

HILL LINES FOR CANADA

Minneapolis, Minn., June 11.—A writer in the Minneapolis Tribune says: Railway warfare between the Soo Canadian Pacific and the Great Northern with Canada as the goal is a new explanation of the \$600,000,000 bond authorization issued by the Great Northern Railway. It is well known that Jas. J. Hill has been figuring on the matter for a long time, and as he has thought out his plans the bond issue has become larger in the imagination of the empire builder. He has realized that it is necessary to have a large fund to take care of the problems of the future, and this problem has grown larger and larger as he has seen the northwest, both in this country and in Canada, developing. It means the building of innumerable branch lines, the increase of equipment, the perfection of lines already built, and many other things.

During the past few years the Soo line, part of the Canadian Pacific system, has been building into what is known as the Hill territory. James J. Hill is not the man to sit idly by and let someone else run away with the plums. He has apparently made up his mind that if the Canadian Pacific people are ready to parallel his lines in North Dakota, he is ready to do the same thing in Canada.

Feeders Into Canada

It is understood that Mr. Hill plans to run feeders into Canada all along the line, to build his own lines parallel to the Canadian Pacific right through the heart of Canada, and compete with the Canadian road in bringing the products of the northwest to Minneapolis, and to the east through Minneapolis and St. Paul as the gateway cities.

With reciprocity passed, there will be an influx of grain brought to the Minneapolis mills for manufacture into flour, and other shipments will be sent on to the east and to foreign markets.

Over Mr. Hill's roads will be carried the products of America to the Canadian markets.

Part of this plan is the effort which Mr. Hill is making to attract immigration to Northern Minnesota, to North Dakota and Montana. His present plan is said to be even more far-reaching, and more daring than was the original one which resulted in the penetration of the northwest by the Great Northern.

Mr. Hill, according to those who profess to know, sees within a few years development in the northwest far in excess of anything that has gone before. He sees within a short time hamlets, and good towns springing up through northern Minnesota, the Dakotas and Montana, where none existed before. He sees every acre of tillable land under cultivation. He sees the farm lands made more productive through intensive farming. He sees the granaries growing at the wheat to be ground at Minneapolis. He sees the farmers raising cattle and hogs for shipment east to the stock yards at St. Paul, or to the packing plant which may yet be built in Minneapolis if Canadian reciprocity should become a law.

Why Hill Favors Reciprocity

Mr. Hill is credited with believing that every state and every section in every state in the northwest will receive a wonderful impetus as the result of the passage of the Canadian reciprocity pact. He sees Minneapolis and St. Paul, the gateway cities for the commerce of the world. He sees them rivaling Chicago, with Minnesota farm lands, and Dakota farm lands feeling the impetus of this wonderful electrification of trade and development which is bound to come.

It is said that in his present plans Mr. Hill sees the fruition of all his labors. Talk of his retirement is regarded as mere rumor. Those who know James J. Hill say he never will retire from active business life so long as he is able to perform business, and he is still in the most excellent health.

Potential Capital

It is for this reason that armed with a potential capital of \$600,000,000, Mr. Hill in his latter years is planning to accomplish this commercial conquest of Canada. The building of the Soo road with its Canadian connection has already meant much to Minneapolis and Minnesota in spite of the artificial barrier of the tariff which has kept the two countries apart. With the barrier removed, the Canadian Pacific with its Soo line connection, will be an American road with Minneapolis as its chief port objective. It will have access to a rich territory, and to a business that will constantly increase in momentum, as the development of the northwest, south and north of the Canadian boundary line increases.

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Grain Growers Meet Oliver

Hon. Frank Oliver, Minister of the Interior, who is at present holding a series of meetings in Manitoba in support of the reciprocity agreement, was waited upon last week by three large and representative delegations of farmers representing the branches of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association.

The delegations met Mr. Oliver at Portage la Prairie on Thursday, at Virden on Friday, and at Brandon on Saturday, and at each of these places presented resolutions approving of the reciprocity agreement and at the same time urging the government to go still further in the direction of free trade, and re-affirming the Grain Growers' support of the Ottawa delegation on December 16, last.

The delegation which waited upon Mr. Oliver at Portage la Prairie, consisted of the president of the local association, Mr. William Stewart; directors James Bryden, James McKenzie, M. McCusig, E. H. Muir, D. MacVicar, Sec'y, D. F. Miller, and J. S. Wood, vice-president of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association.

The Address

The members of the delegation were introduced by Mr. C. D. McPherson, M.P., and presented an address to Mr. Oliver in which it was stated:

"We want to take this opportunity of expressing our continued approval and support of the resolutions presented to the government of which you are a member, on the 16th of last December, by the Canadian Council of Agriculture, supported by a large delegation of Canadian farmers, and we regret that your government is meeting with such strenuous opposition in your attempt to grant a portion of the requests they made by the representative farmers."

