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eral delegates asked him if he could not compete in wheat. Mr. Bennett replied that he could compete sin wheat, but there were a great many other things in which he could not compete against the cheap labor of foreign countries. Roderick McKenzie said everybody knew where he stood on Free Trade, but the question was how they were to get it. It had been said that they must go outside Canada, and he had been very interested to read of the struggles of the farmers' organizations of Australia. The Farmers' and Settlers Association of South Australia complained that the farmers were being very badly treated The Farmers' and Settlers Association of South Australia complained that the farmers were being very badly treated by the Labor party which was in power, but they were not satisfied with the Liberal opposition, and in 1914 formed a farmers' party. The result was that at the ensuing election the votes of those opposed to the Labor party were split and that party was returned tri-umphantly to power. At the next con-vention the farmers adopted a resolu-tion stating that the time was oppor-ture for steps to be taken by the Farm-ers' and Settlers' Association to join forces with all the other interests op-posed to Socialism, with a view to form-ing a united party was all right to talk about, but what was the use of tak-ing a course that would be against their own interests, and that they could not successfully carry thru. He moved an amendment similar to the resolution adopted by the Australian farmers. **Are There Two Parties**?

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Are There Two Parties? T. W. Knowles, of Emerson, support-ed the third party resolution, and stated that if they did not know that Mr. Me-Kenzie was entirely free from party politics, they would have thought that he was concerned about the interests of one of the parties. They might as well try to drive a six-inch spike with their fists as to get legislation favorable to the farmers from either of the two old parties, which he claimed were really one, and he was for the establishment of a Free Trade party. Madrew Graham, of Pomeroy, opposed the resolution, and pointed out that many grain growers who were strong partisans a few years ago were now very independent in their views. Let the good work proceed, was his counsel. J. R. Dutton was for the resolution, and could not understand how any Free Tender would be assime in.

J. R. Duiton was for the resolution, and could not understand how any Free Trader could be against it. R. C. Chaplin, of Ninga, was against the third party, and feared that if the Grain Growers went info polities they would wreek the association without ac-complishing their purpose. J. L. Brown and W. H. English also spoke-against the resolution, and the latter predicted that if it was carried it would break up the Grain Growers' Association. Association.

J. S. Wood advised the convention to J. S. Wood advised the convention to be very careful about passing such a resolution, recalling the days when the Patrons of Industry took such a step and suffered very hitter disappointment. Ilis experience was, he said, that farm-ers would never put up a campaign fund or even give two or three days of their time to work for a farmers' candidate, and until they had made a good deal of progress he considered it would be un-wise to form a new party.

The President's Position

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would have been necessary for him to go to the people of Macdonald and tell them that he could not be their candi-date. If the resolution had been carried the farmers' movement would have been set back fifteen years, and he was too old a man to spend another fifteen years in struggling for what they already had in sight.

FREE WHEAT CANDIDATES Brandon and Lisgar Seats To Be Contested

Free Wheat was naturally a very live Free Wheat was naturally a very live topic at Brandon convention, and reso-lutions on the question had been sent in from dozens of branches. The one pre-sented to the convention and adopted was, ''Resolved, that we endorse the action of the executive of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association and the Canadian Council of Agriculture in the matter of Free Wheat.''

On the program was the question, "What is our next move for Free Wheat?" and this brought out a lively

Wheat?" and this brought out a lively discussion. The properties of the produce only only wheat for home consumption, this proposal, however, was not taken arrows. That the best way to get Free Wheat the proposed that when the con-stituencies of Lisgar and Brandon, now where opened, the association should put condition the field and make Free Wheat the sole issue. His resolution the proposable means to secure the every benorable means to secure the every benorable means to secure the sole supported, and said he

thought the fight should be made on the single issue of Free Wheat, so that it might be practically a referendum on the subject. The resolution was carried unanimous-

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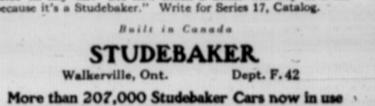
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