

British Free Traders' Appreciation

The following letter and address from the British Free Trade Union to the secretary of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association shows how the movement for low tariff in Canada is appreciated by and is assisting the free trade movement in the Old Country.

8 Victoria Street, London, England,
Sept. 22nd, 1910.

Roderick McKenzie, Esq., Secretary, Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, Winnipeg.

Dear Sir:—I have the honor to send you herewith a congratulatory address from the officers of the Free Trade Union to the officials and members of the Grain Growers' Association of Canada.

The officers and committee of my Union desire to express their gratitude to the farmers of Canada for the splendid stand which they have made. I am instructed to send the address to you as secretary of one of the leading associations in Canada, and to request you to be good enough to forward a copy to the officials of the other associations who have co-operated with your organization in again raising the standard of free trade in Canada.

May I draw your attention to the fact that the address is signed by prominent Unionist statesmen as well as by Liberals. They appreciate the deep debt of gratitude which free traders all over the Empire, but particularly in the Motherland, owe to the free traders of Canada for the stand which they have made on behalf of sound imperialism, real unity and freedom.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) G. WALLACE CARTER,

Secretary.

CONGRATULATION TO WESTERN FARMERS

Westminster, London, England.
September, 1910.

Roderick McKenzie, Esq.,

Secretary, Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, Winnipeg.

Dear Sir:—We have read with great interest and gratification the striking memorial presented by your association to the Canadian Prime Minister at Brandon last month. Your memorial was published in full in the British papers, and attracted wide-spread attention. The presentation of that memorial, followed as it has been by a series of addresses and deputations to your Prime Minister, on the subject of protective tariffs, has been a noteworthy and timely service to the Empire, and to the cause of free trade in every country, as well as in Canada. As officers of the Free Trade Union we desire to congratulate your association on the strong step which it has taken in support of free trade.

We note with satisfaction your disavowal of any desire for a preference in the British market, a policy which we have resisted as fraught with economic and political dangers, alike to the Empire as a whole, and especially to Canada and the Mother Country. Canada has hitherto been misrepresented by the tariff reform party here as a solid unit for protection. You have not only made it clear that this is a mischievous travesty of the facts, but you have demonstrated to the whole world that the maintenance of Canada's loyalty to the Empire does not rest upon so ignoble and precarious a foundation as the success of the protectionist movement in the Motherland. The welcome preference given by Canada to British goods, in itself a step towards the abolition of protective tariffs, has been used in this country as a weapon against free trade. The leaders of the protectionist agitation here have declared that this preference is in danger of being withdrawn, unless our people will consent to tax their bread and thus ensure a higher price for Canadian corn. By proclaiming your objection to such schemes of taxation, you have struck a powerful blow at the protectionist movement in Britain. That movement began with vague proposals for imperial preference, but those have been overshadowed by the protectionist argument. Tariff reform now finds its largest support in suggestions for the full protection of British industries by taxing food and manufactures upon their entry into the United Kingdom. The future of free trade all over the world is bound up with the defeat of protection in Britain. A protectionist triumph here would strengthen the cause of protection in every other country, for, just when other nations are trying to throw it off, we are fighting to uphold free trade in face of the great vested interests which here, as elsewhere, are seeking to enrich themselves by the imposition of restrictive tariffs.

We look to you, and to all other free traders in the British Dominions, to help us in maintaining the real unity of the Empire, by maintaining complete fiscal independence for each component part. We look to you to make it impossible for any political party to utilise the love and loyalty of all the British peoples as a political asset in a party game, or a means of fastening upon any one of them a fiscal system which is contrary to its interests and desires. The Empire has been built up by perfect freedom joined with perfect loyalty to the Crown. It is because your association has done and can do much to help us in maintaining these great traditions, that we have ventured to address you as the official correspondent of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association. We beg to offer our warmest thanks to your friends and colleagues in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta who have co-operated in the recent free trade demonstrations.

We trust that without any interference in matters of purely local concern, it may be possible for our union and your association to render each other valuable help in defending the only sound principles of trade, and in securing the prosperity and freedom of our Empire.

Signed, on behalf of the Free Trade Union:—

(RT. HON.) ARNOLD MORLEY, President.	
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WAITERS' ENGLISH

The waiter who bawls out his orders to the cook in the kitchen, may soon be as extinct as the dodo; but his cries should live forever.

"Mutton broth in a hurry" says a customer. "Baa-baa in th rain! Make him run!" shouts the waiter.

"Beefsteak and onions," says a customer. "John Bu!! Make him a ginny!" shouts the waiter.

"Where's my baked potato?" asks a customer. "Mrs. Murphy in a sealskin coat!" shouts the waiter.

"Two fried eggs. Dont fry 'em too hard," says a customer. "Adam and Eve in the Garden! Leave their eyes open!" shouts the waiter.

"Poached eggs on toast," says a customer. "Bride and groom on a raft in the middle of the ocean!" shouts the waiter.

"Chicken croquettes," says a customer.

"Fowl ball!" shouts the waiter.

"Hash," says a customer. "Gentle man wants to take a chance!" shouts the waiter. "I'll have hash too," says the next customer. "Another sport!" shouts the waiter.

"Frankfurters and sauerkraut, good and hot," says a customer. "Fib. Shep and a bale of hay!" shouts the waiter. "and let 'em sizzle!"—See York Evening Sun.