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Appeal to Macdonald

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To the Electors of Macdonald :-

As a general thing a bye-election is

not considered of much importance, and this is especially the case when the government of the day has a large ma-

jority in parliament, so that the loss or gain of a seat has little effect on its

support in the House of Commons. But owing to the persistent demands and agitation of the Western farmers for

wider markets, a reduction in the tariff burdens and an extension of the British Preference, the Macdonald election is

of very great importance, not that a victory for the farmers would weaken the government, but it would impress

the government with the advisability,

if not the absolute necessity, of meet ing the demands of the West for econo

mic justice and fair play. Those de-mands were presented to our two politi-cal leaders and to parliament at Ottawa by the farmers of Canada, and will be

persisted in until free access to the United States markets, a policy of the progressive lowering of the tariff and an extension of the British Preference

leading to entire free trade with Bri tain, are secured. The Macdonald elec tion should not be regarded as a politi-

cal party contest, as it will have prac

tically little effect on the standing of the two political parties. But it will have an effect, and it may be a very important one, on the tariff policy of the government. Therefore every farmer in that constituency, no

matter what his previous party leanings may have been, should support the farm-ers' independent candidate, who holds

no brief from privilege or predatory in-terests, but is free to champion the cause of the people on the floor of par-liament as he has done before, and as

hament as he has done before, and as he has done for years both in and out of parliament, on the public platform and through his paper, one of the greatest exponents of Western progressive mea-

sures, devoted to the cause of the people

struggling in the grip of the elevator combine, Mr. Richardson was one of

their ablest advocates in parliament for securing freedom for the shipment and

The agitation which now threatens to sweep away the privileges of the C.P.R. in relation to the ten per cent. clause was anticipated by Mr. Richard-

son when he introduced into parliament in 1897, a resolution to appoint a

commission to ascertain the cost of the

shown that the road was then earning

over ten per cent. on the capital in-vested, and that control of rates might

be assumed by the government. His steech upon that occasion, when he laid

bare the financial methods of the en-

terprise, demonstrated the grasp he pos-sessed of the situation, of which most

Mr. Richardson was the only mem-ber of parliament to bring in a reso-

lution to interpret the clause in the

C.P.R. charter exempting the company's lands from taxation for twenty years,

to date from the time the company got

control of its lands, but his resolution was opposed by both sides of the

House, notwithstanding that an act had

been passed by parliament years before to interpret a clause in the charter in order to enable the C.P.R. to bring in iron and steel bridge material duty free, to replace the wooden bridges of first construction. These facts are

given to show the stand Mr. Richard-

son has taken when a member of par-

liament for the rights of the people. The farmers of Masdonald will not only

do credit to themselves, but will earn

West by electing Mr. Richardson to

represent them in parliament. He is bound to no party, but will, if elected,

be in a position to support any mea-sure, no matter by whom introduced.

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heneficiaries of special privilege to dictate to them not only where they must purchase their supplies, but also where they must sell their, produce? These plutoerats who invest millions of Canadian money in promoting United States enterprise and industries because they find such investments profitable, have decided that the Western farmers must not enter that country for the sale of their produce, even if found profitable to do so.

Farmers of the West have had some experience now of what the decision of Eastern plutocrats has cost them for the past year. Will they vote to con-tinue the rule of the interests, or will they strike for freedom to buy and sell where they can do so to the best ad-vantage? That is what the election in Macdonald means. That is what every election that will be held in the West for some time to come will mean, and is for the Western farmers to say whether they will have restriction or freedom of trade. It is "up" to them. They have scored heavily in Saskatchewan. That is the first victory. Mac-donald will have an opportunity of speaking, for a part at least, of Mani-toba. Every farmer of Manitoba, every-farmer in the West, will watch the action of the voters of Macdonald with intense interest. Let Macdonald be the second victory, and when Manitoba has an opportunity to speak as a whole there will be no uncertain sound. Let no one think that the farmers of Mac donald will win an easy victory. It will require the best efforts of every friend of the farmers in Macdonald to Government machines will be in win. full swing in that constituency. If Macdonald can be purchased, no mat-ter what the price, there is little doubt that the attempt will be made. East-ern interests and their friends in the government cannot afford to lose Macdonald if it can be won by any means. Everyone knows that. Therefore if the Everyone knows that. Therefore if the farmers of Macdonald win against such odds they will deserve the thanks and gratitude of every farmer in Canada. J. W. SCALLION. Virden, Man., Sept. 23, 1912.

C.N.R. MAGNATES ON GRAIN BLOCKADE

Winnipeg, Sept. 24.-Congestion of grain traffic, greater than that which eraised so much uncasiness last year, is forecasted by George Stephen, gen-eral freight agent of the Canadian Northern railway. Mr. Stephen has just returned from a trip through the West, and says :-

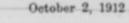
"It is a well known fact that the crop of 1911 was much later than the crop of 1910 in starting to move; and it is quite evident that the 1912 crop will be three weeks or a month later than the 1911 erop. The Dominion inspection department reports that from September 1 to 21 inclusive, 1.826 cars of grain were inspected this year, as compared with 5,600 ears for the same reriod in 1911. These figures are of-ficial and they explain the conditions which attend the harvesting of this year's crop. It is very evident that even with the best of weather conditions, from now on the railways will not have a longer period than two months in which to carry this year's crop to the lake front prior to the close of navigation."

Discussing the matter, Mr. Stephen pointed out that only one-third of the amount of grain had been inspected to date as was inspected by September 21 last year. "That shows, more than anything I can say." he added, "exactly what we are up against in mov-ing this year's crop.''

Sir William Says Otherwise

Toronto, Sept. 16 .- Sir William Mackenzie announced tonight that, according to advices received from the agents of the Canadian Northern railway in the West, there would be so appreciable congestion in moving the grain harvested this year.

"I think that it can safely be said that the grain crop will all be moved by spring," said Sir William. "Of

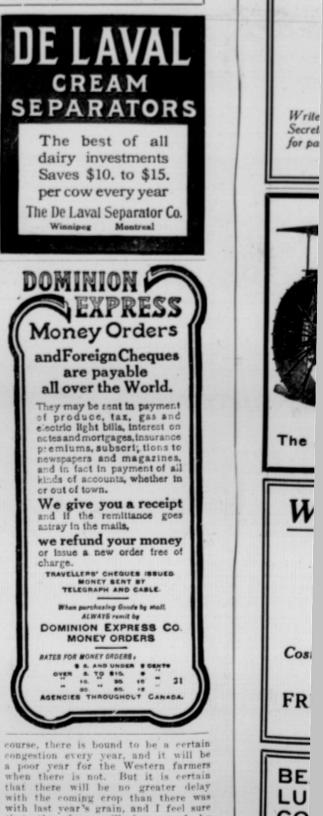


SURE CROPS In SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA

CALIFORNIA There you always have growing weather. Win-ters are so mild that stock thrives outdoors the year 'round. Frigation guarantees crops. Ten to fasty acress will give you a net income which you would not get from five or six times at many arre. "back east," and you save so much work and warr.

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