



SASKATCHEWAN SECTION

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CITY AND COUNTRY

"My, this is an awful rain," said our Bluefield friend today, as he drew off his dripping coat and wiped his shoes on the mat.

Pulling a paper from his pocket, he said, "Have you seen this? (reading) Either grit or tory can swallow champagne?"

"Oh yes, I have read that letter," I said. "But don't you think the farmers can swallow any kind of a campaign dose grit or tory have a mind to mix up for them?"

My friend asked for a cuspidore. I said it was not required in this office but that he had better throw his quid outside, which he did.

"Well, Mr. Green," he said, "this is fierce. This Battleford candidate, elected by the farmers to work for reciprocity, now says he will support Mr. Borden to save the town. Yes, and the Regina reciprocity candidate is being urged to resign in favor of the Borden candidate, to save Regina, and the Moose Jaw member elect is to be asked to resign to save Moose Jaw."

"Save them what from?" I asked.

"Save them from being missed in the distribution of the government patronage," ejaculated my friend.

"Farmers to the de'il, reciprocity too," he went on. "Any policy that does not get for these city-bred people the patronage is of no use to them. Reciprocity to the winds. It is not a question of right with them, not that which is best for all, but what is expedient for them. They are the special privilege party. If you think just ever so little, you will discover this. Why, that was the dominant thought that carried almost every constituency. Do not run away with the idea that some different kind of a Referendum would have given the farmers reciprocity. We have the ballot and the ballot will be used by city bred people for city bred people. When farmers have learned to use theirs for the country people and better conditions of rural life they will be listened to—not before. When they can think together, plan together, vote together and put their own representatives in our legislative halls they may get some consideration—not before. We have got to develop some way to exercise force, don't you make no mistake about it. Let the farmers have their turn. Baa! Yes, when the farmers take their turn. Moral suasion is all right, but if the farmers wait for city people to measure out justice to the rural communities you will have quite a nice wait. No, sir, not till a new breed of men is raised; not so long as the love of ease is so prevalent; not so long as cities are so bright and cheerful, and country life so full of drudgery and is so unremunerative; not so long as city people look on the farmer as their lawful prey, the meat of their peculiar choice; not so long as they regard it fair to beat the farmer down to the lowest possible price for his produce and sell him their product in exchange at the highest possible price, while they work behind a high protective tariff wall and compel the farmer to work in the wide open fire of world wide competition, reserving to themselves the power of price-fixing on both sides. Oh, no, my friend, not so long as these are praised for their skill in beating the farmer, and are lauded for giving a tenth of the spoil to the Lord. Not while the speculator and the company promoter can creditably boast of their capacity to skin the country people as they swagger about with the unearned increment in their pocket, and pass the collection plate to the poor beggar who finds himself unable to collect the increment he has earned. On what kind of a referendum do you expect this breed to give farmers justice? How long will you wait when they are seeking protection for every urban class, but wish at the same time to subject the farmer to the bitterest kind of competition both at

home and abroad. How long, when the business men are tired of the process of honest toil and have in their own hands the power of evasion by the power of price fixing? Yes, from a pin to coal and timber on what we buy; and from an egg to a bushel of wheat on what we sell."

"Initiative and Referendum," I suggested.

"Pshaw!" said he. "Can't you see that the man on the land wants a higher price for his product and the city dweller wants to get them from him at less than cost. The man on the land wants the city man's product cheaper and cheaper. Their interests clash and there is no arbitrator but the law of competition; so there is commercial war between them, and is bound to be till you get some different principle as a balance wheel. Do you expect the city man to love you better than himself because you say, here is a ballot. Let's have a Referendum? You will need a different kind of arbitration board to that, my friend. No, sir, the breed of mankind we have to deal with is not the kind that will be, but the kind that is now, and we can only get that which we can take both in legislation and in business. I mean you cannot get your inherent right in either by passive non-resistance. Retainers of the old feudal lords, serfs in Russia, or the slaves in the southern cotton fields, were never any more at the mercy of their masters

also George Langley, E. A. Partridge and Mr. Paynter.

Much correspondence was read and considered. Also bills passed. A committee was appointed to interview the provincial government re several resolutions passed at last convention.

Mr. Paynter presented a plan of government hail insurance in line with the resolutions of last convention.

The following resolution was passed:—"That secretary be instructed to call a meeting of the directors to meet at Moose Jaw, November 1, at 9 a.m., in the association's office, Russell Block, for the purpose of adopting a plan of organization work for this fall and winter and any other business that may be presented. Directors to be notified to come prepared to stay until the business is completed."

"That the secretary, president and E. A. Partridge be asked to meet and draft a plan together with the object to be attained to present to the directors' meeting above referred to on November 1, for their approval, and that a copy of this draft be sent to the directors previous to the meeting, that they may become acquainted with its contents."

NEWSY BRIEFLETS

Wm. Schous writes that at St. Boswells they are going to start a Grain Growers' association. Twenty-one men have signed a document to that effect. They mean to co-operate in business as well.

