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also discussed the matter with Mr. Blake Robertson here, and it was the unanimous opinion that Mr. Fofke's invitation should be accepted. There was also a unanimous opinion that the one man who could satisfactorily handle this subject was yourself.

I believe there are reasons why the case for the manufacturers should not be put in the hands of the officials of the C. M. A. I say this as a loyal member of the C. M. A., and without any reflection on any of them. This opinion was confirmed by all of these to whom I spoke, who were unanimous that you should be prevailed upon to accept an invitation to speak at the Grain Growers' Convention.

I have seen Mr. Forke since and again discussed the matter. I mentioned your name and advised him that I was writing you, and, unless he hears from me to the contrary, an invitation will be sent you. This Convention takes place about the first of November.

I might say that I intimated to Mr. Forke that, if you would go and present the main case, I would be glad to deal with the production and distribution of clothing as it is affected by the tariff. This would include a more or less comprehensive review, not only of clothing itself, but of the raw materials also, woollens, cottons, silks, and probably boots and shoes. We have a very excellent case, and I think the most ardent freetrader can be convinced that these commodities should be produced within the country.

I will be glad to hear from you as to whether you would consider this invitation, or, if you would like to discuss the matter further, I will be glad to meet you in Toronto at any time and review the several conversations both with Mr. Forke and Mr. Johnston, the Progressive Whip, also with the other manufacturers with whom I discussed the matter. In the meantime I can assure you that, after having discussed the matter with many of those interested, there is a unanimous opinion that the offer should be accepted, and the suggestion that you should undertake this task is just as unanimous.

Awaiting your reply, and with kindest personal regards,
I remain,

Yours truly,

(Sgd) R. P. Sparks,

President.

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