

the manufacturer to set his wheels going, and which is bound to help increase consumption for the products of the farm.

We will depend upon every dealer in John Deere implements to stimulate his trade, which you are now in position to go ahead and do.

Yours very truly,

JOHN DEERE MANUFACTURING Co., LIMITED.  
JNO. W. KOTTMEIER,  
Sales Manager.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Are the figures given?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I have not the attached schedule.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: It would be very interesting to have that.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I have no doubt that I could get it for my hon. friend. The point I wanted to make clear is this, that the manufacturers of implements found it was not necessary for them to wait to see what action parliament would take on railway rates before determining what their reduction should be. They indicate that already they are prepared, with the reductions in duties that have been proposed, to make very substantial price reductions.

Mr. MEIGHEN: "Reductions in duties" is good in that connection—really good.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Duties and sales tax.

Mr. MEIGHEN: I felt rather sorry at the cruel rebuke embodied in the Prime Minister's remark to the hon. member for Brandon (Mr. Forke), though I knew he would not accept it that way.

Mr. FORKE: I would not bother about that if I were you.

Mr. MEIGHEN: I knew he would not accept it that way. Here was a question to which he had been trying for an hour to get an answer, but in vain; now it is answered, and the responsibility for the whole of that would be obvious to the hon. member.

Mr. FORKE: I am glad that the right hon. gentleman came to the rescue of the hon. member for West York.

Mr. MEIGHEN: No, the Prime Minister came to the rescue, apparently to the discomfiture of my hon. friend.

Mr. FORKE: Oh, I am quite happy.

Mr. MEIGHEN: It would look as though, from the letter read, the John Deere Company have confidence that they can rely upon this Crownsnest return. I do not know what they rely upon. I will accept the Pri-

Minister's statement that there is no understanding; I fancy, though, that some of them will wonder whether they have misunderstood things. Now, this letter says that by reason of these changes there will be reductions, but until we know the reduction we do not know what to attribute it to. So far as we know now we have had a reduction which is scarcely the amount of the sales tax reduction. I wonder if it demonstrates to hon. members just what the effect of the duty reduction was? Does any hon. member think that there would be the slightest particle of difference now in the price of these goods to the consumer had the duty never been touched? Does any hon. member think that the price would not be exactly what it is now had the sales tax alone been removed? Does not the John Deere letter precisely indicate that? I fancy that the schedule would wholly confirm it. However, hon. gentlemen just wanted some excuse to be able to say, "We got these reduced." But I would advise them always to carry with them the schedule of prices to the consumer of December, 1921, before this government got at elevating the sales tax and tinkering with the duty. Let them do that and then put beside it the schedule of prices to-day.

Mr. FORKE: Would my hon. friend allow me to make a remark in regard to these prices?

Mr. MEIGHEN: Oh yes, I am very generous to the hon. member.

Mr. FORKE: I think I mentioned on a previous occasion about pricing a double disc drill at Pipestone when I was home. The Massey-Harris agent told me at that time that he was authorized to state that any further reductions that could be made when the changes proposed in parliament came into effect would be made. He was allowed to make that statement.

Mr. MEIGHEN: I should think he would be. I do not think it was a very world-shaking statement. All the man said was that any that could be made would be made. Yes, and what could be made have been made.

Mr. FORKE: They are not the final figures. They may be lower yet.

Mr. MEIGHEN: They may? "Hope springs eternal in the human breast," especially in the breast of a Liberal-Progressive with respect to a Liberal government's budget. The whole thing is so plain that I should think a child could understand it. All this performance, all this trumpeting, all these manifestoes about duty reductions, all this de-