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INGERSOLL,
February 26th., 1925.

Hon. Arthur Meighan,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ontario.

My dear Sir:-

We regret exceedingly that your favor of Feb. 12th has not been taken up at an earlier date. Owing to the absence of the writer from the office this was neglected.

The Prime Minister must certainly have an exaggerated view of the matter, or he must be unfamiliar with the statistics regarding the imports of Fertilizer when he intimates in his speech from the Throne that the Tariff reduction of last season had no detrimental effect on the Canadian industry.

It cannot be but realized that laying down the Tariff bars, as far as the Fertilizer industry is concerned, allowed an influx of those manufacturers who had heretofore confined their efforts to home fields. With the abolishing of duty on Fertilizer it allowed them to enter a new field and dump their surplus stocks. Quite a number of these concerns were subsidiaries of Corporations who bought raw materials in immense quantities, securing very close prices, and while they secured profitable prices in their home fields they could afford to sell in Canada their surplus stocks at prices which just kept them from coming under the Dumping Act.

The condition in Essex and Kent Counties at the present time confirms the above. Prices started off for this Spring's business at a fair margin of profit, and the writer has just returned from a survey of this field and prices are cut from two to five dollars per ton. This causes an exaggerated suspicion with the farmers in dealing with the Fertilizer manufacturers. A great percentage of the fault can be attributed to the lifting of the Tariff.

Yours very respectfully,

WILLIAM STONE SONS, LIMITED.

[Signature]
Manager.

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