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the economic point of view, there may be taken as an example the reciprocity bill. Has not the average woman as sure an instinctive judgment of how the measure will affect the family fortunes as her husband? If so, is she not as much entitled to be heard? The farmers' wife is peculiarly fitted to give an expression of opinion on matters of economic interest. Every week, many of them make an account balance more nicely than certain high financiers of Wall Street fame would be capable of. Their husbands, it goes without saying, do not think them the less lovable, because their wives are not easy marks and have some horse sense. Let the law recognize the dignity of twentieth century womanhood. The part within which nature confined her was alright for the first when "mere man" could not go very far before his mental equipment failed him. Women, today, can raise babies, but also talk and think on a level with Cicero. Again, it is, sir, indubitable that the exercise of the right of suffrage has an educative effect, and the giving of it will broaden man perhaps as much as the woman, through increased family discussions. Now, need these lead to acrimony and dissension? Men and women have learned and will continue to learn to agree to disagree on certain subjects. In Wyoming, where the right of woman suffrage has been exercised longest, recent statistics show the number of divorcees is less than in any state in the union. If the state is an association for mutual well-being and law is the command of all, why not make these a reality by giving to each mentally responsible adult member a function and so make each potential voter responsible to all.

UNUS HOMINORUM.

Browning, Sask.

STAND FOR THE RIGHT

Editor, Guide:—Would you kindly permit me to use the columns of your journal to appeal to the reason of every man who loves justice, and is willing to help secure it for the toiling masses of the nation. The farmers are the wealth producers of this country. They have by their industry made this country a country to be proud of. They have also by their indifference and their party allegiance allowed the greedy element to get control of our legislators until our politicians today are men to be ashamed of, and whose lives in any nation would be that nation's disgrace, because of their alliance with these pirates. The complaint of our people that our party members do not represent the views of their constituents, but work and vote only as party leaders dictate, is widespread and deep-seated; and the course pursued by our members proves conclusively that the complaint is well founded and true. It is mockery to assert that our members represent us. Both parties are in favor of protection that compels eight millions of people to pay tribute to less than three thousand manufacturers. Both parties agree to raise their own salaries and to pay huge subsidies to railways, and both ignore the people's demands for lower freight rates and lower tariff. And so long as the people are willing to allow these politicians to select their candidates, so long will they be plundered. They deserve to be, if they allow the party press to divide their votes, for the party press is owned and controlled by politicians and corporations, and the editors are hired to poison the minds of the people. But I wish to pay a tribute to the Winnipeg Tribune and the Grain Growers' Guide, the only papers in Canada who had the honesty and courage to stand by the interests of the people.

Now, there must be found a remedy for these undesirable conditions. Why do not the people unite for their own common good? It is the right of any set of men acting with honorable intentions to select their own candidate. Let them call a meeting in each constituency, choose a candidate, finance him, and on election day elect him. The wonder is that this was not done years ago, and that people have for so long accepted conditions that are humiliating to any citizen with British blood in his veins, who loves liberty and abhors paying tribute to any pirates of industry. I believe the people are at last aroused. They are calling meetings in several progress-

ive constituencies to consider placing an independent candidate in the field. I believe the day of reckoning is near, and the farmers of Canada are not going to allow a handful of men in Eastern cities to dictate to them how and where they shall sell their produce or buy their necessities. The Western men, at least, will not submit to be slaves. This movement for justice and cleaner politics should appeal to every class. For the farmer, laborer, tradesman and merchant stand on common ground. It should appeal especially to the clergy for they are engaged in public service. They are giving their entire lives for the betterment of the people. What better service could they do than to help the men who are doing the best they can to improve things? Look at the effect of our present conditions is having on our young men who are led to believe by the examples set by our captains of industry. So get together and elect members who are workers, and there will be fewer scandals of graft in the land. Let us be men, not dumb herded sheep, fleeced every fall. Let us take an active part in the affairs of our country.

FRANCIS KILTY.

Dauphin, Man.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Editor, Guide:—The above subject in a recent issue of The Guide is well worth discussing openly. The farmers of the West have combined to bring forcibly before the powers that be at Ottawa, the need for improvement in the conditions existing between the consumers and farmers, and other matters of vital importance. The producer and consumer are in sympathy but the consumer is a comprehensive term for the general public. Hence all we can look for in that direction is the incorporation in furtherance of the aims of our association. To admit the general public to membership would be a mistake and would likely plunge us into the vortex of political scheming ere long. We must stand aloof from party politics if we are to promote the ends we have in view. Let our membership continue to be farmers and owners of farm lands. All others must be excluded, otherwise we court disaster and confusion. The general public are sufficiently intelligent to choose what cause they will support when an election takes place. What we have to see to is—that the policy of the Farmers' Associations is to give an uplift to the peoples' cause while seeking to advance their own.

JAS. H. PROCTOR.

Hillsley, Sask.

H. B. R. CONTRACT LET

Ottawa, Aug. 10.—At today's meeting of the cabinet council, the contract for the construction of the first section of the Hudson's Bay Railway from The Pas to Thicket Portage, a distance of 185 miles, was awarded to J. D. McArthur, Winnipeg, whose tender amounted to a little less than \$3,000,000, and was well within the estimate of the probable cost, according to the government's survey. Mr. McArthur is prepared to start active construction work at once, and considerable progress will be made this fall. He has practically completed his contract for the section of the National Transcontinental from Superior Junction to Winnipeg, and has his equipment and men all ready to undertake the new contract. The balance of the road will be placed under contract next year.

PAYMENT OF MEMBERS

London, Aug. 10.—A resolution to pay members of the House of Commons \$2,000 annually for their seats was carried by a vote of 256 to 159 tonight. The resolution was moved by Chancellor David Lloyd-George, who said that Great Britain was the only country in the world that did not pay members for their work in Parliament, which nowadays was so strenuous that the members had little time to attend to anything else. The Unionists opposed the payment plan on the ground that it would be a violation of the principle of gratuitous public service, as well as improper for members to vote themselves salaries. Arthur Hamilton Lee, Unionist, who moved the official Unionist amendment, argued that the effect of the chancellor's bill would be to keep out the best types, and fill Parliament with professional politicians. James Ramsay MacDonald, Labor leader, denied that the measure would cause corruption, and said it would tend to help the tide of purity, such as is flowing in in American politics.

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