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By Order of the Board,

JAMES MASON, A1  
General Manager.

Toronto, July 22nd, 1914.

## The Farmer in Politics

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days? Has he ever known what it is to drive the harrows over a dusty fallow, to follow the plow with blistered feet, or to pitch and stook till the arms were raw and the muscles ached? And has he ever known what it means, after such a season of grinding toil, to find that his earnings will not nearly cover his legitimate debts? It is, of course, possible for these men to have a little outer or conceived sympathy, but I question whether it is often very genuine or very deep. It is for this reason that I think the formation of a farmers' party might be justified as a temporary move, in order to assert the farmer's power, and possibly to get into positions of authority the men who thoroughly understand his trials and his needs. To show how insignificant is the position of the farmer in the politics of Canada, I need only point out that the premier of the Dominion and the leader of the opposition are both lawyers, and of the four premiers of the western provinces two are lawyers, one is a journalist and another a grain merchant. This big rural constituency of Brandon is represented in the House of Commons by a Winnipeg lawyer, and I question whether farmers constitute more than half the membership of any of our western legislatures.

At the same time we must recognize that there is no farmer's party in sight at present, and in view of that people will ask what they are to do in the face of a coming election. I can only say that you must size up the candidates for yourselves, and support the man whom you think will best serve your interests as a farmer, or if you can find little to choose between the men take the different platforms, balance them, and vote for which you think best. You must, of course, remember that platforms are chiefly made to get in on, but if you follow the independent role you can at least vote against a man who fails to fulfil his pledges, if he comes before you again.

## Europe at War

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German invasions of France occurred at Nancy and Longwy, while a battle is reported to have taken place at Nancy.

From the Russo-German frontier come reports that Russians invaded Germany near Schwinden.

### Servia Lost Sight Of

Servia, the original cause of the upheaval, seems to have been lost sight of. The Austrians, according to reports from Nish, have virtually ceased operations against Servia in order to meet the greater danger in Russia.

Montenegro has mobilized to assist

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Servia and is reported to be bombarding Catari, in Delmatia.

Various rumors are current of naval movements, but none of them are reliable.

Tourists of all nationalities are stranded in France and Germany owing to the seizure by the governments of all railways for military purposes. Those who have succeeded in reaching England tell moving stories of the anxious times passed by them and the difficulties and inconveniences of getting here.

### Britain's Position

If Great Britain is drawn into the war it will be because of her membership of the Triple Entente.

The Triple Entente (England, France and Russia) and the Triple Alliance (Germany, Austria and Italy) form the two alignments of the six powers of Europe. Generally speaking a war between two members of opposing alliances would mean a war of the six nations. England, France and Russia are expected to back each other up in any trouble with either Germany, Austria or Italy. Such is the understanding expressed more or less loosely, but strongly enough to have maintained the peace of Europe for many years.

Germany, France and Russia now being involved it appears inevitable that Great Britain will also enter the conflict.

The smaller countries of Europe, like Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, Spain, Portugal, Denmark, Norway and Sweden may not be involved, but their territories will likely be overrun by the armies of the contenders. The Slav countries, Roumania and Bulgaria and Montenegro and Greece, will probably also become involved.

The war strength of the opposing alliances is as follows:

Triple Entente		
	Army.	Navy.
Great Britain	1,072,615	593
France	2,500,000	552
Russia	5,400,000	195
	8,972,615	1,340

Triple Alliance		
	Army.	Navy.
Germany	4,350,000	308
Italy	3,433,150	185
Austria-Hungary	820,000	119
	8,603,150	612

Never before in the history of the world has it been possible to organize armies of such enormous size. A war between such forces would, if carried on for a year, lay Europe in waste beside which that of the Napoleonic wars would be child's play.

### CANADA OFFERS AID

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 2.—The Dominion government did not wait for a formal declaration of war on the part of Great Britain to send to the motherland a message couched in clear and comprehensive terms, as to the meaning of which there could be absolutely no doubt, offering assistance in the present time of need.

The announcement that such a message had been dispatched on Saturday and a reply received today from Hon. Lewis Harcourt, colonial secretary, occasioned no surprise when made at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Altho Premier Borden declined to

make any statement on Saturday night, it was generally believed that Canada's offer had gone not many hours after the arrival in the capital of Sir Robert on Saturday. The offer places Canada in line with the other over-seas dominions, the Empire now presenting a united front to her foes. It is believed here that there will be absolutely no dissent from the promise made in Canada's message that the people of this Dominion "will be united in a common resolve to put forward every effort and to make every sacrifice necessary to insure the integrity and maintain the honor of our Empire."

Appreciation of the Dominion's determination to stand by the motherland, at any cost was expressed in Colonial Secretary Harcourt's message, who said that the British government "gratefully welcomes the assurance that in the present crisis they may rely on the whole-hearted co-operation of the people of Canada."

