

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GRAIN GROWERS' GRAIN COMPANY LIMITED**

Four hundred shareholders from Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta gathered in the Industrial Bureau at Winnipeg on Wednesday and Thursday, November 4 and 5, to attend the annual meeting of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited. Considered from every standpoint it was the most successful annual meeting of the Company in the eight years of its existence. In his address, President T. A. Crerar, announced that the net profits of the Company on the year's operation were \$151,080.92, after meeting a loss on the operation of the cleaning and sacking plant at Fort William, which was purchased by the Company two years ago. Other departments of the Company showed a satisfactory profit and the outlook was most encouraging. A ten per cent. dividend on the paid up capital of the Company amounting to \$73,515.84 was declared by the board of directors last July, but owing to financial conditions caused by the war, the money had not been sent out to the shareholders, even tho the express orders had already been prepared. The directors thought it would be wiser to hold this large amount in the office until the stress of the war situation had been somewhat relieved. The shareholders unanimously approved of the wisdom of the action of the board of directors in holding over the payment of dividends and the money will be sent out some time later on during the year and will not interfere with the payment of future dividends by the Company.

The following board of directors were elected for the ensuing year:

- T. A. Crerar, Winnipeg, President.
- E. J. Fream, Calgary, Alta., Vice-President.
- John Kennedy, Winnipeg, Vice-President.
- William Moffatt, Souris, Man., Secretary.
- R. McKenzie, Brandon, Man.
- John Morrison, Yellow Grass, Sask.
- F. J. Collyer, Welwyn, Sask.
- John F. Reid, Oreadia, Sask.
- F. M. Gates, Fillmore, Sask.
- W. H. Bewell was re-elected shareholders' auditor.

Every phase of the Company's business was discussed by the shareholders, and all information requested was satisfactorily provided by the executive officers of the Company. There was some discussion as to the wisdom of permitting shareholders to vote by proxy, as it was liable to lead to abuses. After the matter had been thoroughly discussed and practically every one present had agreed that proxy voting should be abolished, a by-law was passed instructing the board of directors to secure an amendment to the charter from the Dominion government permitting the abolition of proxy voting. Another by-law was passed calling for charter amendments to permit greater development in the co-operative work of the Company.

On Wednesday evening Mr. Anderson, President of the Equity Co-operative Exchange, which is the farmers' organization in Dakota and Minnesota, addressed the meeting, briefly outlining the work that is being done by the farmers in the States to the south. Addresses were also delivered on the same evening by R. C. Henders, President of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, J. A. Maharg, President of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association, and W. J. Tregillus, President of the United Farmers of Alberta.

**BELGIAN RELIEF FUND**

Received up to morning of Nov. 9:	
Previously acknowledged	\$26 00
G. W. Jennings, Melita, Man.	5 00
Miss A. M. Jennings, Melita, Man.	5 00
D. W. Buchanan, Wpg.	50 00
Farmer, Rossburn, Man.	100 00
Osborne Morgan, Beulah, Man.	10 00
Henry Townsend, Elkhorn, Man.	5 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$201 00</b>

**A Heart to Heart Chat**

There are a great many of our readers who have ideas, and also know what kind of reading matter they would like to see in The Guide from week to week. We want to get in touch with these readers; we want their help to make The Guide better than it has ever been. In another part of this issue we are offering prizes for the letters containing the best suggestions for improving The Guide.

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We are hoping to receive several hundred letters and we are certain that among them there will be very valuable suggestions that will help us to make The Guide of more use and greater interest to our readers. We hope that none of our readers will feel any hesitation in writing their frank opinion, because that is what we are after in this case.

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There is another way in which we want our readers to lend us a hand. We want them to write us their experiences in different branches of agricultural endeavor and let us publish them for the benefit of other farmers. We are glad to pay for such contributions and any farmer who has had experiences and will place them on paper and send them to us will be well repaid for an odd evening's work. All of us learn from our own experiences and from the experiences of others. If we have to learn solely from our own experiences our progress is slow, but if we are able to profit by having the experiences of others placed before us we can progress rapidly.