The proposed reciprocity agreement was described as covering a very wide range and being a long step in the direction in which the Grain Growers wished to go. The address stated that it viewed with alarm the source from which the opposition to the pact emanated and the determined efforts of organized capital and special interests to defeat the agreement. The address re-affirmed the faith of the association in the British preference and stated further:

"We do not desire any change in our relationship with Great Britain that would have a tendency to increase the cost of food to the people of Great Britain. In other words, we think the farmers of Western Canada are too prosperous to require that the poor people and laboring classes of Great Britain should be taxed higher for their food in our interests."

Hudson's Bay Railway

Satisfaction was expressed that a bill dealing with terminal elevators had been introduced in the House, but the delegation thought that due progress was not being made with the Hudson's Bay Railway. The cement merger was described as a gross injustice to the Canadian people.

As the most effective means of regulating the cement industry, the delegation asked that the duty on cement be cut off. Appreciation was expressed over the effort of the minister of railways to amend the Railway Act so as to give better protection to farmers' stock. Hope was expressed that the clause struck out from the amendment would be re-introduced when the House assembled.

Mr. Oliver's Reply

Mr. Oliver in his reply to the address was freely sympathetic. Matters pertaining to the cement merger were, he said, before a committee of the House of Commons, which would report when the session re-opened. He thought the affairs of the merger should receive very serious consideration. Mr. Oliver laid emphasis on the obstructionist tactics of the opposition and on their effects in preventing much-needed legislation.

Delegation at Virden

At Virden a delegation of fifty farmers, representing the Grain Growers' Associations of Virden, Pipestone, Reston, Elkhorn, Woodnorth, Lenora and Cromer, waited upon Mr. Oliver. Resolutions dealing with reciprocity with the United States, the tariff, the terminal elevators, and the Hudson's Bay Railway passed by the associations named were read to Mr. Oliver by W. H. Dayton, Virden, on behalf of the delegation. The resolutions were on the lines of those presented to Sir Wilfrid Laurier by the farmers' Ottawa delegation of December last.

P. McDonald, Virden, presided over the meeting, and extended a hearty welcome to Mr. Oliver from the farmers of the district.

Mr. Scallion's Address

J. W. Scallion, honorary president of the Virden association, referred to Mr. Oliver as one of the greatest defenders of the rights of the West. He assured the minister that the Western farmers were ready to support any party which would stand for the rights of the people against the interests of privilege and money power now controlling the country. The Grain Growers' request for an increase to 50 per cent of the British preference, with complete free trade with Great Britain in ten years, contrasted strangely with the charge of disloyalty made against them.

Mr. Scallion impressed upon Mr. Oliver the importance of the speedy construction of the Hudson's Bay Railway and its operation by the government, and referred appreciatively to the Manitoba Free Press articles, showing the discrepancy between the freight rates in Western Canada and those in the Western States. It would be a lamentable thing, said Mr. Scallion, if there were no thorough-going investigation into the cement merger.

Donor Heard From

W. J. Lenore, secretary of the Lenore Association, stated that the Lenore farmers had last December subscribed \$50 to send two delegates to Ottawa.

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The speeches made in the House of Commons on the proposed reciprocity agreement betrayed a complete ignorance of the position of the Western farmers. They had been called Socialists and Grit Feeders, and one well-plumed knight had called them blacksmith shop politicians. That particular legislator might aptly be described as an antiquated fossil of a defunct school, who should speedily be relegated to the scrap heap. Mr. Donohue said he did not wonder at that member. He wondered at the voters who sent him to the House of Commons. The West had no longer any use for baby-kissing candidates.

No Use for Flag Waving

Robert Fuke, reeve of Pipestone, said he was glad to see Mr. Oliver getting into close touch with the Western farmers. Too often the ministers allowed themselves to be surrounded by politicians who had axes to grind. Anything that would bind Canada to the Mother Country would always have his hearty support. He had, however, little use for the flag waving and cheap talk of men who were opposed to increasing the British preference. Their flag waving and talk was all buncombe. He did not believe so much nonsense had ever been talked upon any question as upon that of reciprocity.

The Cement Merger

John Turnbull, of the Cromer association, denounced unsparingly the Canadian, continued on Page 23

NOTICE

Pursuant to the resolution of the Directors of the Grain Growers' Grain Company, Limited (at a meeting held at Winnipeg, March 28, 1911), notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the said Company will be held at the Trades Hall, Corner of James and Louise Streets, in the City of Winnipeg, in the Province of Manitoba, on Friday, July 14th, A.D. 1911, at the hour of 10 A.M. D. K. MILLS, Secretary-Treasurer. Winnipeg, June 27th, 1911.