London, August 2.—Heavy firing in the North Sea is reported by wireless.

The first squadron of the British fleet disappeared into the North Sea on Saturday afternoon.

Sunday the funnels of Kaiser Wilhelm's dreadnoughts were sighted headed north.

The belief is general that the fleets of Germany and Great Britain are engaged.

London, Aug. 3.—A Brussels dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph says that the Belgian cabinet's response to the German note, offering an entente if Belgium would facilitate the movement of German troops has been given and is in the nature of a formal refusal.

### MANITOBA OFFERS REGIMENT

Premier Roblin reached Winnipeg late Sunday night from Minaki, having been recalled by wire from a week-end visit to that place, and hurried direct to Government House, where a council was held, Sir Douglas Cameron and Lieut. Col. Steele being present.

Seen after midnight he handed out the following for publication:

"At a meeting at Government House tonight it was decided in the event of the Mother Country becoming involved in actual hostilities to organize and equip a battalion of infantry 1,000 strong and offer it thru the proper channels at Ottawa to the Home authorities as a slight evidence of Manitoba's appreciation of being a part of the British Empire."

### DISASTROUS EFFECTS OF WAR

The war, tho scarcely begun, has already brought disaster and chaos to business conditions thruout the civilized world. The Bank of England on Saturday raised its rate of interest to 10 per cent, which is higher than it has been since the Indian Mutiny in 1857. Securities and stocks of every kind have gone down in value enormously, so much so that every stock exchange in the world has had to be closed to save vast numbers of people from ruin. The sale of drafts and money orders for the transfer of money from one country to another has been stopped, international commerce is practically at a standstill. Ocean traffic on the Atlantic has been stopped, ships being forbidden to leave port, and thousands of American and Canadian travellers who are in Europe on business and pleasure are unable to return to their homes or to leave the country they are in. From Montreal it is reported that the elevators are full of grain, but none can be shipped until convoys arrive to protect the vessels on the voyage across the Atlantic. With international trade practically made impossible, it can readily be understood that financial ruin faces thousands of business firms, especially those engaged in import and export trade.

### PETERS LEAVES MANITOBA

Agriculturalists generally will learn with regret that Professor W. H. Peters, who has been head of the Animal Husbandry Department at the Manitoba Agricultural College almost since the college was first opened, has accepted the chair of Animal Husbandry at the Agricultural College of North Dakota,

and will be leaving Manitoba for Fargo, N.D., in a short time. Prof. Peters has done much to advance the livestock interests in the Province, both from a practical as well as from an academic standpoint. He selected and trained all the teams which have competed so successfully in the stock judging competition held annually at the Chicago Stock Show, and in this manner he has brought the college, as well as the Province of Manitoba, into prominence along stock judging lines. In a wider field, too, his influence has been felt, due to the fact that he has been actively identified with any movement which had for its object the betterment of the livestock industry thru the West. While recognizing the loss to the community as a whole, Professor Peters' friends thruout the West wish him every success in his new sphere of activities.

## Manitoba Section

This Section of The Guide is conducted officially for the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association by R. C. Henders, President, Culross, Man., to whom all communications should be sent.

### SOLOGIRTH REORGANIZED

We have reorganized our branch at Sologirth with a membership of twenty, and hope to still increase. The present unsatisfactory state of the government elevators being a strong factor in drawing the farmers together at this point. Altho a little late in the season, we expect to accomplish something yet in the matter of co-operative buying, twine and coal being the two live topics at the last meeting.

W. J. WORKMAN, Sec.

### ALPINE ORGANIZED

I am pleased to announce that our president, Mr. McKenna and myself organized the Alpine Grain Growers' Association today about nine miles south of Benito. This Branch started off with 11 members and the newly appointed president, J. H. Stenberg, and C. F. Foss, secretary-treasure, claim they will have 50 members at the next meeting. This Branch consists of settlers from Sweden and are as fine a body of men as you would wish to see. They have erected a commodious hall in the centre of the settlement, 60 by 30 feet, and are well prepared to tackle the questions of the day on education, co-operation and legislation. Kindly send them out some copies of the constitution, copies of The Guide, and any other literature that will be educational.

JAS. S. PATTEN,  
Secretary, Benito G.G.A.

### HOME BANK EXTENDS

Business in Calgary, Alta., Warrants Opening of Local Office There

The "Monetary Times" of July 25th, is authority for the following item of news regarding the extension of the Home Bank of Canada in the West:

The Home Bank's business in Calgary, having increased considerably during recent years, a branch will be established there shortly. The business has been done from the Winnipeg office of the Bank in the past. A local manager has not yet been named for the appointment.

Senator Mason, General Manager of the Home Bank, has confirmed the information regarding a branch in Calgary. An office will be opened as soon as a local manager has been selected for the post.—Advertisement.

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