

that he was "brought up to revere free trade," but believes the time has arrived for fresh consideration and revision. He says, "The politicians must now see that it is life and death for England, and for English men and women; it is no game for political struggles, no academic arena for non-participant, detached philosophers."

This section of my address would not be complete without the statement that the challenge of the grain growers, through their official paper, to the manufacturers to declare themselves on the tariff, and to which I was compelled to respond, led me to study the question from their standpoint as well as ours. If the figures given do not tell all the story, and the agriculturists of the West are not receiving proper consideration, then we should be the first to co-operate with them in trying to remedy their difficulties.

There is said to be a condition existing among the truck farmers and gardeners of the East whereby they receive only an average of thirty-five cents as their portion of every dollar's worth of products sold. If this is correct, it is a wrong that should be righted, and for this purpose the facilities of our Association would be placed at the disposal of those interested.

Concluding Words

In concluding my address, I desire to thank my fellow-officers, the members of the Executive Committee and of the Council, as well as the membership throughout, for the remarkable sympathy, support, and confidence so often expressed during my term of office. This association and experience have been to me a source of happiness and joy that will cheer me throughout the rest of my life. I am sure that I can bespeak the same consideration for my successor.

I should also like to give utterance to my warm feelings of esteem towards our loyal, hard-working, and efficient staff at Head Office and at all the Branches. We have a splendid organization extending from sea to sea, and that is being used to further the interests of trade and commerce throughout our glorious Dominion.

It is a time to build up and not tear down—a time for co-operation and not opposition—a time to stand to our tasks and not be found shirking—a time to act unselfishly and not be moved by greed—a time for national unity and not discord—a time to fight our battles bravely and not lose faith in God that right, not might, will soon rule all the world.