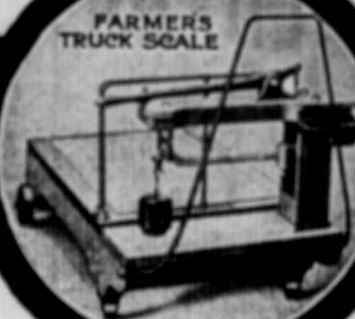




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### BUSINESS AND SENTIMENT

The Grain Growers' Guide has asked the Canadian Manufacturers' association to join in an effort to increase the British preference to 50 per cent. of the duty charged on American imports.

There are some manufacturers who would not object to this step if they were sure it would ward off a reduction of duties on American goods. The majority, however, would resolutely oppose it. They have just as much objection to British as to American competition.

The Guide, which pretends to speak on behalf of the Western Grain Growers' association, says the increase of the preference would advertise Canada's loyalty to the Motherland and strengthen the ties of Empire. Can't the grain growers see that this is a most unbusinesslike mixture of business and sentiment? Sentiment is all right when it can be used to help private interest. Last year it was a handy weapon against a scheme to shave 2 to 5 per cent. off the duties on a few lines of manufactured articles. But the grain

growers inconsiderately propose to pervert its use. They would associate the sentiment of loyalty with a reduction of the tariff. In this case, of course, loyalty and business ought to be kept in separate watertight compartments. The president of the Manufacturers' association takes this view in reply to The Guide.—London Advertiser.

### BUSINESS AND SENTIMENT

Considered as a sample of political tactics, the letter of The Grain Growers' Guide, of Winnipeg, to the Canadian Manufacturers' association was tricky but clever. The Guide (which claims to speak in behalf of the Western grain growers) asked the C.M.A., in session at Ottawa, whether it would "join hands with the grain growers in an effort to bind Canada closer to the Motherland by urging the Dominion government to reduce the tariff on British imports to one-half that charged on American imports," also to bring about "complete free trade with the Motherland in ten years."

If such a policy were adopted the grain growers would stand to gain much and to lose nothing, and the members of the C.M.A. would stand to lose much and to gain nothing. It was, therefore, hardly a fair proposal. It was clever, though, from the political standpoint, for in reply to the inevitable refusal of the C.M.A. to agree to the proposal, the grain growers are able to say to the manufacturers: "And that's the quality of your boasted loyalty to the Motherland; it won't wash."—Hamilton Herald.

### MANUFACTURERS' OPINION

Ottawa, Sept. 26.—In the opinion of the majority of the delegates to the C.M.A. convention, the telegram from The Grain Growers' Guide, of Winnipeg, the official organ of the grain growers of the West, was sent to President N. Curry last night solely for political reasons. Further, some of the delegates declare the telegram was prepared in Toronto and not in Winnipeg as stated.—Canadian Press Dispatch.

### A PROPHECY

The editor of The Grain Growers' Guide may be a man of erudition but his theories are those of Cobden and cannot be applied to a country like Canada with its diversified interests awaiting development. Time was when a majority of Ontario's electors believed that it would never be anything but an agricultural country, that any endeavor to establish manufacturing industries was comparable to believing that water could be made to run up-hill; and that Protection was a curse. Yet thirty-four years' trial has convinced the majority of Ontario farmers that a Protective tariff is a good thing and a necessity. Ten years from now The Guide man will modify his views. Industries will be established in the west. Canada's population may double and he will have become convinced that the home market is the best market and most worthy of cultivation.—Berlin (Ont.) Record.

### THE MANUFACTURERS AND LOYALTY

The farmers of the Prairie Provinces last week played a mean trick on the members of the Canadian Manufacturers' association, and put their much boasted loyalty to the test by sending the following telegram, through their official organ, The Grain Growers' Guide, to the members of the Manufacturers' association, while they were holding their annual convention in Ottawa. It was a cruel thing to do, for everyone knows that the manufacturers are as much opposed to increasing the British Preference and, incidentally, the ties which bind us to the Motherland, as they are to freer trade with the United States. This reply of the Manufacturers' association shows the real selfishness of the association, and goes far, as the farmers intended that it should, to show which is the most anxious to build up the ties between Canada and the Motherland, and to extend Imperial Unity, the farmers or the manufacturers.—Farmer and Dairy, Peterboro, Ont.

### MANUFACTURERS REFUSE

The Canadian manufacturers ignored the request of the Western grain growers to join hands to increase the British Preference. The Canadian manufacturers have frequently questioned the loyalty of the Western farmers. When the manufacturer finds that he is in danger of suffering ever so slightly, trade and loyalty have absolutely nothing to do with one another. The manufacturer is so intensely loyal that he is willing to sacrifice the welfare of the Western farmer and consumer in general in behalf of his country. But he draws the line when he is called upon to make a questionable sacrifice.

The Albertan does not believe that the Canadian manufacturer would lose very much by an increase in the Preference. Eventually he would not lose anything. Any industry that cannot stand up against outside competition after these generations of fostering is not a very sturdy industry and of no assistance to Canada.—Calgary Albertan.

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