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ability to discuss public affairs intelligently, i.e. those M.P.'s who have any mental capacity.

Then, fellow-farmers and workers, instead of marching to these faction calls, would it not be better and wiser to march at our country's call? If we love Canada, then we love ourselves in the truest possible way. We have got to fight this faction beast that has deluded us by capitalism's, double-faced press. There is no re-ascending to a virtuous administration at Ottawa with out the most determined and generous effort on the part of every person who loves Canada and deplores Ottawa pro-

In conclusion, there is a law greater than that of faction or party, the eternal law of right, the law of being honest men, honest leaders, honest parties. Such violent factionism as we have in Canada is treason to the people, the Crown and the constitution. Let us end it by forming a business party

fligacy and factional duplicity.

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THE THRESHERMAN'S ASSOCIA-TION

Editor, Guide:-The recently organized "Threshermen's Association" is starting out in a way that bespeaks for it a strong organization and one that should be of great assistance in cleaning up a number of difficulties that beset, what is at best, an expensive, strenuous and generally unsatisfactory business. While threshing is as necessary to

farming as the seeding, it is a part of farming that has generally brought discredit to the operators, so much so that the average farmer who of a necessit owns and operates a threshing outfit--is quite generally looked upon as a poor risk, and his credit suffers accordingly.

Threshing charges have advanced from time to time, and yet the large majority of threshermen are not making any money: higher wages, shorter hours, exorbitant prices of machinery and a short season, make it almost impossible for them to break even, leaving profit out of the question entirely, so that at the present time they are taking heavy risks and working like slaves, for all of which they do not get even thanks.

On the other hand, every thresherman admits that threshing charges are too high; farmers can hardly afford to pay them, but still the work must be done, but who is going to do it? One thing is very certain, the experienced thresherman will not continue to operate at a loss. This means one of two things, either the prices have got to be sent still higher, or the threshers must get together and work out some plan that will relieve the situation. These are the intentions of the new association, and they hope to remedy some of the difficulties by working along the following general lines:

1st-By supporting legislation to make it more difficult to buy threshing ma-chinery, thus reducing the number of machines, as the average run of eighteen days is too short for the amount of the investment. If ten days were added to this the charges could be reduced. Again, such legislation, by making sales safer, will materially reduce the price of ma-chinery and add a further chance for a reduction in threshing charges.

2nd-By obtaining definite information of the number of men required for threshing, to secure these men and by proper sy t m of distribution to see that they are placed where they are needed. Further, that they are engaged at a uniform scale of wages and under a contract fair to all concerned. This, by providing that the machines would start with a full gang, would add still another chance for reduction of charges and a little profit to the thresherman.

3rd-The "Threshers' Lien Act" of the province is very ambiguous, no one seems to be able to say just what it means. It badly needs overhauling. Some farmers seem to resent this act, but any farmer who is straight and pays for work done is not affected by it in any way (and I am glad to say they are in the majority). while the other kind are not worth considering At the same time, if they are not made to pay, the load falls on the good man, as some one has got to pay, directly or indirectly.

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