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This is an opportunity for farmers' sons who may have attended agricultural college to profit from their summer's work on the farm. Every farmer who is studying to do his work better, has had experiences that are valuable to other farmers. The kind of experience we are particularly seeking is just the kind that is exchanged when two or three farmers get together and sit down for a good, quiet talk. In that way they find out from each other just how they perform certain operations on the farm, and each one is able to give the other an idea that is helpful. We want to open an "Experience Department" in The Guide containing just these experiences. Don't be particular whether you get the grammatical construction of your article alright or not, we will fix that up; all we want is facts.

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Our readers will notice that our advertising pages are beginning to increase in volume, showing that the business institutions of the country are recovering from the panic which followed the outbreak of the war. These business concerns are realizing that the agricultural industry is the one to which all Canada must turn in the time of crisis, and therefore they are directing their advertisements to the farmers. Those who have a good crop this year have had excellent returns from it and undoubtedly will be large purchasers of the various necessities required on the farm.

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There has been a very large increase in the acreage prepared for crop this fall, and, with a fair season next summer, the crop of grain ready for the market in 1915 will probably be very heavy. The prices, in all probability, will be high so that the farmers of Western Canada will be in a position to do more purchasing for themselves and to settle up more of their old accounts during the year 1915 than for some years past. For this reason we expect that the advertising business of The Guide will grow very rapidly.

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We shall endeavor, to the best of our ability, not to accept advertisements from any but reliable firms. Occasionally commercial institutions get into difficulties and have to close their business, but such events cannot be foreseen, and, among those who have advertised in The Guide for the past five or six years, there are very, very few who have caused any loss to our readers thru business failures. It is because of the fact that we watch our advertising pages very carefully, and also because of the revenue it provides us with to publish a better paper, that we are anxious to have our readers, as far as possible, do their business with Guide advertisers, and to mention that fact to the advertiser when making the purchase.

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It is probable, as we have stated before in these pages, that Western Canada will come thru the war in better shape than most other parts of the world, and we want The Guide to share in the prosperity which higher prices of grain will bring to those farmers who have a good crop. This can only be done by the development of our advertising business and the support of our readers in patronizing our advertisers.

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Our subscriptions are coming in very well. There are still quite a number of our subscribers who have not renewed for the coming year. The label on their papers will tell them when their subscriptions expire, and we hope that without waiting for a notice from us they will send us \$1.00 to renew their subscriptions for one year or \$2.00 to renew it for three years. All this is a matter of very great importance to us, and we earnestly ask for the co-operation of our readers.

THE GRAIN GROWERS' GUIDE.



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Canada's Best and Most Up to Date  
Dental Office

**SEED GRAIN WANTED**

Any farmer who has seed grain, wheat, oats, barley, flax, timothy or any other kind of good seed grain for sale, should send a post card at once for a copy of our pamphlet: "How Farmers Can Make Money." It will assist them to dispose of their seed grain at a good price more quickly than in any other way. Write today. THE GRAIN GROWERS' GUIDE WINNIPEG



**Water Your Cattle In the Stable**

Don't drive them out through the cold to drink at a frozen trough or creek. They will not take nearly enough of the cold water that they require to give the most milk or put on the most flesh.

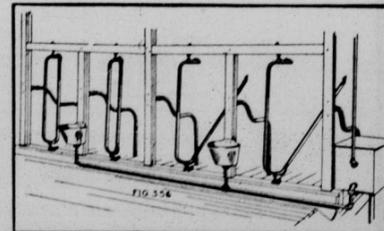
**The BT Water Bowl**

keeps a constant supply of fresh water before the cattle, so they can take a little sip when they want it and never go thirsty. Saves all the trouble of driving cows out to water. One bowl does for every two cows. They are easy to install and pay for themselves in a single winter.

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