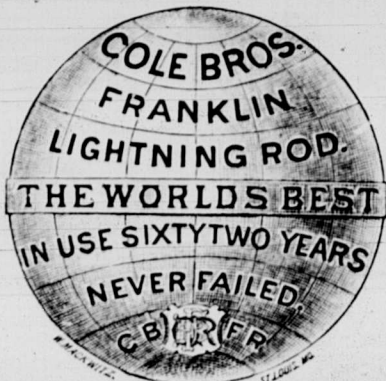


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Mr. E. F. Coke has severed his connection as agricultural editor of the Daily Free Press (Winnipeg), to superintend the Consultation Department of the Correspondence School of Scientific Farming. Mr. Coke is a graduate of some years standing of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, Ont., and besides that is one of Saskatchewan's good farmers where he controls 20 farms. Immediately on leaving college he repaired to Western Canada and has been identified with agriculture in the three provinces ever since. Many farmers are acquainted with him through his work in the Farmers' Advocate as well as the Free Press.

## Borden's Last Week

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together with the memorials presented, will be published later.

Glen Campbell, M.P., was one of the speakers at the public meeting at Dauphin. In the course of his speech, Mr. Campbell referred to a letter published in 'The Grain Growers' Guide' from J. A. Fisher, in which Mr. Campbell was charged with decrying the Grain Growers. That charge, he said, was false; he had not decryed the Grain Growers but he had criticised Messrs. Henders and McKenzie because he considered they were taking a partizan stand and were thereby ruining the farmers' hopes. If the truth were known, both Roderick McKenzie and R. C. Henders had applied for government positions.

There were a large number of members of the Grain Growers' Association present, and these statements caused quite an uproar, cries of "Prove that," "Sit down," "Tell all you know," and other protests coming from all parts of the audience. Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Campbell continued, had been for months at Ottawa ("We sent him there," said a voice in the audience) and during all that time he was hanging around the Liberal headquarters and never went near the Conservative rooms. "Leave the Grain Growers alone," suggested another member of the audience and Mr. Campbell then spoke of 'The Grain Growers' Guide,' saying 'The Guide

ought to keep free from party politics and should censure the Liberals when they were in the wrong. "So they do," rejoined an interrupter, and Mr. Campbell said that although 'The Guide' had criticised him he had forgiven them after reading an editorial article which appeared on June 14.

At Portage la Prairie on Friday afternoon Mr. Borden was met by a delegation of Grain Growers, representing the Portage and Salem associations. Mr. W. M. Stewart on their behalf presenting a series of resolutions similar to those presented to Hon. Frank Oliver last month. The resolution dealing with reciprocity stated that the farmers viewed with alarm the source from which opposition to the agreement emanated and the determined efforts being made by organized capital and special interests to defeat the will of the people. The farmers, it was stated, resented the interference of the manufacturers to prevent the passing of an agreement which gave them access to the nearest market for their products and which did not affect the protection enjoyed by the manufacturers. Complaint was also made that sufficient progress was not being made with the Hudson's Bay railway, and the vote of \$2,000,000 for the construction of the line was contrasted with the guarantee of \$35,000,000 of C.N.R. bonds.

Mr. Borden in reply complained that the Grain Growers were not fair to the Conservative party in their references to the Hudson's Bay Railway and the C.N.R. guarantee. The opposition could not force the government to build the Hudson's Bay railway and they were not responsible either for the C.N.R. guarantee; in fact, he had taken exception to it. As to the reciprocity agreement, he gave the Grain Growers credit for being sincere in supporting it and he strongly resented any suggestion that he was not equally sincere in his opposition to it.

From Portage, Mr. Borden went to St. Pierre, driving to the village from Otterburne station and getting drenched in a thunderstorm when returning to his train at midnight. The speeches were chiefly in French, Mr. J. G. H. Bergeron being the principal speaker.

