

WESTERN INDUSTRIES INSIST UPON PROTECTIVE POLICIES

Textile, Wood and Iron and Bag Companies, Appearing Before Tariff Commission, Declare Free Trade Would be Disastrous to Best Interests of the Dominion.

Winnipeg, Sept. 15—Local industries representing capital investments of millions of dollars in statements before the tariff commission, urged the retention of the protective tariff which, they held, made their existence possible. Several local firms definitely told the commission that any drastic lowering of the tariff would result in their having to cease business on account of competition from the United States. W. A. Lawson, representing the Beamis Bag Co. of Winnipeg, told the commission that if the protective tariff was removed United States competition would force the company to discontinue business in Winnipeg. G. E. Yogan, representing Winnipeg manufacturers of cotton textiles and knitted goods, made a similar statement on behalf of these industries. A plea for the retention of the protective tariff was also made by Mr. J. Wilson, representing Winnipeg firms engaged in the manufacture of steel products and sheet metal.

Iron Requires Protection

J. S. Menzies appeared on behalf of the combined wood and iron working industries of Winnipeg. The total of the invested capital of these companies he estimated at \$3,882,000. He told the commission that these industries required all the protection that the present tariff affords.

The Single Tax League of Western Canada, aligned itself on the side of the Canadian Council of agriculture in a statement before the committee in which they asked a substantial reduction of the tariff to be replaced by a two per cent tax on the unimproved value of all lands in the Dominion.

The Textile Interests

"If we are to die, far better would it be to have sudden death rather than prolonged agony," said R. A. Pringle, K. C., counsel for the textile interests of the Dominion, in referring to the platform of the Farmers' Party, which predicts free trade in five years if that party is successful at the next Dominion election. In conclusion, Mr. Pringle said there were great problems to be settled in Canada and a great war debt to be paid off. Industries must be encouraged if that debt was to be met. A tax policy of encouraging importation was the enemy of home industries. "We want the greatest revenue

from the least importation. We want to develop the resources of the country with the people of the country and we want the people to enjoy the benefits of these resources."

Value of the Trade

Mr. Pringle filed figures to show the extent of the cotton and woollen industry in Canada as follows: Cotton industry 26 factories; capital invested \$53,796,394; employees number 16,994; salaries yearly \$9,227,343; cost of materials \$34,289,862; value of products \$66,339,228.

Woollen, 75 factories; capital invested \$19,268,202; employees 5,578; salaries \$2,785,925; cost of material \$15,301,474; value of products \$25,063,515.

These figures, Mr. Pringle said, were for 1918 and since then there had been no substantial changes.

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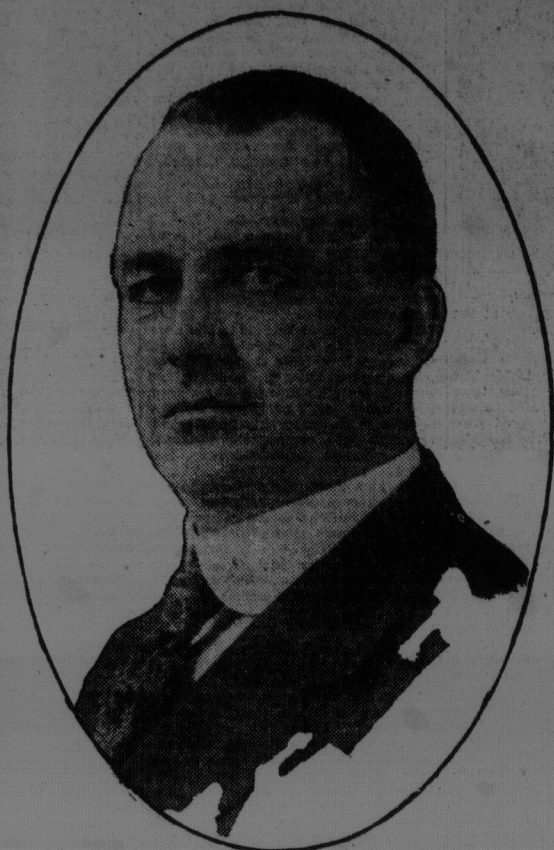
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During the brief term in which Hon. Rupert W. Wigmore has represented this constituency at Ottawa, the Government has not been in a position to undertake important new works. The years of the war demanded every possible cent of revenue for war purposes and since 1918 so great have been the demands upon the treasury for demobilization, re-establishment and reconstruction, that only a very few enterprises of a public nature have been given attention. The condition of the country's finances has prohibited any excepting the most pressing expenditures. Today, however, something of an improvement is noticed. By the imposition of new taxation which bears heavily upon none but which produces a gratifying revenue from those well able to pay, the country's income has been largely increased. Liabilities are being met as they come due, and the very greatly increased expenditures which this country has been compelled to assume because of the war will be provided for. Quite naturally this cannot all be done in a day, and new works, even the most necessary, may be undertaken by the Government only after careful consideration.

It has not been possible for Mr. Wigmore to secure millions for St. John any more than it has been possible for representatives from other parts of Canada, even including Cabinet Ministers, to secure funds for what they consider necessary works in their own constituencies. The policy laid down by Hon. Mr. Carvell has been consistently followed and only those expenditures made which covered works already under way when war began. The situation is now clearing and Canada is becoming more able to assume liabilities for public enterprises national in character and considered essential to the prosperity and progress of the country. There is a gradual loosening of the purse strings and those items of construction which have necessarily been held up for the past five or six years will in the near future receive attention.

No more competent Government ever existed in Canada than the Government of today, and it may readily be supposed that this administration, recognizing the position of St. John as a national port, will, upon proper representation being made of our immediate requirements, devote to the upbuilding of this port such sums as may be sufficient. In order that this condition may be brought about, St. John must be in a position to present its claims to the administration, and the only satisfactory manner in which this can be done is by having at the Council Board our own representative. As a private member Mr. Wigmore accomplished much in the face of almost insurmountable obstacles. As a member of the Cabinet, and under more favorable financial conditions, he will be in a position to place before his colleagues the needs of St. John, to outline the very good reasons why this port should receive most generous treatment, and to carry through those projects which he has had in mind for years but which have not previously been possible of accomplishment. St. John today, more than ever before, requires a man at the Council Board, one who knows through many years of close association with all our municipal activities, the wishes of our people, the needs of our city, and who realizes fully the importance of the position that St. John occupies as a national port. It is tremendously to our advantage that Mr. Wigmore shall have opportunity of so representing St. John, for during the next few years construction of an important nature, if our harbor is to be brought up to requirements, must be undertaken, and unless we have at Ottawa a representative in a position to impress those conditions upon other members of the Government, such construction may be longer delayed.

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