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FARMERS' DATE.

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being busy seeding, etc. While on the other hand they held that the town delegates could reach the convention hall in a few minutes walk and would all be present. They summed up that there would be as many towns as country delegates present under this regulation. It turned out alright, anyhow, as the town did not wish to send any delegates. I might add, I believe all the country delegates were present.

In accordance with regulations we appointed conveners for each polling division, who called meetings, made out lists of voters, and these meetings appointed their delegates. These delegates were not instructed to support any particular man or party, but left entirely free to use their judgment in voting for the best man up before the convention.

The constituency was all represented at the convention except the town of Macleod. Our town convener called his meeting, but very few put in an appearance, so few, that they said they did not wish to choose any delegates. There were different reasons for this action. Some said we were premature, others that our move wouldn't amount to anything. Some forgot all about it, and some were too busy. Up to the time of our town meeting any man had a chance to win the nomination who could satisfy convention that he would give the farmers' interests fair attention. He might be a lawyer, a merchant or farmer, a Liberal, Conservative or independent.

After being ignored by the citizens of the town and by both parties we decided to pick a man from among ourselves and run him as an Independent. We did this and did it in such a manner that our choice will be our next representative.

Macleod, Alta. W. J. GLASS.

A REAL MARKET PLACE

Editor GUIDE:—Please find enclosed two dollars on account and for my renewal for the coming year. I like the paper so much that I cannot be without it in my home, as it tells me how the prices of everything are going, and it is so helpful to the farmer. It is a paper all the farmers should have, and I would like to see all the farmers stick together and make a strong company, in that way we could soon have things the way we wanted them.

A SUBSCRIBER.

A TARIFF SUGGESTION

Editor GUIDE:—I see in THE GUIDE of May 4th, that you want all to write concerning protective tariff and taxing idle land. In regard to taxing idle land, I think that would be a proper move for if it was taxed double the amount of an inhabited parcel then the owner would not be doing as much to building up the country as the one living on the land. So I am for taxing the land held by speculators so that they help towards improving the country.

As for the protection the tariff gives, I think it a menace to our country and a curse to our land. On page 14 of May 4th issue of THE GUIDE, R. Nourse, of Stettler, Alta., gave me an idea although he has made one mistake, when he said that in the States they brought out the tariff every five years. It is every four years. He has the time between elections there and here mixed. Otherwise I agree with him and he gave me this idea. In order to curtail this protective tariff a little I think it would be a good plan for us all to buy our supplies from across the line and pay the duty on them. That would go to our government and not to the manufacturers to make vast fortunes for themselves. The more we patronize the home manufacturers the tighter we draw the bonds of slavery around ourselves. I have often heard it said that a burned child dreads the fire, but I think that a goodly number of the farmers have been burned so often that being burned again does not elicit any pain, and, therefore, they are not aware of the injury they are doing themselves and their countrymen, by patronizing our home manufacturers. A reasonable duty is all right, but when it becomes a protective tariff it is all wrong. As long as it is a duty it goes to our government, but when it becomes a protection it goes into the hands of the manufacturers as clear gain above a reasonable profit and living, for they can manufacture goods as cheaply here as on the other side of the international boundary, for over there

some of the manufacturers are sending their products to Canada and are making money after paying a duty.

I would like to read the ideas of all the farmers on this subject for it is one of vital importance—one that is affecting every man, woman and child who buys goods in Canada.

W. E. KEEFER.

Ashville, Man.

DEMANDS DIRECT LEGISLATION

Editor GUIDE:—Would you kindly give me space to say how much I enjoy THE GUIDE each week. It is a real educator from cover to cover. Even the cover appeals to me afresh every time. The motto is captivating. The several articles are always to the point and not the least interesting is the Mail Bag Department. There are always some good suggestions.

My object is also to offer a suggestion. Some advocate Socialism while others are opposed to it. Every one condemns the tariff and rightly so as opposed to the consumer. It might not be possible to get all to agree on every point. But if we were agreed that we should have a measure of Direct Legislation passed on the statute books, we could have it. We must have a full measure, including Initiative, Referendum and Recall. There is nothing unreasonable in this demand. The members of the different legislatures and commons, should in fact, and not only in theory, be our servants. Who can reasonably deny the right of employers to replace an employee who deliberately acts in opposition to the will of his employer. The Recall is a very effective

INJUSTICE WAS UNINTENTIONAL

In our issue of May 11th, an injustice was inadvertently done to the manufacturers of cream separators by allowing the publication of a letter which held up to sharp contrast the various makes of separators. Discussions on the cream separator problem are allowable in THE GUIDE, but not by naming the various makes and showing their strong points or defects. Cream separators, like all other machines, vary in structure and cost, and each may be worth the price asked. It all depends upon what the farmer needs. Cream separators come into Canada free of duty and the fact that some separators sell for higher prices than others and continue to sell is evidence that farmers feel they are getting value for their money. If the particular separator whose merits were so well set forth by our correspondent is all that he claims for it, then the best service that could be done to the manufacturer would be to induce him to advertise it in THE GUIDE.

