet as usual at this
season. There is a fair move-
ment of groceries, especially of
sugar, but there is only a moder-
ate placing of orders for dry
goods. The iron market is dull
but there is a good call for hard-
ware. Receipts of hides are fair
and some increase is noted in
the inquiry for leather, with both
commodities firmly held.

At Quebec general trade is well
maintained and local manufac-
turers are fairly busy.

Toronto reports a slow move-
ment of merchandise, as usual at
this season, although there is
good trade in groceries and hid-
es. Leather and wool displayed
strength. Merchants have orders
for Fall and Winter goods, but
the delivery of these will depend
upon crop results. Prospects,
however, in this respect are fa-
vorable and there is much confi-
dence in the future.

At Hamilton provisions still
show the usual dullness of the
season.

In the far west and northwest
there seems to be a slight im-
provement, the generally favor-
able crop prospects having had a
stimulating effect on business.
Winnipeg reports that retail
stocks of merchandise have been
well reduced, but merchants are
not yet disposed to buy much
more beyond their immediate re-
quirements. Crop prospects are
excellent and labor is well em-
ployed.

Most lines of trade at Saska-
toon are quiet on account of the
inclement weather, which has put

the roads in bad shape for traffic
but there is general confidence in
the situation and a large fall
business is looked for.

Edmonton reports that trade
conditions both in the city and
country show no improvement
but that the splendid crop pros-
pects have a stimulating effect
on sentiment.

At Vancouver a better sorting
trade is reported, but merchants
continue to operate conservatively
in Fall requirements.

Gross earnings of all Cana-
dian railroads reporting to date
for the first week of July show
a gain of 6.2 per cent as compar-
ed with the earnings of the same
period of the corresponding per-
iod a year ago.

Commercial failures in the Do-
minion this week numbered 36
against 24 last week and 37 the
same week last year.



OLIVER NORTH

Of Toronto, who was saved from
drowning recently by a 14-
year-old boy, Basil Savage, who
up to date, has rescued four
people.

CHICKEN AND MELON
ENDS HUNGER STRIKE

Possibly British Suffragettes Are
Not So Adroitly Tempted to
Break Their Fast.

Elizabeth, N. J., July 24.—The
manner in which Warden Charles
W. Dodd, of the county jail broke
a hunger strike yesterday may set
a useful example, he thinks, to
the keepers of English prisons
who become custodians of suff-
ragettes. William Turner, a
negro prisoner, sought to gain
his liberty by refusing to eat.

Yesterday morning the man
had been forty-eight hours with-
out food when Warden Dodd ap-
peared at the door of his cell
with a steaming plate of fried
chicken and a large section of a
juicy watermelon. One sniff and
Turner's hunger strike ended.

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