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THE FARMERS' TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM.

By W. L. SMITH, EDITOR WEEKLY SUN AND SECRETARY
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ALLEXANDER MACKENZIE
once declared the national
policy was a national folly
and a national crime.

There will doubtless be differences
of opinion as to the correctness of this
characterization of the fiscal policy of
a great political party. But that we
have been guilty of a national folly in
permitting our national highways to
be used to the national injury is some-
thing on which there can surely be no
division.

That we have permitted these high-
ways (railways) to be used to our
detriment has been proven over and
over again; still a few facts may be
repeated here.

A railway, operating under a char-
ter granted by our people, has this
year carried cattle from Chicago,
through Canadian territory, to the
seaboard at a lower rate than was
charged by the same road on cattle
carried from the county of Wellington
to the seaboard. This and other
Canadian railways have given rates
on American grain from Chicago, by
way of Goderich, Owen Sound and
Georgian Bay ports generally, to
Montreal, at less than half the rate
imposed for carrying to the same
destination grain grown in Huron,
Bruce, Grey and Simcoe counties.
The effect of permitting corporations,
created by ourselves, to do this sort