

TROUT CREEK FARM

would be the means of furnishing train-loads of live-stock to go over the C.P.R. system. He knew our great Western Prairie Empire, having been familiar with it in the days when the buffalo roamed in millions over the boundless prairie, and understanding that the great herds of buffalo had assisted in maintaining the fertility of our Western prairie, he well knew that the farmers could not continue to produce wheat on the Western prairie without combining the raising of live-stock with the production of wheat.

It was my privilege to attend a banquet at Winnipeg when Sir William gave an address on agriculture and live-stock. His remarks were an inspiration. At that time there was a great feeling against the C.P.R. rates in the West. Sir William's final remarks were to the effect that he appeared before them, not as a railway man, but as an agriculturalist who owned and worked six thousand acres near Winnipeg, and that he wished to place himself upon record as having no fault to find with the C.P.R. rates.