



# W. T. R. PRESTON'S Speech at Orono

## STARTLING REVELATIONS

Overseas Trade in Natural  
Products

\$20,000,000 Loss to Durham  
Farmers

Millions of Dollars May be  
Saved for Producers

At the Liberal Convention at Orono on September 14th, 1920, Mr. W. T. R. Preston, who for several years was attached to the Government service in Great Britain and other parts of the world, addressed a meeting on the overseas trade in Canadian perishable products. He furnished conclusive evidence of the enormous losses which had accrued to the farmers in the cost of transportation, and by the profits which had been retained overseas in alleged cost of the distribution of these products. The facts presented by Mr. Preston are startling, and have a direct and personal interest to every agriculturalist in the Dominion.

The speech was delivered at a meeting to consider the advisability of nominating a candidate to contest this Riding in the approaching election for the House of Commons.

Mr. Preston said: "It has been suggested that an explanation is probably

due to the electorate in justification for the Liberals nominating a candidate to contest the Riding at the next election for the House of Commons, in view of the fact that the United Farmers of Ontario have already placed a candidate in the field. This is perfectly natural, inasmuch as the U.F.O. and the Liberals are presumed to be equally opposed to the continuation of the present political rulers at Ottawa, coupled with the prevalent idea that their policies have much in common. It is quite true that upon not a few questions the Liberals and the Farmers hold identical views upon public questions. They each demand an end to the orgy of mal-administration of the Party in power at Ottawa—an end to the wholesale corruption and disregard for the decencies of government—an end to the utter disregard for democratic and constitutional procedure; and a demand that an early appeal shall be