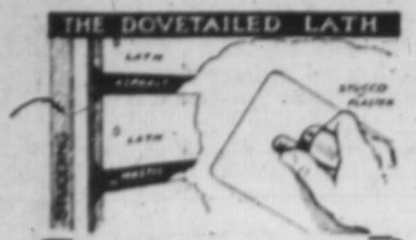

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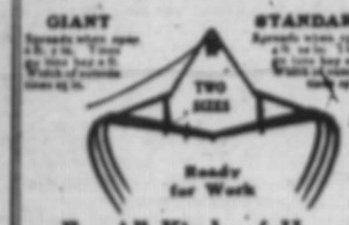

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LETTER TO CANDIDATES

The following is a copy of a letter sent out by the Saskatchewan G.G.A. to candidates for election to the federal parliament:—

THE SASKATCHEWAN
GRAIN GROWERS' ASSOCIATION
Regina, Sask.
June 7, 1917.

Dear Sir:—By the instruction of the full board of directors of this association I am forwarding to you a copy of the Farmers' National Political Platform, which is the political platform of the Canadian Council of Agriculture, representing the organized farmers of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario, and endorsed by the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association in convention at Moose Jaw last February.

I am instructed to ask what is your attitude towards this platform and ascertain whether or not you will pledge yourself to secure the introduction of legislation in support of its various clauses and to support such legislation when introduced. You will of course understand that your reply will be used for the information of our members and others adhering to our platform and that it will therefore be necessary to give it publicity.

A full reply at your earliest convenience will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,
(Sgd.) J. B. MUSSELMAN,
Central Secretary.

The following replies to the above letter have been received to date:—

Mr. McPhee in Accord

Your favor of the 7th inst., received, enclosing copy of the Farmers' Platform of the Saskatchewan G.G.A.

With regard to the tariff planks in the platform I may say that I have always been an advocate of these. Before coming to Western Canada I was in provincial politics in the east and I took a strong stand on the matter of abolition of tariff as affecting agricultural implements, farm machinery and food stuffs. All the planks in the tariff portion of your platform I accept, and will fight for with all the ability I possess. Furthermore, with regard to the taxation reforms mentioned in the platform I agree with these and accept them also.

With regard to the other reforms suggested in your platform, I will take them up in the order on which they appear in your platform, and comment on them.

1.—With regard to the nationalization of all railways, telegraph and express companies, this of course is a big question. Coming, as I do, from Eastern Canada, I know something of the Intercolonial railway, which, as you are aware, is a government-owned road. After the nationalization of all our railways, telegraph, and express companies takes place, I would sincerely trust that it works out better than in the case of the Intercolonial railway. At the present I cannot see why the nationalization of railways, telegraph and express companies would not be in the interests of Canada, providing, of course, the patronage system was abolished, and I will use by best endeavors to secure the introduction along that line.

2.—With regard to the leasing of our natural resources, with this I agree, except, of course, in the case of homesteads. I do not know whether your platform means to include homesteads with our other natural resources. In Prince Edward Island, in the early days, all our farms were held by tenants under lease from landlords, and the result was that while the lands remained under leases, the tenants made very little improvement. It was only when the government stepped in and took over the land from the landlords and resold to the tenants in fee simple, that the tenants began to make rapid improvement. Outside of our homesteads, I would certainly be in favor of short term leases for our natural resources.

3.—With regard to direct legislation including the initiative and referendum and the right of recall, I agree.

4.—I also heartily approve of the publicity of political campaign funds, contributions and expenditures both before and after elections.

5.—The patronage system has been a curse in this country and I heartily approve of its abolition.

6.—I also am of the opinion that the province should have full autonomy in liquor legislation, including manufacture, export and import.

7.—I certainly think that the extension of the franchise to women in any province should automatically admit them to the federal franchise, and I never could see any reason to the opposition to this.

By the above you will see that I am heartily in accord with your platform, and I pledge myself to secure the introduction of the legislation in support thereof, and with whatever ability I possess, I will heartily support such legislation. Trusting that this is satisfactory and with best wishes for the furtherance of the cause,

GEORGE W. McPHEE.

Yorkton, June 12.

W. E. Knowles' Stand

Yours of the 7th addressed to me at Moose Jaw has been forwarded to me here and reached me today, and as you asked for a reply at my earliest convenience I therefore write you without delay.

The Farmers' Platform which you enclose has already received my careful consideration and consequently I am in a position to advise you as to my attitude towards it and am pleased in stating that my attitude is quite favorable, that it commends itself to me and I shall certainly support it.

When I appear before the electors as a candidate it is my intention, without any hesitation to pledge myself to them to do all I can to secure the introduction of the legislation in support of the various clauses advocated in the platform and support such legislation when introduced.

