

Ottawa, April 6, 1920.

Dear Mr. McLeod,

It was more than kind of you to have sent me the Grain Growers' Guide's report of the three western 1920 Grain Growers' conventions. The information in this form will be of very great service to me not only for immediate use, but for purposes of reference in the future.

I read with interest what you say of the desire of our friends to put candidates in the field, notwithstanding the attitude and strength of the Grain Growers. My own opinion is that we will arrive more quickly to an accommodation with the Grain Growers by having candidates nominated in different constituencies than by leaving the field open, as it is at the present time. If, therefore, our friends feel in any mood for an active campaign on behalf of Liberalism in the West, I see no reason why this disposition should not be encouraged rather than discouraged. Great care should be taken, however, to see that whoever may be chosen as a candidate is a person deserving of the support of Grain Growers as well as Liberals. It will be unfortunate should any one be selected as a standard bearer of the Liberal party in any of the constituencies who is known to be antagonistic or unsympathetic to what is fundamental in the Agrarian movement.

I note what you say about the amendment to the Immigration Act respecting deportation. This is a matter which has been receiving attention by one of the committees of members on our side of the House, which has in hand matters pertaining to legislation during this present session. I shall take up this matter with the gentlemen of the committee at once, and see if something cannot be done along the lines suggested in your letter. Personally I approve heartily of the view which you express.