

Also, take the case of the Direct Legislation vote in Saskatchewan. While there was only a small number came out to vote, still there were four or five to one in favor of Direct Legislation. Therefore it looks reasonable to suppose that those who did not come out to vote were in favor of Direct Legislation, for those who were strongly opposed would come out to vote against Direct Legislation. I think it is most apparent that neither of the old line parties want anything to do with Direct Legislation. Of course any party that is not in power is always very anxious to give the people anything they desire, but when they get in power they have stepped away from the people and they have become very hard of hearing or short of memory. Therefore, I do not take the promises of any party seriously when they promise Direct Legislation. Now we, the great plain people, the tillers of the soil, the wage earners and the local business men in the town and village must come together. Those of us who can muster up sufficient courage to enable us to leave our dear old parties and step out on a higher plane and stand as a body of progressives and place as many representatives in each House as possible, will thereby create a balance of power for good. It matters not which party is in power, we will never get all we are entitled to until we get a balance of power that truly represents the people, by electing candidates who pledge themselves to vote the will of the people, or make room for someone else. England could do nothing for the people while it was confined to only two parties. Our cousins to the south could do nothing for the great plain people while they worked with only two parties. They created, in both cases, a balance of power. If we are men we can create this balance of power. If we will not do it, then I do not see what we have to complain about. Let us take our medicine like little men and forever stop chewing the rag.

JOHN KENNEDY.

Winnipeg.

EXHIBITIONS AND HORSE RACING

Editor, Guide:—Is what is known as the trial of speed, which is sometimes found at our agricultural exhibitions, properly a part of agriculture? Does it not rather belong to the jockey club and the horse racers' association? These belong to the gamblers' sport and not to industry, which the agricultural exhibition is intended to foster. The prize should be given to the horse and equipment that would be judged the best for driving purposes. The truly educative effects of our agricultural exhibitions are much weakened by fakirs, side-shows and racers who go from place to place diverting attention from improvement, robbing the people and giving our boys their first lessons in a dishonest life. Our directors ought to bar them out.

A. B. JOHNSTON.

Nokomis, Sask.



SIR W. WHYTE DEAD

Western Canada lost one of its foremost citizens when Sir William Whyte died in California on the 14th, at the age of 70 years. The deceased was formerly vice-president and western manager of the C.P.R., and has been well and favorably identified with western development for many years.

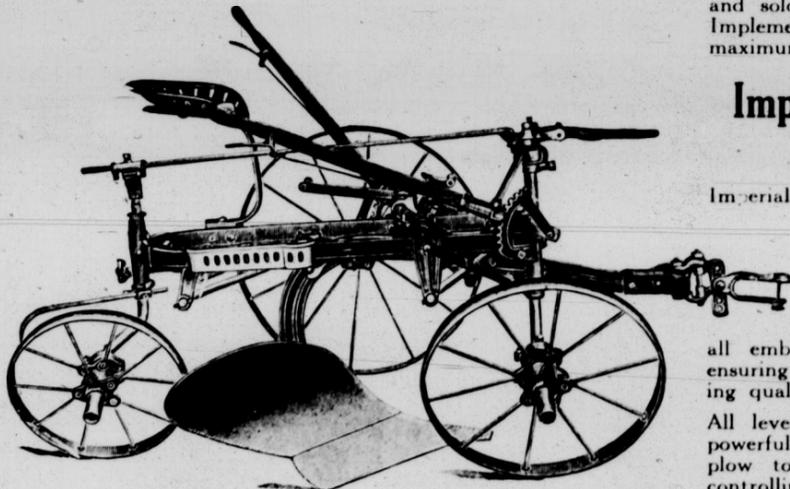
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TURRIFF ON BUDGET

Ottawa, April 10—The chief criticism of the budget from the western viewpoint came from J. G. Turriff, of East Assiniboia, who has just returned to the House after a long illness. Mr. Turriff commenced to speak on Tuesday evening, moved the adjournment of the debate at eleven o'clock and continued the next day. After reviewing what the Government had done in the matter of tariff reductions, he said: "It was a cold deal handed out to the farmers yesterday, the coldest deal ever handed out to them." He estimated that the reductions made on farm implements would mean a saving to the farmer of \$5 on a binder and \$2.50 on a

mower, but the much more extensive list of agricultural implements had not been touched. "While the minister of finance did that with one hand," he said, "he has enabled the manufacturers to take \$10 or \$20 a year out of the pockets of the farmers by the increase in the price of materials, in giving the manufacturers increased duties on iron and steel. The Canadian farmer is to be salted because, in the opinion of the minister of finance, the Canadian manufacturer cannot make other implements as good as those which we import." Mr. Turriff quoted with effect comparative prices of the cost of agricultural implements on both sides of the line, which appeared in The Grain Growers' Guide of April 1.

Samuel Sharpe—"A good authority." Mr. Turriff—"My hon. friend says that in a sneering manner, but my hon. friend's brother, who sits beside him, would not dare to say that. There is not a Conservative member in this House who would dare make that assertion, because outside of the cities in the three Prairie Provinces there is an average of over one thousand members of the Grain Growers' Associations in each constituency, and the majority of them are Conservatives. My hon. friends, therefore, need not make any sneering references to The Grain Growers' Guide, the official organ of the Grain Growers' Association. So far as I am concerned I have always found it a fair and reasonable publication."