

NO STEEL BOUNTIES

The Sarnia Fence Company's Petitions
Are Effective with the
Government

Sarnia, March 15.—No doubt it will be gratifying to every farmer who signed the Sarnia Fence company's petitions against the renewal of the steel bounties, to learn that they have been effective with the government. It goes to prove what a power the farmers are if they will only unite and stick together. The Sarnia Fence Co. sent out 25,000 of these petitions, and the great majority of them reached Ottawa; five hundred thousand farmers told the government that they would not submit to be taxed in favor of a few capitalists. The government realize that the farmers are united in this matter, and the result is that you are relieved of this unjust tax for the present. You must bear in mind, however, that government aid is too rich a plum for the steel interests to let slip without a fight, and they are now making statements to the effect that the opposition to the steel bounties is the work of some New York Steel Corporation, who do not want to lose their Canadian market. This is absolutely untrue; the Sarnia Fence company is a strictly Canadian company operated on Canadian soil by Canadians with Canadian capital. This statement is made by the steel interests with the desire to, if possible, counteract the effect of the petitions sent to your member. Without question the steel interests will make strenuous efforts to induce the new tariff commission (which the government propose to appoint) to give them increased protection in the form of additional duty on all iron and steel products, especially fence wire and wire rods. The Sarnia Fence Co. propose to present to the tariff commission the farmers' side of the situation, and if possible persuade them to give the steel interests no further protection at the expense of the farmer. This is a matter in which you are vitally interested, whatever amount of duty or protection which is put on wire must be paid by the farmer as the price of fence must be increased whatever the duty amounts to. Now, the Sarnia Fence company cannot accomplish this without the support of the farmer, and we want you to keep the matter before you and at every opportunity state your views to your member, give him to understand that if he does not oppose the giving of a bounty on all steel and iron products or the placing of a duty on fence wire or wire rods, that you will resent it, and if he will oppose this in the interests of the farmer he will have your support. Don't let party politics influence you in this matter, by uniting and standing together against this injustice you will receive proportionate consideration at the hands of the government.

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undress, wash, feed and finally bring that baby to triumphant maturity. It's interesting, isn't it, Miss Smith?"

She said nothing. He twirled the cat furiously, until its tail gave way and it flew into a corner.

"Captain Jones," she said, "as I understand it, this bill is a codified conspiracy to turn every woman of this state into a washer of clothes, a cleaner of floors, a bearer of children—and a Haus-frau!"

"I—I would not put it that way—" he protested.

"And her reward," she went on, not noticing his interruption, "is permission to vote—to use the inalienable liberty with which already Heaven has endowed her."

Tears flashed in her eyes; she held her small head proudly, and not one fell.

"Captain Jones," she said, "do you realize what centuries of suppression are doing to my sex? Do you understand that woman is degenerating into an immobility—an inertia—a molluskoidal condition of receptive passivity which is rendering us, year by year, more unfitted to either think or act for ourselves? Even in the matter of marriage we are not permitted by custom to assume the initiative. We may only shake our heads until the man we are inclined toward asks us, when he is entirely ready to ask. Then, like a row of Chinese dolls, we nod our heads."

"I tell you," she said tremulously, "we are becoming like that horrid, degenerate, wingless moth which is born, mates and dies in one spot—a living mechanical incubator—a poor, deformed, senseless thing that has, through generations, lost not only the use but even the rudiments of the wings which she once possessed. But the male moth flies more strongly and frantically than ever. There is nothing the matter with the development of his wings, Captain Jones."

It was now growing rather dark in the room.

"I'm terribly sorry you feel this way," he said.

She had averted her eyes and was now seated, chin in hand, looking out of the window.

"Do you know," he said, "this is a rotten condition of affairs."

"What do you mean?" she asked.

"This attitude of women."

"Is it more odious than the attitude of men?"

"After all," he said, "man is born with the biceps. He was made to do the fighting."

"Not all of the intellectual fighting."

"No, of course not. But—you don't want him to rock the cradle, do you?"

"Cradles are no longer rocked, Captain Jones. I don't think you would be qualified to pass this examination with which you menace us."

He began to be interested. She turned from the window, saw he was interested, hesitated, then:

"I wish I could talk to you—to such a man as you seem to be—sensibly, without rancor, without personal enmity or prejudice—"

"Can't you?"

"Why, yes, I can. But—I am not sure what your attitude—"

"It is friendly," he said, looking at her.

"I am perfectly happy—I mean willing to listen to you. Only, sooner or later you must return to me those papers."

"Why?"

"The governor intrusted them to me officially—"

She said, smiling:

"But you—your governor, I mean—can frame another, similar bill."

"I'm a soldier in uniform," he said dramatically. "My duty is to guard those papers with my life!"

"I am a soldier, too," she said proudly, "in the Army of Human Progress."

"Very well," he said, "if you regard it that way."

"I do. Only brute violence can deprive me of these papers."

"That," he said, "is out of the question."

"It is no more shameful than the mental violence to which you have subjected us through centuries. Anyway, you're not strong enough to get them from me!"

"Do you expect me to seize you and twist your arm until you drop those papers?"

"You can never have them otherwise. Try it!"

He sat silent for a while, alternately twisting his mustache and the cat's tail. Presently he flung the latter away, rose, inspected the stars on the wall and then began to pace to and fro, his gloved hands

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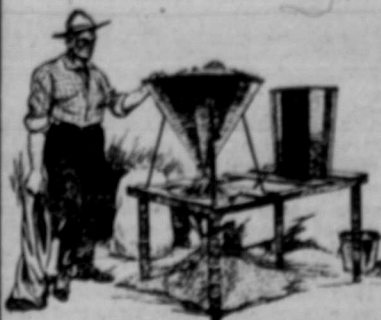
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