

labor, threshing, repairs and open accounts such as grocery, butcher, etc., ought to be promptly paid out of the first sales of the crop.

While payments on secured liabilities such as mortgages, Insurance interests, etc., might just as well be made in March as in November. As things now are, this class of liability frequently becomes the first charge on the crop, and payments made out of the proceeds of the first sales, to the neglect of the first mentioned liabilities, while the reverse of that condition would be the most rational and more conducive to the welfare of all. Economical marketing of grain requires a leisurely and gradual supply as market demands warrant. Millers must have a constant supply for twelve months each year. To meet that demand some one must carry wheat, and at no place can it be carried as cheaply as on the farm.

Having to meet pressing liabilities in November often compels farmers to be hauling grain in Sept. and Oct. when they should be preparing land for next year's crop, and at a time when labor is hard to get and wages excessive. Every farmer knows the value of ploughing land from which a crop has been taken, in September, as compared to ploughing just before freezing.

The experience of the last few years clearly points to the urgency of extending the time of payment, and we would strongly urge on our grain growers when undertaking obligations to be paid out of the proceeds of the crop, that no payments be made to fall due within the first three months of the crop year that can reasonably be made payable at other seasons of the year.

SIR RICHARD STILL HOLDS TO THE OLD FAITH

Replying to a deputation of the Dominion Grange which waited on the government in reference to the tariff recently, Sir Richard Cartwright said, speaking for him-

self alone, that he believed the true solution would be to go at the root of the protective system and get as near a revenue tariff policy as possible. "That is my own view," said Sir Richard, "and I have never sought to hide it under a bushel. You (speaking to the delegation) have the means of influencing public opinion. You have already influenced public opinion. A few years ago strong efforts were made to increase the protection then given, and these were averted by the protests made by the farmers and other consumers. By continuing to influence public opinion you may secure a reduction in the protective tariff at present in force, and I believe that the general interests would be promoted in getting nearer a revenue tariff policy. The nearer you get to that policy the less danger there will be of the levying of exactions by the trusts and combinations. Our American neighbors are beginning to discover the truth of this statement, and I believe we will shortly find a change in tariff legislation there, which is bound to generally affect conditions here. I would strongly recommend you to turn your attention to the education of public opinion along revenue tariff lines."

On which the Woodstock Sentinel-Review makes the following comment, every word of which we heartily endorse:

"That was a significant answer returned by Sir Richard Cartwright to the deputation from the Dominion Grange which waited on the Government the other day and asked for relief from what was described as the oppression of the trade combinations that are said to flourish under the protecting care of the Canadian tariff. Sir Richard frankly advised the deputation that the only effective way to secure any lowering of the tariff was to conduct a campaign of education among the farmers of the country in favor of a general reduction until the goal of a tariff for revenue only was reached. It may be pre-

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