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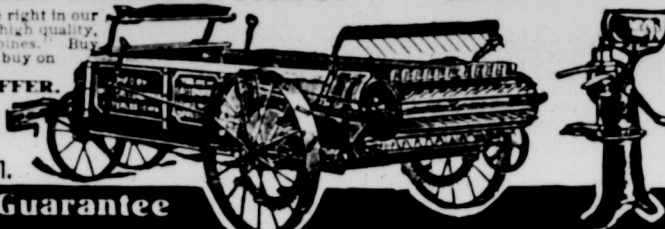
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as you ask for letters from others on this subject I would like to make a few statements of comment thereon and also another suggestion.

If the organized farmers really want honest M.P.'s and honest governments I don't think it would be very good policy for them to donate \$500,000 to the campaign treasuries of both political parties. Would that not be buying the members and keeping them corrupt?

The manufacturers and railroad magnates donate large sums to both political parties, and whichever party is in power is therefore the servant of the magnates. The farmers call that graft and dishonest government, but if the farmers donated large sums to both political parties would they not be in the same position as the manufacturers and railroad magnates?

Mr. Thomson believes that candidates should foot their own expenses and the electors should also contribute their share. Now if candidates had to put up a large part of their election expenses would they not expect to have the amount back again and interest with it, just the same as "big business" does when it contributes to both political parties? And would it not be a gambling investment, the elected candidate winning? And when a candidate puts up a large part of his election expenses does it not give him an incentive to do all in his power to get elected, even going to the extent of buying votes and other corrupt practices? No doubt, we have members of parliament who are apparently honest men who would not stoop to such dirty work to get elected and who pledge themselves to be loyal to their electors; but as soon as they get seated in parliament "big business" comes along and greases their palms with dollars and they do the dirty work for their masters, tho there are a few who can resist even that, and the electors cannot recall the offenders because it is unconstitutional.

Why not remove the incentive which makes the candidate corrupt? Select a member of the farmers' organization who will pledge himself to do his utmost for the farmers' platform in particular and the country in general. Most farmers are workmen who cannot afford to put up their deposit of \$200 and pay their election expenses and run the risk of losing it. Let the farmers select a candidate from among the organized farmers and put up the required deposit of \$200 and work hard to have him elected. They don't need any campaign wind to pay voters for working or for voting. The candidate in giving his services for the farmers, and the farmers' party should foot the expenses. Let the farmers make their representative sign his resignation as a member of parliament and give them the document undated. If he is elected and does not vote and work according to the farmers' platform they can date his resignation and send it in to the Speaker of the House, and that member is removed from parliament. You see, the old party candidates pay to get elected and are supported by the "big interests" and are therefore their servants. The farmers' party can foot their candidate's legitimate expenses and they will be the servants of the farmers. A corrupt politician would find it hard work to get into the farmers' party, and if one should happen to sneak in he would soon be expelled.

If the farmers want a representative who will support the farmers' interests they will have to elect a practical farmer. Now, if a bunch of pigs were having a hog congress do you suppose they would elect a butcher to represent them? I don't think they would. I think the pigs are wiser than that, yet that is the very mistake the farmers and workmen have been making for ages by electing lawyers, manufacturers and financiers to represent them who have no interest in the workers except to squeeze profits out of them, and the sooner they get wise to their mistake the better for them.

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