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INTERESTING ASPECTS OF OUR BUSINESS WITH CUBA

Gain In Our Exports More Than Offset by Increase In Adverse Trade Balances, Loss In Revenue and Injury to Domestic Interests.

In estimating the value and advantage of reciprocity as illustrated in our trade with Cuba the admirers of that system apparently are able to see but one aspect of the case. They confine their appreciation of the blessings of reciprocity to the single fact that our sales to Cuba have increased from \$21,-761,638 in 1903, a no treaty year, to \$38,380,600 in 1905, a full treaty year. This increase of \$16,618,962 in goods This increase of \$16,618,302 in goods exported to Cuba is accepted as conclusively demonstrating the perfect working of this reciprocity arrangement. The demonstration is good as far as it goes. But there is another side to the proposition—in fact, several other sides for example, the trade balother sides-for example, the trade bal

In 1903 (fiscal year), before we had entered into the reciprocity experiment, our purchases from Cuba amounted to \$62,942,790, and our sales to Cuba were \$21,761,638; adverse trade balance, \$41,181,152.

In 1904 (fiscal year), with six months of reciprocity, our sales had increased to \$27,377,465, and our purchases had increased to \$76.983,418; adverse trade balance, \$49,605,953, an increase of \$8,-424,801 over 1903.

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In 1905 (fiscal year), with twelve full months of reciprocity, our sales to Cuba had increased to \$38,380,600, but our purchases from Cuba had increased to \$86,304,250, leaving an adverse trade blance of \$47,923,659.

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There was, it is true, in 1905 a slight increase in the share of the United States in the total volume of Cuba's import trade as compared with the no treaty year of 1903, but the fact remains that in 1905 we were furnishing Cuba a cash surplus of about \$48,000,-000 with which to buy goods from com-

peting countries.

Then there is the customs revenue side. Under the terms of our bargain we reduced our tariff 25 per cent on cigars and tobacco of the value of \$14,-871,288, the loss of revenue amounting to about \$3,000,000. On the \$68,380,000 worth of sugar and molasses and other dutiable articles the tariff reduction of 20 per cent amounted in round figures to \$7,000,000, so that the total loss of revenue in 1905 was \$10,000,000. The gain of \$16,618,962 in our 1905

exports to Cuba as compared with exports in the no treaty year of 1903 is partially offset by our \$10,000,000 loss

The fact is that three-fifths of the expense of gaining export trade with Ca-ba is being paid out of the United States treasury. All the people of the United States are being taxed for the benefit of the relatively few people who are increasing their profits through inrger sales to Cuba. Moreover, the loss of \$10,000,000 a year in revenue is the chief cause of the deficit in the na-

tional treasury.

Then, again, there is the industrial side of the Cuban reciprocity question. The heavy increase in imports of leaf tobacco and cigars from Cuba by reason of the reduced tariff duties has to a proceeding entire to the college of the college. The secretary at Forksville, R. D. Lancaster, M. R. Black, Sec'y.

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John Howard Harris, Preside College: Courses in Arts, Philo son of the reduced tariff duties has to a practically equivalent extent diminished the demand for the production of domestic lenf tobacco and cigars of domestic manufacture. This loss to these two industries may be roughly estimated at \$3,000,000 a year at least.

The loss to the industries concerned in beet sugar-production in the United States has been many times greater.

States has been many times greater than \$3,000,000 by reason of the reduced duties on Cuban sugar provided for in the reciprocity arrangement.

Truman G. Palmer, a recognized au-

thority on domestic beet sugar produc-tion, is responsible for the statement that "Cuban reciprocity headed off the construction of some eighty new plants which were projected in 1901 and which would have required over forty millions of dollars' worth of new American machinery and other material and which would have annually turned some twenty millions of extra dollars into the pockets of the American farm-ers and as much more into the pockets of American laborers."

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It will be seen, we think, by any unprejudiced observer that on the whole the gain of \$16,618,962 in our exports to Cuba in 1905, under the reciprocity arrangement, has proved a costly gain

Minimum Tarif.

Our minimum tariff must be one suf-ficient to accord us the full measure of figient to accord us the full measure of protection. It must be the basis upon which we are willing to trade with every nation. It must be understood that we will not cut under this minimum, for to do so would virtually bring us nto free trade relations with the courry to which the further concessions were granted. Countries that will not leaf fairly with us on our minimum assis should receive the full force of our maximum duties.—Springfield Union.

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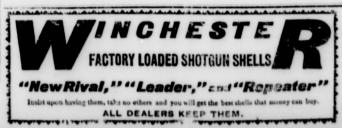
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