

benefit of any one class but for the well-being of the nation at large. No one who is not ignorant of the subsequent history of our Dominion can say that it has not justified its existence. An enormous revenue has to be raised in any case and in no other way can the amount produced by the tariff be raised so easily and fairly as by the present methods, which at the same time incidentally give reasonable protection to our great manufacturing industries. Manufacturers feel that the tariff could and should be changed here and there, and so amended that it would apply more scientifically than it does at the present time. For this and other reasons the manufacturers would like to see created what might be termed "A Trade and Tariff Board"; such a Board to be composed of representative men of actual experience and wide knowledge of commercial conditions and whose broad outlook and vision would fit them particularly for the proper study of these great questions so vital to our national interests; this Board to report to the Government from time to time their findings, and if after a full and complete survey of the situation it be clearly established that the tariff is inimical to the best interests of the country at large; nay, more than that, if it is not actually essential from a national standpoint, then, I say, "Away with the tariff."

Not Simply Give and Take

The time has arrived when we must all face this matter in a sincere and broad-minded fashion. It surely cannot be simply a matter of give and take as between manufacturers on the one hand and grain growers on the other. Labor must be consulted and considered, the transportation interests of the country (now so largely controlled by the Government) must have their say, the great financial institutions of the country, wholesale and retail business, producers controlling our mines, forests, and fisheries, are all vitally interested in the question of the tariff and must clearly have a voice as to its retention or otherwise. In giving expression to the convictions of manufacturers in this manner we should at the same time be glad to meet the grain growers of the West and would do our part to try and bring about a conference to be held a little later in the season in the city of Winnipeg; this conference to be followed by other meetings if necessary. We desire most earnestly to co-operate with our fellow producers and to show them in the frankest manner our problems and to be shown by them their handicaps, in order that we may each of us see where changes could possibly be made that would be of mutual benefit and help.