

school of economics. They died with the dry rot. Then came the Grain Growers' Association, and they think they express the economic expression of the farmers. Yes, keep out of politics. Let the capitalist shackle you more securely. Beg on your knees of the powers in office. Spend money to send the delegates to Ottawa. You deal with the effects instead of the cause of your exploitation as your predecessors did while you leave the reins of government in the hands of the exploiting class. Then die because you do not understand how to deal with your class interest as a class.

Now, Mr. Editor, can you and the Grain Growers afford to ignore the philosophy of Socialism? You can neither fight for nor combat it intelligently if you do not understand it. Socialism is the only producing class expressing their interest scientifically as the hand writing on the wall, steadily educating the masses. Support your own class interest. Choose well, criticize, analyze, agitate, educate and organize. THOS. FOWLSTON. Eyebrow, Sask.

Note.—Out of the multitude of remedies suggested the organized farmers should be able to work a cure.—Ed.

MR. TUCKER REPLIES

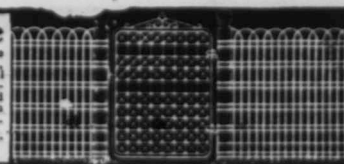
Editor GUIDE:—In reference to Mr. Partridge's comment on my crude suggestions re the "Bank Act," Mr. Partridge intimates that if farmers could deposit landed security with banks they would immediately borrow to the full limit of their capacity, and invest the money in "more land to grow more corn to feed more hogs, etc." I would reply that no farmer who wants to buy adjoining lands or engage in any wild-cat specu-

lation ever has the slightest difficulty in borrowing to the fullest limit of his capacity from the loan companies and other hampies who prey on the farmer's ignorance of business economics. It is only when a farmer wants capital to engage in some safe, sane, conservative business enterprise that he finds the financial resources of the country fast locked away out of his reach. Further, it is to the interest of the loan company to ruin the farmer; it is to the interest of the banker to make the farmer prosperous. No one proposes to compel the banks to lend money; it will be at the banker's discretion whether he uses his enlarged powers in any given case or not, and the banker would certainly find some excuse for refusing a loan if required for some purpose, likely to impair the value of the customer, who is a valuable asset. Surely Mr. Partridge must be aware that the agents of the loan companies make it their special business to discourage farmers from investing in the Grain Growers' Grain Company. Mr. Partridge hints that the resources of the banks might not be sufficient if landed security could be taken. Surely bankers will smile at this. Millions of Canadian money are lent to Wall Street speculators because the "Bank Act" prohibits the lending of it to farmers. Vast sums of European money are lent to South American Republics. The presidents and dictators simply put it in their own pockets, repudiate the bonds, and issue a fresh lot which in turn are meekly taken by the patient European investors. This money might be diverted to the Canadian prairies with advantage to all concerned, except the presidents and dictators!

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