## Farmers at Morden

The last day of the tour was spent at Morden and Somerset, good meetings being held at both places. Two hundred Grain Growers were represented in the delegation which was introduced to Mr. Borden at Morden by W. H. Sharpe, M.P., delegates being present from Shadeland, Darlingford, Brown, Miami and Pilot Mound districts. Mr. William Compton was the chief spokesman, delivering an able address in which he said the farmers of the West hoped Mr. Borden would go back to Ottawa with a clear idea not only of the needs of the West but also of the ideals and aspirations of the Western people. Mr. Compton dealt at length with reciprocity and the question of the tariff generally, setting forth the reasons why the farmers believed the free exchange of natural products between Canada and the United States would be an advantage to Canada, and also pointing out some of the injustices suffered by the farmers as a result of the protective tariff on manufactured goods. Between 700 and 800 people attended the public meeting at Morden, which was addressed by R. E. Borden, Hon. Robert Rogers, W. H. Sharpe, M.P., and T. W. Crothers, M.P., and as usual it was noticed that Mr. Borden was generously applauded except when he attacked reciprocity and defended protection. Mr. Crothers tried in vain to arouse enthusiasm against reciprocity, and there was considerable protest from the audience when he said that the arguments put forward on behalf of the agreement were unmitigated rubbish. "It is surprising," he said, "that any intelligent man could be humbugged by any such rubbish."

## Somerset Meeting

The final meeting at Somerset on Saturday night was somewhat marred by a thunderstorm, which caused an adjournment from the open air to the hall. The public meeting was preceded by the presentation of a memorial by a delegation of Grain Growers, headed by Mr. Dennis McGee, of Swan Lake. Dealing with the reciprocity question, the memorial read by Mr. McGee said:

"Most of us live within a short distance of the boundary line and have noted for several years how farmers south of the line receive more for their grain and other products than we do on the north. We

demand that this barrier, which prevents us from trading with our neighbors to the south, be removed. We claim that we should not be debarred from selling our products in any country that is willing to pay us the best price for them, and that it is an insult to our intelligence to suggest that trading with our neighbors to the south of us would make us less loyal or less devoted in our attachment to the Mother Country. We are strongly of opinion that free access to the markets of the United States would have a tendency in the direction of increasing the price we receive for our grain, and opening a more stable market for our farm products.

"We also regret that you have not, as far as has come to our knowledge, given any intimation that you favor any increase of the British preference. Great Britain opens her markets to our produce and we desire that Canada should open her markets to the manufactured products of Great Britain."

In conclusion, the memorial expressed disapproval of the election being held prior to redistribution.

## Rogers Attacks Leaders

Mr. Borden said nothing new either in his reply to the memorial or in his speech, the only feature of note at the meeting being a vicious attack upon Messrs. R. C. Henders and Roderick McKenzie, president and secretary-treasurer of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, by Hon. Robert Rogers. He stated that the Grain Growers as a body were entitled to the highest consideration, but they had men among them who came forward to deceive and put false statements in the mouths of intelligent people. The condition he had described had existed during the past two days in the case of an individual connected with the Grain Growers' Association of Manitoba. He referred to Roderick McKenzie, secretary of the association. Only yesterday or the day before Mr. McKenzie had visited localities in the northern part of the province, and although Mr. Borden had been quite clear in his statements with regard to the Hudson's Bay railway, they had Mr. McKenzie going amongst the Grain Growers and pointing out to them that Mr. Borden was pledging himself only individually, and that he was not binding

the great Conservative party. To mete out such treatment to their leader was unfair, unmanly and unjust.

Proceeding, Mr. Rogers said: "I only mention this to show our Conservative friends that they must not be misled by such individuals as R. C. Henders and Roderick McKenzie. They are using their position for the benefit of the Liberal heifers in Western Canada, and not to the benefit of the people of Western Canada. You will have these gentlemen going about the country circulating falsehoods. In the localities where they live their statements are of no effect, for they are despised by the dogs and crows of the communities in which they live."

After the meeting Mr. Borden and his party returned on their special train to Winnipeg and left for the East on Sunday morning.



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