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candidates. I hope a lot of the farmers will write to THE GUIDE on this subject. It seems to me this is the most important thing before us to-day.

Winnipeg, Man. JOHN KENNEDY.

WOULD MANUFACTURERS COMBINE?

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Editor, Guing:—'As I am a bit dense
in this tariff reform, although I helped to
put in this present government on the
free trade policy, I would like to know
(as they are others in the same state of
mind) what benefit it would bring to the
farmers. It seems that if we got free
trade with our neighbors to the south the
manufacturers would combine in prices
of farm implements and the result would
be that we would have to pay more taxes
and no reduction in our implements. If
I am not misinformed the International
Harvester Co's, mowers in Dakota are
865.00 and here in Carbon are 870.00.
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8400 respectively. If we gained our
present densands could we prevent future
combines and obtain a reduction on our
farm implements, as we cannot go on
strike like laborers nor farm without
machinery. It is a struggle for life to
start on a homestead, without a fair
sized capital, at the present rate of our
needs. I think it is for us farmers to
combine into one and stay in such a state
until we have obtained our requirements.
We are a very hard class of people to
get combined. I suggest it would be for
the farmers to urge the government at
different intervals, and also show our
controlling power by standing together
which would perhaps be better than a
third party at present. Hoping to see a
reply through Tux Gcuns for the benefit
of the public.

JOSEPH DEROUIN.

JOSEPH DEROUIN. Carbon, Alberta.

NO THIRD PARTY

Editor, Guide.—In recent issues of Tag Guide I have noted many letters discussing a third or farmers' party. Since the delegation met the government at Ottawa, many of us have done some hard thinking, and I for one have come to the conclusion that we cannot expect much in the way of reform from either of the parties as they stand at the present time. Both Laurier and Borden are attached to the big interests, and, until the farmers convince them that we are united and earnest in our demands, (the big delegation to Ottawa ought to convince them that we mean business), we need not expect that either of them will part with, or endanger the support they receive from the manufacturers and other big interests. I do not expect much from the present parliament. From present indications the government does not intend to grant us our requests. They will not doubt consider our demands, and do much loud talking, and endeavor to lead us to believe that they intend to do something for us. They will play the same old political game, side-track our issues and appeal to the country on the naval question or other issues trumped up for the occasion, and it matters not which party is returned to power; they will still go on and ignore our just demands. The question with us now, is; "are we going to create a farmers' or third party or are we going to dominate the existing parties?" I do not believe that a third party it is very doubtful if we could electenough members to form a government and all we could ever expect to do would be to hold the balance of power. This I think would be very detrimental to the proper conduct of the business of government. Any government before it can properly conduct the affairs of the country must have a majority of all the members elected and a majority it could not have if there were a third party in the house of commons holding the balance of power. This I think would be very detrimental to the proper conduct of the business of government. Any government before it can properly conduct the affairs of



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gency is the word. It is spreading throughout the rank and file of both parties. Recent developments show us that it is the predominant influence on the political stage of our neighbors to the south. The great common people are awakening and are demanding that the rule of special privilege be brought to a close. We want government of the people by the people and for the people. We have the machinery at our hands to do this. The party machines have heretofore been controlled by a clique of politicians whose nominees are usually the choice of the primaries or nominating conventions. We must get control of these conventions and see to it that no one is nominated who does not believe in our policy. We must nominate men who are pledged to support us. We must get to work early for even now there are rumors of an early election. I note that an editorial in Time Guide of Dec. 28 advises the forming of county organizations corresponding to the federal constituencies. I think this is the best plan that could be adopted and we should lose no time in completing these organizations. Carman, Man.

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Editor, Guide, — Referring to the farmers' visit to Ottawa, I consider they got a nice lemon handed to them. But if all farmers are wise at the next election they will use their vote for their own interest. Send a farmer to Ottawa to make the laws for the farmer and the people and make him pledge himself to work on a farmers' platform. Today we have a bunch of capitalists representing the people at Ottawa, which is willing to take from the poor and give to the rich. I say give every man what he produces in place of giving him one-third. Today a threshing machine is one of the principal pieces of machinery which the farmer has to make use of, and to get what he requires he has to buy from

over the line, and it costs over one thousand dollars duty. Who gets this money? I hear about two-thirds of it goes to the capitalist. Is this not robbing the producer to give to the rich? In everything a farmer buys he is robbed, and the same when he sells his product. If this money was being spent in some charitable institution the producer might consider it was being put into a good cause. But I say, Mr. Producer, let us have the say concerning our own rights. This thing of voting for one man once in four years isn't helping us out. Let us put the Recall into force and give them to understand it is the people who put them into power to work for the people (not for the capitalist). The capitalist doesn't produce anything. He isn't our friend, and it isn't charity for the poor to give to the rich. In this large country we have some farmers whose fathers were either torys or liberals, and the farmer of today considers his father was a wise man so some people vote the way their father did. I say fathers were either torys or liberals, and the farmer of today considers his father was a wise man so some people vote the way their father did. I say to such men, educate yourselves and vote for your own interests. I think over ninety per cent. of the homesteads today have a loan against them. This is the first step towards making the land the property of the Plutes. The rich want us to take up loans so that we can keep them on the best the country produces. The people who work should be allowed to live on the fat of their own production. Capital never has made capital, but labor makes capital. Many of us came here with the idea of producing a little capital, and we are doing it, but not for ourselves, but for the capitalist. Let us change things, Mr. Producer, and strive to keep our heads above water. We are out for a good fight; let everyone do his best and the victory is ours.

WM. TRACEY.

Dundurn, Sask.