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He says uniformity promotes better administration. Better for whom? The administration of our uniform public timber and coal lands are better for the interests and worse for the people than any similar laws on the planet. I wonder why Mr. Coyne wants to have the administration of our private land titles put into the same hands as administer the titles to our public timber and coal lands.

He says common laws strengthen common national sentiment. I wonder if they do? Take our tariff law as an example. It is made for the benefit of the privileged interests and I admit their national sentiment is strong, they wrap themselves up in the flag and say "look at our pockets, it is a lovely law." But what about the millions of native sons of Canada who were robbed of their birth-right by our tariff law and are now under the stars and stripes? Is that promoting common national sentiment?

Uniform Laws and Business Efficiency

Mr. Coyne ends up with a boost for uniform laws as assisting in business efficiency. May I point out that the farmer has enough business efficiency to pay his debts, if he can't do so while alive the creditor class can attach his cattle under execution after he is under the ground. What about the "trader" and the "investor" whom Mr. Coyne is so solicitous about? Are they efficient in business? Let them answer for themselves. Right at the present moment the Credit Men's Association of Winnipeg is putting a bill through the Dominion Parliament—a Bankruptcy Act—that permits them to shed their debts without paying them. But the bill solemnly excepts "wage-earners" and "persons engaged solely in farming or the tillage of the soil." This is not a common law it is an uncommon law a class law. It provides for practically every one but the wage-earner and the farmer crawling from under. Common laws, forsooth—the interests boost common laws so long as they benefit themselves but when it comes to a common law benefitting the farmers, they simply say "that's different."

Since the interests cannot get legislative union in Canada, they are trying to work the commissioner scheme as an alternative, and I admit the cleverness of the scheme. It is just making the farmer build the gallows on which he is going to be hanged politically. The commissioners are all to be "experts," that means that they are all going to belong to the creditor class, and they will, as a matter of fact, be corporation lawyers. There will not be a farmer or any man with a farmer's heart in the lot. Mr. Coyne tells us they will be "expert representatives" of the provinces. I tell you they will be "expert representatives" of the creditor class, nothing more and nothing less. I know the whole scheme from the inside of The Bar Association, and it is nothing but a rotten scheme to get the control of the making of the Land Titles Act and other acts out of the hands of the representatives and into the hands of the hired men of the interests. The very worst thing that could happen to the farmers in the matter of their land titles would be to get them into the control of men who would centralize the system for their own selfish ends. The Torrens system is a magnificent system, but it has already got altogether too much into the hands of the so-called "experts" of the financial classes. What it needs is simplication and the expense of it to be cut down. There is not a single advantage to the local owner of land in uniformity in the prairie provinces and no one can point out any single concrete advantage.

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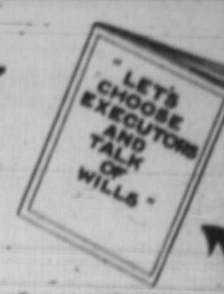

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