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protection were fully presented by these manufacturers and supported by local illustrations, and representatives of the farmers were present at all these meetings.

For several years the Chairman of the Prairie Division of the C.M.A. has made an annual trip through Western Canada, speaking at the chief industrial centres and trying to promote better relations with the farmers, and this work has been going on with the assistance of manufacturers located in the Prairie Provinces.

Immediately after my election to the Presidency I spoke in Winnipeg, Calgary and Edmonton - to the Rotary Club in Winnipeg and to the Boards of Trade at each of the other places.

On the whole, I cannot help but think that if a conference ^{was} arranged Mr. Forke would merely use it as an opportunity to spread counter-propaganda against the tariff in the hope of strengthening his own political position with his followers. But, on the other hand, I thoroughly believe in bringing home the value of the protective system to the individual farmers in the Prairie Provinces and if we could organize to do this I would be willing to participate. Mark you, I am not turning down your proposition nor giving you a flat refusal but I have been turning it over in my mind.

I will consult with as many prominent manufacturers in the East as I can meet within the next few weeks and will write you again.

I am enclosing you a list of the manufacturers who appeared before the Tariff Commission while it was holding its sittings throughout the Prairie Provinces.

Yours very truly,

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