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House of Commons,

Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir, I take the liberty of forwarding you copies of the Report of the Grain Growers' Guide of the Grain Grower Conventions for the three western 1920 Conventions. There is a very strong ferment of agrarianism going on at the present time on the prairie. We are doing nothing to check this, indeed, being as we are without a liberal press, there is nothing we can do, in Manitoba. The press of the interests, is sedulously cultivating this Grain Grawer ferment - that is all but the Winnipeg Telegram which is an enigma. It is doing nothing but issuing fool stuff, that appears to be beyond the comprehension of Unionists as well as Liberals. But the Unionist press or what was till re-, cently, the Unionist press, in the west, is courting the Grain Growers. In am advised that the Grain Growers' Directors at the Manitoba Convention at Brandon in Jan. 1920, had a very serious discussion in regard to their policy of splitting up the opposition to the Unionists, and that there was a substantial body of opinion that this was a foolish politicy. This would indicate that the Grain Grovers may not be as great fools as they appear to be on the surface. However they appear to have been led by Crerar and the Free Press coterie to let the matter drop at the time. They will have to consider it and decide definitely on a policy in this regard before an election. The Grain Growers' Guide and the Free Press will do everything in their power to prevent any accommodation being reached by the Grain Growers and the liberals. That however is the paramount question

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