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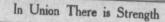
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Council of Agriculture and rep-resenting the four great fammers' or-ganizations of Western Canada and of Ontario speut several days in Ot-in Speut several days in Ottawa last week interviewing Sir Robtawa fast week interviewing Sir non-ert Borden and Hon. George E. Foster in reference to matters affecting the In reference to matters alreading the interests of agriculture in Canada. The delegation also attended two sec-sions of the Railway Committee of the House of Commons in order to make known the views of the farmers in veference to pending legislation con-cerning amendments to the Dominion corning amendments to the Dominion Railway Act, Berger and State and State ed of Mesers. R. MacKenzie, Secur-tary of the Canadian Council of Agri-culture, Winnipeg: H. W Wood, Presi-dent of the United F. mers of Al-berta; J. B. Musselman, Secretary of the Saekatchowan Grain Growers' As-the Saekatchowan Grain Growers' Association; R. C. Handers, Fraident of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Asso-clation and O.I. J. Z. Frazer, of Bur-ford, and H. B. Cowan, of Farm and Dairy, Peterboro, Ont., representing The United Farmers of Ontario. sociation; R. C. Henders, President of

An interview was held with Sir Rob-ert Borden Wednesday evening, when members of the delegation laid before Sir Robert fully the farmers' platform Sir Robert fully the larthers platform as it was drafted last November by the Canadian Council of Agriculture and later endorsed by the four provincial later endorsed by the rour provincing organizations as well as by many dis-trict and local conventions. Promier Borden had just returned from his trip to Great Britain and was crowded with work, but willingly took time to our the detection greater in case. hear the delegation present its case. This platform has been published in Farm and Dairy on previous occasions and therefore, is not repeated here. It asked for an increase in the British preference until we have complete free trade with Great Britain in five years, a reduction in the tariff on many articles pure ased by farmers, including agricultural implements, the nationalization of the railroads of Canada, the granting of the initiative and referendum, greater control by dry provinces of importations of liquor from outside points, and expressed a willingness, in order to enable the Government to make up the revenue Government to make up the revenue that would be lost by reducing the tariff to submit to a tax on land values, including all natural resources. The farmers also favored inheritance taxes, taxes on excess profits by cor-porations and an income tax on in-comes exceeding \$4,000 a year. Sir R vert said that he recognized

that the recommendations of the farmers of Canada were radical in s farmers of Canada were radical in a number of respects and stated that while his collessues and he would con-sider them sericus?, he would not hold out much hope that some of them would be granted as they affect. ed many interests and would involve greater issues than might at first be supposed. He was not altogether in favor of the Dominion Government adopting systems of taxation which might clash with the methods of raising revenue already being followed by several of the provinces such as heritance taxes, income taxes, and the taxation of land values. These forms of taxation he thought might better be of maxion fie thought misch better be left to the provinces to apply. In reply to congratulations which had been extended to him by the delega-tion in the part he had taken in the councils of the empire while in Eng-land, he expressed his thanks and mentioned that many important mat-ters had been considered, some of which he purposed making public

Farmers Lay Their Views Before shortly and others of which would have to be treated condentially. Sir Robert was very courteous in Sir Robert was very courteous in the reception of the defeation of the defeation that he was a court of the four great familiar and report to be in the best interests of the bellow to be the the best interest of the court and trep. try, but the delegation came away feeling that before the farmers of Canada can obtain what they want from And the Government, it is going to be the Government, it is going to be necessary to bring more pressure to beer on the individual membags of pr liament, through the local farmers'

, ranizations now becoming numerous in Ontario as well as in the west. *

Railway Legislation.

Railway Legislation. Several hours was spent by the delegates Tuesday morning attending a sitting of the Railway Committee of the House of Commons at which legis-lation relating to proper catile guards was under consideration. Hoch at this session of the committee as well as at one held the following day when matters relating to rural telephone lines and of apecial interest to the farmers of Ontarid, were under con-sideration, it was noticed that the sideration, it was noticed that the railroad companies and the Bell Telephone companies and the Bell Tele-phone Company had plenty of lawyers present to safeguard their interests. The farmers were without a inwyer to plead their case, but made such a strong case, more particularly in re ference to the railway legislation, that Mr. MacKenzie, who was the chief speaker, was asked if he was a lawyer, because of the knowledge of the situa-tion that he showed. When he replied that he was a farmer, he was com-plimented by a number of the com-mittee upon his handling of the case for the farmers.

Unsatisfactory Legislation.

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