

The Guide Referendum

The Grain Growers' Guide believes that the will of the people should decide all questions of public policy. It believes that the Referendum is the best way to find out exactly what the people think. Accordingly The Guide will hold another Referendum this December, by which its readers, men and women alike, are invited to express their opinion upon eleven questions of pressing national importance.

What do the people of the Prairie Provinces think upon these eleven vital questions? That is what The Guide Referendum is being conducted to find out. This is the only opportunity any part of the Canadian people have of pronouncing upon these progressive measures, and we trust every man and woman entitled to vote will mark their ballot, to be published in the issue of next December 3. These questions concern the whole Dominion and not only the Prairie Provinces, so we want our

readers to combine to make the Referendum a full expression of their opinions, no matter where they live. Canadian public opinion must deal one way or another with the Taxation of Land Values, the system of Protection, the danger of Militarism, and the various other problems mentioned. By addressing themselves to these up-to-date issues, Guide readers will not only stamp themselves as the true Progressives in this country, but will also do themselves a lasting benefit.

The Questions

1. Are you in favor of having the Initiative, Referendum and Right of Recall placed upon the statute books of your own province, in such a form as to give the people complete control over all legislation and legislators?

2. Are you in favor of Free Trade with Great Britain?

3. Are you in favor of the complete abolition of the Canadian Customs Tariff?

4. Are you in favor of having all school, municipal, provincial and federal revenues raised by a direct tax on land values?

Note.—"Land" here is used in its economic sense to include all natural resources.

5. Are you in favor of placing a special surtax of \$25 per quarter-section upon all vacant farm lands?

6. Are you in favor of placing a special surtax of \$25 per quarter-section upon the land held by one individual or corporation above four quarter-sections?

7. Are you in favor of having all railways, telegraphs, telephones and express services owned and operated by the public?

8. Are you in favor of extending the franchise to women on equal terms with men?

9. Are you in favor of Dominion Legislation providing for the incorporation of co-operative societies?

10. Are you in favor of the nomination of Parliamentary candidates pledged to support the farmers' platform, regardless of the action of both political parties?

11. Do you believe that Canada, instead of spending millions for naval armament (either British or Canadian), should devote her energies and spend millions, if necessary, towards the establishment of universal peace and disarmament and the settlement of international disputes by arbitration?

RULES

1. The official ballots will be published in The Guide only once, on December 3, 1913. Extra copies of that issue cannot be secured, since this Referendum is for Guide readers only.

2. There will be a woman's ballot and a man's ballot, both exactly alike, so that the wives, mothers, and any woman 21 years of age may vote as well as the men 21 years of age.

3. Each question should be answered simply by writing "Yes" or "No" after the question.

4. The ballot will be absolutely secret. Readers must sign the ballot, otherwise it will be rejected as a spoiled ballot. No names, however, will be published, but only the total numbers voting "Yes" or "No" on the questions.

5. The ballot should be mailed to "Referendum Editor, Grain Growers' Guide, Winnipeg, Man.," as soon after December 3 as possible.

6. Letters to The Guide are invited dealing with any of the questions in the Referendum. Letters opposed to The Guide's policy are just as welcome and will be published just as freely as those in favor, but all letters should be kept as short as possible.

WOMEN MAY VOTE

The Guide has always been a staunch champion of Woman Suffrage. In this Referendum it will give practical proof of its belief by having a woman's ballot as well as a man's ballot, allowing the women to vote on the self-same questions as the men. The only qualification needed is that of being a woman reader of The Guide, 21 years of age. This is the first time in the history of Canada the women have been invited or even allowed to express their views

upon matters of vital public welfare. The privilege thus thrown open to the prairie women carries with it a responsibility. Those who feel themselves poorly informed along certain lines have time to study the eleven questions in the two months before the voting will take place. Without doubt the democracy of the twentieth century demands the wisdom, sympathy and insight of woman for its full development, and Canadian women cannot set themselves too soon to the solution of the problems now affecting the economic and social well-being of the Dominion. Most men are free to confess that they have made more or less of a botch of trying to run the government by themselves. We look for a new moral impetus, a saner outlook and wider human sympathy to enter into the settlement of our public questions with the advent of women into public affairs.

