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J. E. FRITH.

Mooseomin, Sask.

DOESN'T LIKE THE GUIDE

Editor, GUIDE.—In your issue of the 8th inst. I notice a letter by "Fair Play" which I most emphatically endorse. I too subscribed to your paper under the impression that it was a non-political organ, but I soon found out my mistake. It passes as being independent and fair whereas I think it is altogether one-sided. When THE GUIDE went in search of information to the old country on the subject of the tariff question, it took good care to consult the British manufacturers who are in favor of Free Trade, passing by those in favor of Tariff Reform, as letters from the latter would not be interesting reading to the Editor of THE GUIDE. Anyone who is not acquainted with politics in Britain, would on reading your paper naturally conclude that British manufacturers were as a whole advocates of Free Trade, whereas this is not so. In fact the supporters of tariff reform in Britain are a very strong body indeed, composed of people in all paths of life, who believed in the greatness of the British Empire, which stands for "justice, freedom, order and good government." If THE GUIDE was an acknowledged Liberal organ no exceptions could be taken to its political aspirations. But when it is handed out to your readers as an independent paper then I say it should not show partiality.

JOHN ROBERTSON.

Bradwell, Sask.

Note.—Certainly we went after the opinion of British Free Trade manufacturers. Our pages are open at any time to any Canadian manufacturer who can give an argument in favor of protection. We will also be glad to give Mr. Robertson space to present an economic argument in favor of protection. We have been accused of being the organ of every party, clique and combination since we have been fighting for the farmers so that such accusations do not worry us. We certainly are not going hunting for arguments to bolster up the manufacturers. If they can't do that then their case is no good. We believe we have demonstrated that the tariff is economically unsound. If others can prove otherwise we will give them space.—Ed.

RECIPROCITY EFFECTS

Editor, GUIDE.—May I be permitted to enter your circle and pass a few rambling remarks? Regarding the benefits to be derived from reciprocity with the U. S. A. it seems to me that some of your recent correspondents are expecting too much as far as our exports are concerned at least. We must not forget that competing on equal terms our products would be a factor in reducing the price of the U. S. article. Our crop in 1909 reached nearly 120,000,000 bushels. Do your readers think that had there been no duty on our grains that prices would have remained as nigg as they were? Let us consider ourselves as manufacturers of

farm products. Is it reasonable to expect that we would receive an increased price for our exports equal to the difference between our present market prices and the new market thus opened up to us, and at the same time expect the American manufacturers of farm implements, etc., would be eager and willing to accept the same price in his new market as he obtains to-day 'n his present one? Would it not be just as logical to say that the U. S. manufacturers would get the same price for his goods as his Canadian rival now obtains under the sheltering care of the tariff laws while 'we the farmers would be eager to sell our wheat in the U. S. for the same price as we can now obtain outside of that country? How does the shoe look when you put it on the other foot. Mr. Sterling has shown us what would happen if a single farmer had free access to Uncle Sam's domain. Does he think that if every farmer in Canada were accorded the same privilege they would one and all receive the same benefit as the single farmer? However, by all means let us hammer down the tariff wall and not forget that our most effective tools are our votes, if we will only learn to use them to the best advantage. We have a good deal in your columns about the price of machinery in the United Kingdom, but I have not seen much about the retail prices of farm implements in the U. S. I think that if any of your readers could give us the average retail price of the principal farm implement, as well as any other article the farmer uses, say in North Dakota, they would be conferring a great favor by so doing.

H. J. POMEROY.

Roblin, Man.

NOT A FREE TRADER

Editor, GUIDE.—I am one of the farmers who do not believe in free trade, as they have it in England, which means direct taxation. I had enough of free trade while living in England, and so have most of the farmers there at least in the Eastern counties where I came from. Free trade with free trade countries, is sound business, so is protection, or as I see it it brings in revenue, and also makes a home market for what we produce, as it encourages home manufacturing. Some say the home market is a joke. Well I believe the farmers will find out. Free trade is also a joke if they do get it, and also what goes with it. You have a very poor opinion of the tariff reformers in England, but they have the welfare of the people at heart quite as much as the Radicals and Socialists, and their policy would do the most good to the most people in the longest run. I believe I have been in Manitoba, eighteen years farming, done nothing else all my life and don't expect to. I would like to see THE GUIDE use a little charity to those who differ from it.

FRANK GATES.

Treherne, Man.

HAIL INSURANCE

Editor, GUIDE.—In your issue of Jan. 25th, page 10, attention is called to hail insurance. Thereport is not very definite on the subject but it appeals to me as a matter of supreme importance to the Western farmer. With your permission I will give my experience with hail insurance for 1910. On the 29th of Aug. we had a severe hail storm, I suppose I lost from 2500 to 3000 bushels of grain, but I had one field insured, the field was in stock and battered by the storm on the wind side. My policy stated the insurance was good until noon Sept. 15th, it also stated it was not good if grain was cut. I sent in an application to the company for one dollar per acre (to test the policy) the reply was more curt than courteous—it said, read your policy, we are not liable and will not pay any damage. I may say I have two policies for 1910 and they both say the same thing I have paid premiums to the government and to other companies but the first time I got hailed I also got left. In future I will steer clear of insurance agents until there is an alteration in the policies issued.

T. BRAY.

South QuAppelle.

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Editor Guide.—Please allow a new subscriber a wee corner. You are certainly doing a great educational work through the columns of your paper, and though I do not agree with many of your views nevertheless I wish you God-speed. In regard to the many reforms needed

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