

6. As to the subject of railway and ocean freights presented by Mr. Clarkson, we beg to recommend the matter for discussion to follow Mr. McEwing's paper on the subject.

7. We recommend that no action be taken on Mr. Breen's communication in reference to legislation in reference to lien notes.

8. We recommend that Messrs. Sproule and Breen's paper (clause 2) be discussed.

9. We recommend that Mr. McDougall's communication re Railway Act and Drainage Act be read and that Mr. McDougall be heard.

10. We recommend that as the points raised in the East Lambton Institute's communication are embodied in the 1st clause of our report separate consideration is unnecessary.

11. We recommend that the communication from Messrs. Whelihan & Wood, re farm lands inside corporations, be read and that the meeting consider the matter which we regard as important.

(Signed)

ALLEN PRINGLE.

Moved by Thomas A. Good, seconded by Wm. Wood, that clause 1 of the report be adopted.

A number of the members spoke on the subject, the majority advocating the removal of all trade restrictions.

The following was then moved by Allen Pringle, seconded by James Ewing, in addition to the first clause of the report, that, as absolute free trade with England and the United States would in the opinion of this Institute be a great benefit and relief to the farmers of Ontario and the Dominion in their present serious straits, this Institute would strongly urge every constituency here represented and every other in Canada, to return if possible at the approaching Dominion election members in favor of and pledged to support such trade relations irrespective of their political or party proclivities.

And resolved further that this Institute shall through its Executive memorialize the new government to take all proper and possible steps to secure such unrestricted trade with England and the United States.

About twenty of the members took part in the discussion.

The following amendment was moved by Mr. Redmond, seconded by Mr. Legge, that the first clause be amended, that instead of approving of free trade with the United States and England we approve of free trade relations with the United States in natural products and lines of manufactured goods of prime necessity to the consumers.

It was moved in amendment to the amendment by H. P. Crosby, seconded by Mr. Riddell, that this Institute desires the largest possible reciprocal free trade with the United States consistent with our connection with the mother country and the financial obligations of our country.

On taking a vote the first clause with Mr. Pringle's resolution was carried by a large majority.

Clauses 2 to 8 inclusive were adopted.

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