

\$10,000,000,000, the interest from which brings an annual income of £140,000,000 or \$700,000,000, besides this she has an income of some \$100,000,000 or \$500,000,000 from her shipping. Add to that the profit of her immense trade and we can understand why all the world goes to her to borrow. She surely fulfills the scripture prophecy of "being the lender to all nations and the borrower from none."

As illustrations as to the way the tariff works in this protected country let me give you two illustrations in my own experience after coming to Canada. When in the city of Hamilton some years ago I saw the works of the Wanzer Manfg. Co. and enquired if that was where the Wanzer Sewing machine and Wanzer Lamp were made. On learning that it was I said to a storekeeper I am doing some business with that, I would like to get a Wanzer lamp, and he kindly telephoned to ask the Company the price, \$5.00 was the reply. I bought the same lamp in Liverpool and Manchester for 9s. 6d. (\$2.25). About the same proportionate figures applied on their sewing machine. In regard to agricultural ma-

chinery, very much the same state of things exists. To-day I can buy a Binder for £25 (\$120) for which I have to pay \$175 in Western Canada. It has been stated that this machinery is inferior to what is sold here. Allow me to say Sir Wilfrid, that it is exactly the same. No difference whatever.

### UNEARNED INCREMENT

As you are no doubt aware this is the question that is being so much discussed in Great Britain, and if it is not settled here before long, it will become a very bitter bone of contention. The C.P.R. and other large corporations are holding land, either refusing to sell or asking prices that make it impossible for the farmers to pay, and thus keeping their land out of cultivation, whilst the homesteader is cultivating his land, paying all the taxes, and at the same time enhancing the value of the uncultivated land, upon which no taxes are being paid. We, as Grain Growers enter our protest against this state of things and request you, Sir Wilfrid, to see that more equitable treatment is afforded us.

### HUMBOLDT MEETING.

I beg to report that, according to arrangements made, the following branch associations had delegates to meet Sir Wilfrid Laurier, at the public meeting on the evening of July 23th. Humboldt, Wadena, Paseweg, Wovler, Lakeview, Togo, Fort Pelly.

Mr. Child, of Lakeview, and I read publicly the addresses of welcome, also the resolutions to Sir Wilfrid re the Hudson Bay Railway, Terminal Elevators, Tariff, Co-operative Legislation. The reply we got in his address to the public was:—Re the Hudson Bay Railway. That he could not see why the Grain Growers were bringing resolutions to that effect, as the road is practically built. That the contract for the bridge over the Saskatchewan River at the Pax is already let, and as soon as the report as to which is the best harbor, Nelson or Fort Churchill, the road will be built without any delay.

Re Terminal Elevators. He feels with the farmers and a remedy to stop these offenders must be found. He was very strong on that point. Whether it would be government elevators, he could not say, but as soon as he got back to Ottawa he would call on the Grain Growers' Executives from Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, in order to get the best idea of what should be done in order to get legislation prepared for next session of parliament to cope with this evil.

Re the Tariff. That the Liberal party stands for lowering the tariff and have made quite a reduction since they came in office, and no doubt when the next revision of the tariff comes round, the tariff would be still further lowered and a reduction will be made in the right direction, as no government could stand who neglected the West, and especially the farmers.

Re Co-operative Legislation. As this was not a government measure, the government was not responsible for it.

No doubt these meetings will be of benefit, not only to Sir Wilfrid, but to the farmers of the West, who have had their grievances brought before the eyes of the public, and their just demands must be granted.

Humboldt, Sask. T. I. HAUSER, Sec'y.

### PRINCE ALBERT MEETING.

Sir Wilfrid has come and gone but I think he has carried away with him the impression that the Grain Growers, not only of Prince Albert district, but of the province mean business. We had a very fair deputation wait on him and did our best to emphasize the strong points of the different arguments favorable to our cause. While the replies were pretty much what we expected, that is, about the same as he has been giving at other places, still I honestly believe that the conditions in the West as seen by the Grain Growers are a revelation to him. I think the idea of the Grain Growers' Association interviews was a good one and one which will have a far-reaching effect. See to it that there is an extra stormy one at Regina, and make the argument in favor of the Hudson Bay Railway. The minister of railways claims that 80 per cent. of the assistance given railways since railway building started in Canada was for the benefit of the tillers

of the soil. I think there is a good opportunity to side-track that argument. The feeling of the West as regards the tariff should also be emphasized as strongly as possible, as I do not think the premier was quite aware of that feeling being as strong as it is.

ANDREW KNOX, Director.  
Prince Albert, Sask.

### WISHART PICNIC

The Wishart picnic was held on Wednesday, July 13. The Wishart Grain Growers form a very important part of our Punichy association and this picnic might be appropriately called our Grain Growers' picnic. The day was ideal for a picnic and a large crowd certainly took advantage of the fine weather to take a day off. All morning rigs could be seen coming from all directions to the picnic grounds, an ideal spot for a picnic. Before dinner the crowd amused themselves playing ball, swinging or exploring the fields and bluffs. Dinner was served in the grove. Dinner was hardly over before Mr. Spford's ringing voice could be heard calling the athletes of both sexes to competition. The rest of the afternoon was one succession of stirring events and surprises. A few of the interesting items were: Boy's vaulting won by J. McPhail over seven feet; throwing baseball by ladies, won by Kittie Whightman; Ladies boot and stocking race won by Gerlie Pruden, and others too numerous to mention. Last on the program but by any means not least was the game of baseball between the Punichy ladies and the Round Plain Daisies (ladies). This game kept the crowd in an uproar and the players are to be congratulated on the way they kept their nerve. The result was an easy win for the Round Plain Daisies. By this time the day had almost gone and people began preparing for home. We must not forget to mention the good work done by the bunch in the booth. They kept the crowd in good spirits—nothing stronger than lemonade—and also rendered yeoman service in keeping the excited ones cool.

The Wishart picnic will remain a pleasant memory in the minds of many for a long time, and we'll all live in happy anticipation of its recurrence a year from now.

J. S. ALMOND, Sec.-Treas., G. G. A.

### BIEFBAIT BUYING TWINE

In answer to your favor of the 3th inst., I would say that the Biefbait Association held a meeting in Rogers' Hall at Biefbait on July 9th, and considered the different subjects to be dealt with, and decided to send a delegate to Weyburn on August 3rd. This association holds its meetings every two weeks on Saturday afternoon. I think the farmers in this district are beginning to wake up and see for themselves the condition of things as they are, and are beginning to help themselves some. We have ordered a car of twine which I expect in a few days. We are now considering the best plan to raise funds for to build a hall and store-room where we could store goods as we have them shipped in.

J. H. CLARK, Sec.  
Biefbait, Sask.

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