Audry Branch President writes, "Why not get the premiers to let the people have

expressed, than that this would be better for England," said Mr. Bright, and he proceeded, "I should say that if a man had a great heart in him, he would rather look forward to the day when from that point of land which is habitable nearest the pole, to the shores of the great gulf, the whole of that vast continent might become one great confederation of states, without a great army and without a great navy, not mixing itself up with the entanglements of European politics, without a custom house inside through the whole length and breadth of its territory, and with freedom everywhere, equality everywhere, law everywhere. Such a confederation would afford at least some hope that man is not forsaken of heaven, and that the future of our race may be better than the past."

Now, is the "better than the past" going to come from such a continental ideal?

Is equality everywhere over there?

Is freedom universal?

Is peace everywhere in the United States?

Is law everywhere obeyed?

Are men and women, home and property rights, more sacred over there than here?

Do they have to contribute to a navy?

Are they free from European politics?

Do we really want to confine ourselves to the continent of America?

Is the world's work and problems confined to this continent?

Would we be more free from the ravages of the Special Privilege party by such a change in our governmental structure?

If the United States had not established a better condition on their territory than we on ours, where is the guarantee of their doing it on a wider area?

If there were no custom houses inside the American continent, from whom would we collect taxes—from those outside or those inside? Do we want to collect a tax to run our government from the other fellow? If so, will there not be strife between us and them? If we have no custom house inside or around the outside should there be any elsewhere? If not, is it not absolute universal free trade that is wanted? And then, with the single tax on land values, think you would there be universal peace everywhere? Equality everywhere, freedom everywhere, law everywhere? How then should we meet the competition of the Chinamen, Japanese, Hindoo and the poor Englishman? Cannot you almost hear the rustle of the wings of the new breed of middlemen, money exchanges and usury mongers that will be required in that day? We have got to get bigger hearted even than America for Americans. Bigger than much for self and less for all. Do we not still need a cross in our flag?

IGNORANCE

"To be ignorant of one's ignorance is the malady of ignorance."

"Better be unborn than untaught."

"The ignorant hath an eagle's wings and an owl's eyes."

"He that is not aware of his ignorance will be only misled by his knowledge."

CULTURE

"Nothing is so indicative of deepest culture as a tender consideration for the ignorant."

"Cultivation to the mind is as necessary as food to the body."

"The highest purpose of intellectual cultivation is, to give a man a perfect knowledge and mastery of his own inner self."

"That is true cultivation which gives us sympathy with every form of human life, and enables us to work more successfully for its advancement."

"Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn."

Attending local association meetings will help dispel "ignorance," establish human sympathy, and help stop the mourning.

than we are at the mercy of our organized manufacturing interests and their retainers. City people have always looked on the men who tilled the soil as their lawful prey. As their fathers have done so do they to this day. This subordination of right to selfish expediency was never more clearly demonstrated than in the proposal referred to; never were principles more ruthlessly and wantonly trampled underfoot and the interest of the many sacrificed to selfish special privilege few.

"Something must be done," said my friend as he brought his fist down on the desk. "To destroy this monopoly, this patronage system. We had better have direct taxation in some form; anything so that the man with a family does not have to pay five or ten times as much taxes as the man who murders his unborn offspring and revels in every kind of selfish gratification. We must establish equitable relative values between the different classes of labor product and stop this cut-throat competition between organized manufacturers and unorganized agriculturists. City people won't do this as you may see. No, the labor men won't; they could if they would, and they would if they could, so it is up to the men on the land, you see."

He picked up his cap, reached for his coat and started for the door.

DIRECTORS TO MEET NOV. 1.

An executive meeting was held at Regina on the 28th inst., at which there was present President Maharg, Chas. A. Dunning, A. G. Hawkes, Jas. Robinson

a Referendum vote on reciprocity? What say you all?

Oliver King, of Manitoba, writes declaring we need a Farmers' machine to thresh the professional politician.

East Cut Knife is again to the front with \$5.50 membership fees.

West View comes forward with five more membership fees.

George Langley, E. A. Partridge and Mr. Paynter were noticed decorated with our neat Saskatchewan button.

Mr. Neilson, from Keeler, called for information re shipping grain to The Grain Growers' Grain Company.

The constitutionality of Direct Legislation is being thoroughly investigated by Winnipeg lawyers.

The latest report we have shows that the world's production of wheat is some 80,000,000 bushels higher than last year. Wonder if it is true? Yes, keep borrowing money; keep paying interest. It will simply pile up money to pay interest on.

INVERMAY sends us fee for one more member; every one counts.

Ben P. Saloway, Halcynia, is on the move. Sends us fees for 24 members. They have two life members. Wonder what is the matter with all the other farmers at Halcynia.

THOUGHTS FOR THINKERS WANTED—AN IDEAL

Taft and Champ Clark not inventors.

The great John Bright, during the American Civil war, in a speech on the Trent affair, drew attention to the fact that Sir Edward Bulwer Lytton had ventured a prediction, that the time would come when there would be about as many independent states on the American continent as you could count on your fingers. "There could be no meaner motive

THRESHERS' ACCOUNT BOOK

Here is what one thresher says of our thresher's account book:

"I have used one of your books for two years and am well pleased with it, and commence to think they are the one thing necessary for a thresher, as if he uses it as he should, he knows just where he stands every night. I must say I am greatly pleased with it, and if I could not get one now would feel somewhat at sea in regard to keeping books."—E. H. Lowes, Moose Jaw, Sask.

Any thresher can get one of these books for \$1.00, postpaid. Book Dept., Grain Growers' Guide, Winnipeg.