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## THE GRAIN GROWERS' GUIDE

## THE IRRIGATION PROBLEM

At the Irrigation Congress at Bassano, Alta., on November 23-25, the late President Speakman, of the U.F.A., gave an address showing that, as a result of his investigation the farmers in the Lethbridge irrigated district were well pleased, but in the Gleichen-Strathmore district there was "almost unanimous discouragement and dissatisfaction." A report of this convention was published in The Guide of December 8. The irrigation committee of Strathmore has forwarded the following additional report of the discussion at the congress:

During the discussion which followed Mr. Speakman's address, the farmers pointed out that their trouble had come from the heavy gumbo subsoil not allowing the excess moisture to escape, and that it had increased the growth of straw and retarded the maturity of the grain to such an extent that it was either damaged or ruined by frost.

Mr. Stoeckton, superintendent of operation for the C.P.R., stated that the trouble was that the farmers had not irrigated in the proper manner and at the proper time. When questioned as to the least amount of water which could be applied to a well prepared seedbed with the amount of water supplied by the C.P.R. irrigation contract for a quarter section of land, Mr. Stoeckton admitted that 7 inches to 8 inches of water was as little as would be absorbed in getting the water over a well prepared field of grain, but advised the rotation of water so as to provide a larger head of water. When questioned as to the least amount which could be applied by using the largest head of water which could be handled to advantage, he stated that four inches would be as little as could be used under the most favorable circumstances.

When questioned as to the proper time to apply the water, he stated that ordinarily the latter part of May or the early part of June would be the proper time.

When asked how the farmer was to know when he began his irrigating if he was to get the amount of rainfall during the remainder of June, July and August that had come during that part of the season in 1914, or the amounts which came during the same period in 1915, Mr. Stoeckton was unable to make any reply.

## To Make Money

Mr. Dennis took the matter up at this point, and after giving a history of the conditions leading up to the construction of their irrigation system, stated that when they came to the time when they were prepared to put settlers upon the land, they had gone out on the basis of getting the settlers and had succeeded in getting them. He stated that they had sent their agents out to every part of the world, and had given them instructions like unto those given the proverbial son by the father who sent him out to make money, "to make it honestly if he could, but to make money."

He also called attention to the fact that the farmers had asked the government for a reclassification of their lands, and then had refused to be bound by the reclassification when it was completed.

The farmers pointed out that the basis on which the reclassification was made was supplied by the C.P.R., and provided that all lands which lay below the point of delivery and could have the water put over them with an expenditure of \$8 per acre should be classified as irrigable.

The farmers had not been consulted in this matter, and they had refused to accept a reclassification which would place an additional burden of \$8 per acre on their lands beyond the contract purchase price.

As supplied by  
W. D. TREGO,  
Acting Chairman of Farmers'  
Combined Irrigation Committee.

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