THE EDITOR.

means whereby to insist that the will of the people be respected. It is full time for a change. As things have been managed hitherto, no one, I think, can truthfully say that the members either in the Dominion or local houses have represented the people. They are nominally our servants, very fairly remunerated, for what? Bolstering up corporations and combines and maintaining tariff laws with the object of creating a few millionaires at the expense and ever-grinding toil of the many. It appears to me a great farce, that we, the employers, are obliged to pay a lot of servants who will give so little heed to the wishes of their employers, and if at all, on quite different lines to what is required, as witness, our local elevator mill. I have no doubt that when the time comes some at least of those who sold their constituents will again unblushingly seek a re-hiring and hope the farmers will see to it that no further opportunity be given them to misrepresent us again. We have allowed ourselves to be hoodwinked too long and only when we cast aside party as such and elect the best candidate obtainable under a pledge to use every endeavor to place on the statute books a full measure of Direct Legislation, not omitting the—important Recall, can we hope to have measures adopted for the lasting good of the country. In my humble judgment this is the most important measure to be considered. Give us that, and everything we really need we can command. No honest candidate who really intends to represent his constituents can have any valid objection to giving the pledge, and if he fails to act the time would come when he could be retired. Neither Liberal or Conservative spells real progress. There is really no distinction. Both

oppose everything favorable to the people and support heartily every measure in the interests of class. We are obliged to pay dearly for our past errors. Let us at once set about redressing our grievances. We can do it, when the people will rule not in name only, but in deed and truth. So far as I am personally concerned in future I will only vote for the candidate whether Liberal or Conservative, who will pledge himself to a full measure of Direct Legislation. I would like to see this question kept to the front until it be an accomplished fact.

T. H. STEVENSON.

Minitonas, Man.

MR. OLIVER'S ATTITUDE

Editor GUIDE:—The letter of the Hon. Frank Oliver in reference to the chilled meat industry is hard to understand, at least by me, as a Western man who has always wished to give him his dues. One cannot make himself believe that Frank is really in earnest when he replies with such twaddle, on such an important matter as that of the chilled meat export of the Western provinces. No man is in a better position than the Hon. Frank to know the true reason why the live stock industry is in the present condition. He is a western man and has run a paper for many years in Edmonton, printing in that paper weekly the market prices of beef and hogs and he must have considered the local market prices for stock the worst advertisement for our province that his paper contained. When he was only a printer I think he would have done almost anything to improve the

market for the farmers of the west, for better prices at that time would have meant more subscriptions to his paper. Not only that, but I think he had a speck of feeling for the farmers at that time for he was then a part of the settlement and felt the pinching of the boots sometimes like the rest of us. Now times have changed, and the plain Frank is no longer one of us. He does not feel the same, he does not think the same, in fact I am afraid that he is but little of the same. Sorry I am to have to make such statements for Frank once had my confidence and shall again, providing I find him true to his principles, a square deal for all.

But Frank reminds me of a wealthy old lady in the Old Country who paid a visit to a very poor family on an exceedingly cold day. Finding them without fire, shivering in their poor cottage, on her way home, she said to her maid, "I must send them some coal. Just remind me after lunch." After lunch was over, the maid said, "Madam, what about the coal order for poor Mrs. Brown?" The old lady, by this time had become very warm and comfortable herself so her feelings for the other poor soul had vanished and her answer to the maid was, "Well, it is much warmer now so we will not trouble about it."

Just so with Frank. He is in a better position to-day, and he feels very little for the people of the west.

Now, the Hon Frank knows right well that the reason the export trade of the west is growing less year by year is caused by the fact that unprofitable prices have been paid for the past five years. He also knows right well that if a profitable market was provided and assured to the farmers, the stock would be forthcoming. He knows right well the temper of the

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farmers of the west have been aroused and that they are determined not to continue in an unprofitable business longer. I know that as soon as one ventures to say a word on this subject at the present time, you are asked, "What about present prices?" Yes, what about them? Are they not famine prices, brought about by whom? The men who have been robbing the farmers of the west for the last ten years, and only the other day one of them in our city was complaining before a customer that the farmers are a bad lot holding up the consumer for outrageous prices for his produce. But I think the consumers are wise enough to see through them. Is it not a fact that prices for bacon in our cities to-day are about the same as three years ago when the farmers received 4 to 5 cents less for his hogs. I was offered 3 1/4 cents for hogs when bacon was selling at Edmonton at from 18 to 23 cents. This is a proof of the way in which farmers were robbed at that time. The result of the unprofitable prices paid then is now upon the heads of the guilty ones. But that is not the worst of it. The province has almost lost what should have been to-day one of its best industries, and until the assurance is given the farmers that an outlet is provided for the produce the situation will not improve. The province never contained as many progressive farmers as it does to-day. They are asking the government and legislature for things they expect to get. They will soon ask our M.P.P.'s to serve them, not boss them. They are going to ask for men to lead them, not drive them, and governments to trust them, not grind them. Our farmers are not prepared to sign contracts that are unreasonable and submit to fines that cannot be collected legally.

Will not the Hon. Frank return to his own ways and support the people and work for the true interests of the West? He knows right well what the West can do. The goods will be ready if the markets are provided and means of transporta-