AN EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN

While we are anxious for as large a response as possible, the educational effect of the Referendum is still more important than the actual voting. Readers will be able to study all these questions at their leisure, discuss the doubtful points through the columns of the Mail Bag during the next two months, and make up their minds calmly and deliberately, free from all outside influences, such as party leanings or the personality of political candidates. No one knows everything about these eleven national questions. Here is a splendid chance for us to learn more about them from each other. By December 3, we hope that over 33,000 of our men and women readers will have come to their own conclusions on these questions and be ready to cast their ballots in The Guide Referendum.

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a great new market for Canadian hard wheat, the Government should at once remove the duty on wheat entering Canada and thus enable Canadian wheat producers to ship their products duty free into the United States.

But it may be urged that the United States produces a surplus of wheat for export as we do, and is a rival and not a prospective customer. People who advance that argument do not understand the situation. Nature has dowered Canada with the greatest available area of land in the world suitable for the growth of hard wheat. Our wheat is of the highest value as a mixture with soft wheat. It brings up the grade of flour to a very high standard. The soft wheats of the relatively warm regions of America and of Europe, Asia and Australasia are far greater in volume than the hard wheat of the Canadian and American West, and of the Baltic and Siberia. Canadian hard wheat can command the highest prices in the world's markets on its merits. It should be sold wherever there is need for it. If our output increases during the next ten years, as it has done in the past decade, we shall need every market into which we can secure entrance.

The market of the United States stands open to us. It is ours to choose. By taking off our import duty of twelve cents a bushel on United States wheat, we automatically take off also the American duty of ten cents on our wheat. We solve the problem of congestion along the line of least resistance. When the demand from Europe is keen our wheat exports will seek the ocean ports. If that route becomes blocked, it is quite certain that the millers of the United States will buy our wheat for mixing purposes the moment prices ease off because of the blockade. We shall have two strings to our bow. We shall accustom the people of the greatest wheat consuming nation on earth to look upon Canadian supplies as a necessity. One of Canada's greatest assets in world commerce is her hard wheat. Let us seek to market it wherever men need foodstuffs, confident that with it we can hold our own against all comers.

A People's Measure

(Saskatoon Phoenix)

The bill as passed by congress shows that the pledges made by the Democratic party have been rigorously fulfilled, and it is remarkable and significant that the republican senate entered into the spirit of the bill and went in many instances even further than the lower house in the reduction of certain duties. In introducing the measure in the House of Representatives, Mr. Underwood said that they had "kept in mind the distinction between the necessities and luxuries of life, reducing the tariff burdens on necessities to the lowest points commensurate with revenue requirements, and making luxuries bear their proportion of tariff responsibilities. Many items of manufacture controlled by monopolies have been placed on the free list." This, in a few words, adequately describes the purpose and the content of the bill. The majority of food stuffs are on the free list; the duties on cottons and woollens have been considerably reduced; the more generally used farm implements are on the free list, and on articles of daily use, and especially those used by the poorer classes, there has been a great reduction in the duties. It is essentially a people's measure, designed especially to increase the comfort of the great mass of the people by placing within their reach the necessities of life, and by shifting the incidence of taxation so that those who can the more easily meet it shall bear the greater part of the burden of the cost of government.

Practically for the first time the people of the United States have succeeded in overcoming the sinister forces in the political life of the country. The new tariff is a victory for the people and the final discomfiture of that organized conspiracy of special privilege, which, for nearly a century, has subverted public right and corrupted the wells of political virtue. The United States has taken the first long stride towards industrial freedom. How long will it be before Canada follows suit?

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