

You will pardon me when I continue to emphasize the great importance to every farmer in this glorious Dominion of ours, to never let one lean animal go out of the country and instead of raising and shipping annually 60,000 heads of fat cattle out of the country, let us hope to see the export swell to ten times that number, when the export of lean cattle ceases to be known, when every farmer will raise all his calves and have them fat for market at from 1 to 1½ years old, when every farmer will liberally feed oil cake and bran, then shall dawn an era of prosperity, the extent of which none of us can measure through its magnitude, grandeur and importance.

Mr. A. F. Jury, speaking for a delegation from the Trades and Labor Union which waited on the Institute, referred to an article in the Kingston News, in which it was reported that at a Farmers' Institute meeting in the neighborhood of Kingston, the principle of assisted immigration was approved of as a means of improving the condition of the farmer by cheapening the labor he has to employ. This he characterised as an injustice to the working men already in the country and an altogether artificial means of improving the condition of the farmer. By lowering the taxes on what he has to buy and removing the restrictions on what he has to sell he could gain \$10 for every \$1 he would gain by cheapening farm labor by assisted immigration. The interests of all producers, farmers and trade men, were the same, and he asked the farmers to co-operate with them in opposition to any further expenditure by the Government in assisting immigrants to come over and compete with the laboring men of the country.

After some discussion, in which it was stated that one-third of all the inmates of our asylums and charitable institutions were assisted immigrants, it was moved by A. P. McDougald, seconded by G. E. Mobray, that this meeting disapproves of the principle of assisted immigration. Carried

The meeting adjourned at 6 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

The following report of the Committee on Legislation was read and taken up clause by clause :

Your Committee on Legislation beg to report as follows :

1. We recommend that this Institute pass a resolution, unanimously if possible, urging the Dominion Government of whatever composition it may be after the approaching election, to promptly take all proper and possible steps to secure absolute free trade with the United States and England, believing that this would be of immense benefit to the Canadian farmer.

(One page of this report has been mislaid, containing

Clauses 2, 3, 4 and 5.)