



A View on Prince Edward Island, Showing the Characteristic Flat Coast Land.

correct Mr. Morrison's statement publicly. Mr. Morrison read the editorial, told the audience The Globe had appointed them the judges as to whether the statement he made in the "Convention Call" was true, what is your verdict? The roar that went up confirming the secretary's statement was enough to raise the roof of Massey Hall. The effect of this castigation was reflected in the tone of the reports given in the city papers of the remaining sessions of the convention. The spirit of many of the delegates is illustrated in the following statement:—

A farmer rose up and in a trembling voice said: "I have a boy in France, and another going; if I could I would like to send a million men to help that boy because I want that boy to come back, but what is the use of sending men, if we cannot send them food? My boy knows all the hardship and misery caused by the Germans; for God's sake, do not add to his suffering by the spectre of starvation!"

Ontario and Quebec

Whatever else the Ottawa delegation

accomplished, it had the happy result of establishing happy relations between the farmers of Ontario and Quebec. Through an arrangement credited to the Minister of Agriculture the delegation from Ontario and the delegation from Quebec reached Ottawa the same day and formed into a joint delegation to lay their views before the government. The president of the U.F.O., referring to this happy union at the convention, stated in his characteristic style, "2,500 farmers from Ontario mingled with 3,500 farmers from Quebec," and unexpectedly discovered that their interests and their needs were identical. J. Masson, leader of the co-operative movement among the farmers of Quebec, and the organizer of the Quebec delegation, said that whatever influence the joint delegation had upon Ottawa, it had the effect of demonstrating to the farmers of both provinces that their interests were mutual, that they had a common problem to solve, that they were kept apart in the past by interested parties; now, that we got to know one another, they cannot keep us apart any longer.

What Protectionists Want

They would like to see the Organized Farmers Break with the Union Government over Conscription

EDITOR, Guide: By making Union-government possible last December, the organized farmers put themselves into an extraordinarily strong political position in Canada. They deprived the protectionist forces of their exclusive hold on the flagstaff. It is no longer possible for the corporation lawyer politicians to answer free trade economic arguments with flag flapping slogans. When the western farmers voted for conscription, at great sacrifice to themselves, they also freed this country of the incubus of commercialised patriotism, so long exploited by the financial controllers of Canada in Montreal and Toronto.

I am prompted to write this appeal through The Guide, to the organized farmers, not to be led away out of the strong position they hold, by the recent tendencies to weaken at the conference of the United Farmers of Ontario in Toronto, and the memorandum of the United Farmers of Alberta to the government. Let the organized farmers make no mistake: nothing could please the Tory press of the East more than to see the western farmers break with the Union government over conscription. So long as the independent democratic forces of the West, particularly the grain growers' movement, can fairly claim to have made Union government and the Military Service Act possible, the flag-wavers of protectionist Canada are baffled for material to work up public opinion against the inevitable democratization of government in this country. The moment there is a weakening of Western Canada's endurance of conscription, and tolerance of the government, it will be pounced upon by the scribes of protectionism, it will provide texts for the spokesmen of the protected and privileged interests, in parliament, to rant once again about standing by the boys

in the trenches, plus the old boys in the treasury vaults.

Stupidity of Some Members

It may seem to be the limit of sacrifice to the men left on the farms, to have to endure the stupidity of the government, or the stupidity of some members of the government, in such inexcusable actions as the calling up of farm workers during seeding operations to report to the military authorities. The many instances of hardship under the present regime of war government are no doubt sufficient to set the country ablaze in protest. But the government's mistakes make the reasons all the stronger why the cool heads of the organized farmers' movement should not be carried away into surrendering the forward position they have won for themselves in the public opinion of Canada, as they certainly would, if they were made to appear to be weakening on a war measure, the war measure, the Military Service Act.

Never have the prospects of fiscal reform in recent years seemed brighter than under the present government. I am a city worker: I write from Ottawa, the hub of political intrigue, pretence, and treachery to the public interest. I am under no illusions about the Union government: the forces of reaction are still powerfully represented round the council table, and economic power is still vested in the financial groups of Toronto and Montreal—the controllers of both the old political parties, camouflage Liberal and Conservative, through the party funds.

Steps Toward Economic Freedom

It is not because Sir Thomas White or Sir Herbert Holt, or Sir Herbert Ames, or Sir Charles Gordon have suddenly seen the light that steps towards economic freedom are likely to come;

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