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PLAIN TALK FROM FARMERS

A delegation of farmers representing the Provinces of Ontario, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Alberta, handed out some plain talk to the Borden government at Ottawa yesterday on the tariff question. They asked, among other things,

"1—That we urge the government to recommend to parliament at its next session, a reduction in the tariff on imports from Great Britain to one-half the general tariff, and to provide for a further gradual reduction until there is free trade with Great Britain in five years.

"2—That parliament accept the offer of the United States of free interchange of all agricultural and animal products between the two countries.

"3—That all foodstuffs not provided for in the above referred to offer of the United States be transferred to the free list.

"4—That agricultural implements, lumber and cement be transferred to the free list.

"5—That, pending the passage of legislation asked for herein, any duties now imposed under the Canadian customs tariff which are the cause of countervailing duties being imposed against any food products of this country by any foreign country, be immediately removed.

"6—That any tariff or trade concession granted to any other country be immediately extended to Great Britain."

It is most encouraging to see the farmers of the country taking an enlightened stand in regard to the tariff. They have come to realize fully that protection so far as the farmer is concerned, does not protect. It increases the cost of production, makes it more difficult for him to procure help and confers upon him no corresponding benefits. In other words, insofar as the farmer is concerned, protection is a fraud and a delusion.

Since Sir Wilfrid Laurier announced his free food policy a short time ago, forty papers of the same class have endeavored to make it appear that the Liberal policy would be injurious to the farming industry because it calls for the removal of the duty on foodstuffs. It is quite evident, however, from the tone of the resolutions presented to the government yesterday by a delegation representing four provinces, that the farmers do not share the nonsensical view of the subsidized Tory press. Indeed, they have given evidence of a spirit of unselfishness which does them infinite credit. In the preamble to their resolutions they declare emphatically that "an import tax on foodstuffs increases the cost of living to the extent of the tax imposed and enables dealers and manufacturers to form combines and create artificial restrictions in the distribution of commercial commodities." This seems to fit in pretty closely with the case of the consumer. It is nothing more than the simple truth as every consumer in this country knows to his cost. When we have a representative body of farmers—the men for whose benefit it was imposed—condemning the tax on foodstuffs as useless and unnecessary, why should any one belonging to the great army of consumers say a single word in its favor.

The delegation also asked for the removal of countervailing duties on food products, including potatoes and they recommended that the offer of the United States for a free interchange of natural products be accepted by the government of Canada.

The proposal made by the delegation was a most reasonable one, not only from the standpoint of the farmers, but also from the standpoint of the great consuming classes. Will it be heeded by the Borden government? No, it will not. Why? Because the government is too closely bound up with the big interests which fatten on protection at the expense of the masses of the people. There will be no relief for the farmer or to the consumer in this country, no reduction in taxation on the necessities of life, until the people rise in their might and hurl from office the Tory-Nationalist tariff-as-Harmon-gallow-

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Chatham World: The Chatham, N. B., World says that the tearing up of the rails on the Canada Eastern branch, which was commenced last week will give Mr. Loggie, "four or five hundred GOOD Conservative votes" for the next general election. Permit The Transcript to congratulate Editor Stewart, M. P. P., upon his intention to support Mr. Loggie, and if he will only take the platform in addition, and thus support his intention the result will be splendid. It is seldom that a Conservative newspaper editor has the courage to announce so long before hand such an intention. He says there will be "four or five hundred GOOD Conservative votes" cast for Mr. Loggie, and as they are GOOD votes, of course, the Commodore will be in the list. He would never align himself with "bad" votes.

Col. Sam Hughes has a scheme on foot to provide armories and parade grounds in connection with our Universities and train students as military officers. They will be required to drill at least six hours a week and attend a prescribed course of lectures in military subjects. There is to be a board of governors which will include the Principal of the University. If Col. Sam's scheme is carried out the annual encenia exercises at the U. N. B. will be a far more dressy affair than it is at present. No doubt the Chancellor of the institution instead of wearing a cap and gown, in accordance with the time honored custom, will be decked out in a tight fitting uniform with cocked hat and white plume.

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS

Prince Joachim, youngest son of the German Emperor, 23 years old. Rear Admiral Richard Wainwright, U. S. N., retired, 64 years old today.

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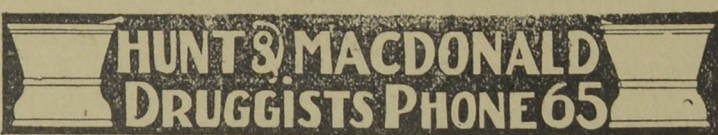
READY FOR WHITE HOUSE FUNCTIONS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17—Everything and around the White House has been put in the best possible order for the opening of the first social season under the Wilson administration. The season promises to be a brilliant and interesting one, despite the fact that the President has decided to omit the annual New Year reception, which for time immemorial has been the big social event of the winter in the national capital.

The opening event will be the Cabinet dinner tomorrow evening, and the season will close with the Army and Navy reception on February 15. During the intervening time there will be a round of diplomatic receptions, diplomatic dinners, judiciary reception, the usual Supreme Court dinner, the Congressional reception, and a dinner to the speaker of the house, all to be given on Thursday evenings. These will be interspersed with numerous less formal affairs of a social nature to which the intimate friends of the President's family will be invited.



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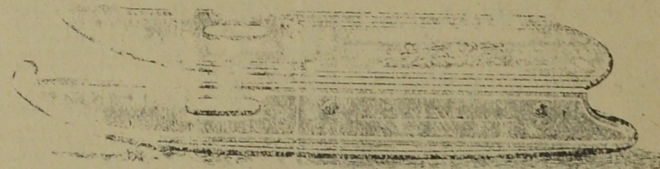
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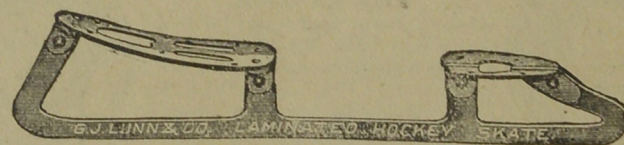
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