You are probably aware that the direction in which this Platform moves is one which I myself have been advocating for many years and even during this season have taken a decided stand in the direction of better conditions for the agricultural interests of Canada in general and of the prairie provinces in particular.

I enclose you a copy of Hansard of April 27, 1917, where you will see a speech of mine reported on pages 927 to 932, and on the latter page you will see that I declared myself as making all partyism quite secondary to the interests of the west, and advocated that western members act as a unit irrespective of party to secure better conditions for the western agriculturalist.

I also enclose you Hansard of May 29, 1917, where you will see a motion introduced by the Hon. Frank Oliver on page 1858 and you will notice his resolution is very similar to the Farmers' Platform, as far as tariff questions are concerned, and you will see my speech on that occasion on pages 1867 to 1871, and on the following page 1872 you will see that my vote was given in favor of Mr. Oliver's resolution.

W. E. KNOWLES.

Ottawa, June 13.

Thos. MacNutt Approves

Having just returned from Ottawa for a few days I have found your letter of the 7th inst., asking me if I am prepared to advocate and support the Political Platform advanced by the Canadian Council of Agriculture, and endorsed by the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association, a copy of which you enclosed.

I can only state that I endorse it most heartily as I believe it is conceived, not only in the interests of the farmers, but of all the other occupations including manufacturing, transportation, business, professions, etc., and if given effect, would make Canada a good place to live in.

I may say, that I have in the past, at every opportunity, "advocated" measures along the same lines, and will continue to do so. I have however a couple of slight criticisms to offer: Clause (2) "Reciprocity" only covers a reduction of duty in agricultural implements to 15 per cent. at the lowest. This is inconsistent with that part of clause (4) relating to agricultural implements and farm machinery which would render them free. This was evidently overlooked in framing the resolution.

I am not opposed to the principle of "Recall" but I would object to 25 per cent. of the electors upsetting the work of 75 per cent. I would not object to say a 55 per cent. requisition, but 25 per cent. would mean that a member's opposition could recall him at any time. I think this is a logical conclusion. With the minor objection I am entirely in accord with your platform. The nationalizing clause would be a pretty large order, but I believe we have eventually to come to it.

THOS. MacNUTT.

Saltcoats, June 11.

Mr. Johnston's Position

I have your letter under date of June 7 re my attitude towards the Canadian Council of Agricultures' Platform. Let me say that I heartily subscribe to this platform with one exception.

Regarding clause 1.—British preference, I agree with the first part of this clause as to the reduction of duty to one half rates charged under the general tariff but to further reductions I think it unwise to make pledges that we may feel when the time comes to implement these promises by legislation that we cannot do so in the best interests of Canada.

We have no guarantee that the trade policy of the mother country will be the same in five years as it is today. However, the only change that I would ask is that a proviso be added to the effect that we pledge ourselves to these further reductions providing the trade policy of Great Britain is not changed.

In conclusion, let me say that in subscribing to this platform I do so not because it was formulated by the Canadian Council of Agriculture, but because it has been my platform as a grain grower in this province for the past twelve years and the territories before that time.

J. FRED JOHNSTON.

Bladworth, June 11.

ENDORSE MR. MAHARG

At a regular meeting of this local of the Saskatchewan G.G.A. held June 9, 1917, the following resolution was passed unanimously, "That we, the members of Dinsmore G.G.A. do heartily endorse and take pleasure in the action taken by President J. A. Maharg in coming out as an independent candidate for Moose Jaw constituency."

G. McALLEN,
Sec.-Treas. Dinsmore G.G.A.

The Edam Branch of the G.G.A. gave a box social and dance on February 2 in aid of the Belgian Relief Fund and the Red Cross Fund. The proceeds were to be divided as follows: 75 per cent. to the Belgian Relief Fund and 25 per cent. to the Red Cross Fund. Owing to the cold spell we had at that time we did not get as large a sum as we expected. However we had a fairly good success. The net proceeds amounted to $63.50. I am herewith sending you money order for $46.50, being the amount due to the Belgian Relief Fund. The money due to the Red Cross, I have left at the bank at Edam, as they make a monthly remittance to the Red Cross Fund.

J. NEEF.
Sec. Edam G.G.A.

Please find enclosed P.O. Order for $7.50, to be used for the Belgian Relief Fund. This is taken from the general funds of our local.

ERNEST R. BEATTIE,
Sec. Kinistino G.G.A.

Enclosed please find $5.00 to be applied to the Grain Growers' fighting fund.

JAS. D. SLED,
Sec. Lumsden G.G.A.

Please find enclosed money order for $100 for the Belgian Fund.

THOS. M. JOHNSTON,
Sec.-Treas. Narrow Lake G.G.A.