

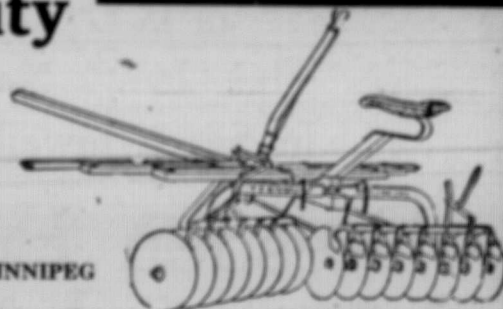
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his opinion section 207 as now proposed removes all protection which the farmers enjoy. He quoted a long telegram from Edward J. Fream, secretary of the United Farmers of Alberta, to Hon. Frank Oliver in which Mr. Fream stated that the United Farmers are greatly alarmed over the situation and would appeal to Mr. Oliver to assist them in protecting their rights and retaining that which had been won only after the hardest kind of a battle. Mr. Foster, he said, seemed to be inclined to think that the makers of the resolution forwarded to members on both sides of the House do not represent a very large proportion of the Grain Growers of the West; but he knew that in Southern Alberta they represent 100% of the grain growing farmers. The division was then taken and Mr. Cruise's amendment defeated on a vote of 89 to 47. Dr. Schaffner, Conservative member for Souris, and W. H. Sharpe, Conservative member for Lisgar, voted for the amendment. Western members who voted against it were Bennett, of Calgary; Bradbury, of Selkirk; Meighen, of Portage la Prairie; Staples, of Macdonald; and McKay, of Prince Albert. Hon. Robert Rogers and J. A. M. Akina were paired.

Sample Market Provision

No sooner had the vote been taken than Levi Thomson, of Qu'Appelle moved to strike out of section 57, governing the establishment of sample markets, subsection (2) and substituting therefor, "Notwithstanding any provisions in this act that may conflict therewith, sample markets may be established under such rules and regulations as shall be recommended by the board and approved by the governor and council, in the city of Winnipeg, and such other point or points as shall be selected by the board with the approval of the governor in council."

Mr. Thomson explained that the effect of this amendment would be to authorize the establishment under the act of a sample market at Winnipeg only, the other points for the establishment of sample markets being left to the decision of the board. He did not think it well to limit the places at which these markets may be established. Mr. Thomson added that his chief reason for moving this amendment was because of the provision in the bill as it stands which permits the mixing of grain. The Western farmers, he said, rightly or wrongly, deem it to be very important to them that mixing should not be allowed. They would not seriously object to mixing provided all terminal elevators were operated by the government, but there was no positive promise that such a policy would be carried out. Mr. Foster had merely stated that he proposes to try the experiment with one or more elevators and on that account the Western farmers are dissatisfied with the grain mixing proposals.

J. Douglas, of Strathcona, in seconding the amendment said that the farmers view with a great deal of alarm the fact that other elevators which are privately owned may continue to go on mixing the grain in the same nefarious manner in which it has been done in the past and which practice it has been the object of the Manitoba Grain Act to overcome in every possible way.

Foster as an Editor

Hon. George E. Foster who replied at some length appeared in a new role. On a couple of previous occasions he has given Western farmers advice as to what they should do to better existing conditions. On this occasion he advised editors how to edit, with special reference to the editor of The Grain Growers' Guide. Mr. Foster said in part: "Now, with reference to mixing, what is it that the farmers dreaded and dread today in mixing? I have had the pleasure of reading about it in The Grain Growers' Guide, and I read that journal very

regularly, and have appreciated much that it contains, though I do not agree with everything it says. It is not for me to offer advice to the grain growers on the conduct of their paper, but if I were running a paper in the West, on agricultural lines, I would try to be more hopeful, I would try to inculcate through the columns of the paper some friendly advice, some kindly suggestion, some enumeration of the advantages of the

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"Sunny Alberta" be greatly enriched by growing alfalfa, but British Columbia, the "Gem of the Pacific," with its snow-capped Rockies, great wealth in minerals, fisheries and fruits, has enticed the plant into its sun-kissed valleys, where it is enjoying a congenial home and producing abundantly.

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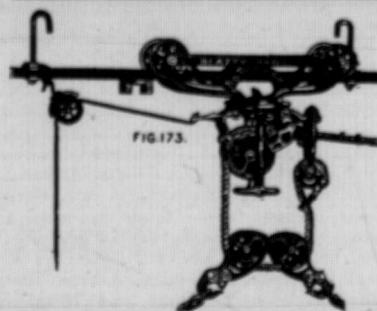
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