



SASKATCHEWAN SECTION

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Things To Be Done

The following resolution was recently passed by the executive of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association: "That whereas the coronation ceremonies of King George V. will shortly take place in London; and whereas the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association is the most powerful, loyal and truly representative body in the province, the executive deem it advisable that the association should be represented at the coronation and that a suitable souvenir should be tendered His Majesty King George on behalf of the Grain Growers of Saskatchewan. That a circular be drafted by the secretary and sent out as quickly as possible, setting forth the idea and a plan to accomplish the object outlined in the resolution.

J. A. MAHARG, President.
CHAS. D. DUNNING, Vice-pres.
Dr. T. HILL, Director.
JAMES ROBINSON, Director.

Circular

Every man has some pride in the land of his birth, is more or less loyal to his homeland, nationality and the religion of his fathers. There is that which is best in organized society. Freedom and protection are words we love. We have been free to do as we ought. We have protection of halcyon coasts. The country has been given to us. The best form of government in present day civilization is that which gives to the individual the widest opportunity and strongest guarantee of security, consistent with the same opportunity and security to every other individual. You have this under the Union Jack. No one loses in these respects coming to Canada. No one can gain in opportunity to lead the nation to better things, or security in the right to enjoy property, home or his religion by leaving Canada. The world owes a great debt to the Anglo-Saxon race. The British Empire is the biggest thing in the world, except perhaps the Christian religion, which has made the Empire. The Canadian Dominion is a very large factor in the Empire; agriculture is our dominant interest. Saskatchewan is the great wheat field of Canada. The Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association is a very powerful organization of men. A most heterogeneous mass of men, being of every kindred and from every clime. (Not paid agitators and disloyal annexationists as some suppose, but men loyal enough to ask for an increase of the British Preference, with ultimate free trade within the Empire.) But now, Canadians, sons of the Empire; now, co-workers for the establishment of that which is best in the world, living in harmony under one flag, the Empire's flag, Canada's flag. Our form of government being a limited monarchy with the largest franchise, on June 20 our king is to be crowned, a ceremony necessarily incidental to our form of government. It will doubtless be the outstanding event of the year in the world's doings. The coronation of our Empire's king, Britain's king, Canada's king, our king, our king, your king.

Can our association take any part in this coronation of the king? Evidently the executive think so. We should show, in some form, our loyalty and appreciation of the king, the king's father and mother, his grandfather and grandmother, of their life work in the cause of humanity. We would also be missing a grand opportunity to advertise ourselves and our ideals if we fail to take some small part in the coronation. It is suggested, further, that a neat memorial be drafted setting forth our loyalty to British ideals as exemplified by the reign of the late Queen Victoria, the late King Edward, and the present King George, expressing our appreciation of their work for the peace of the world and general uplift of the people and establishment of the brotherhood of man. That steps be taken to present a memorial giving the numbers of the different nationalities in our association. That a per capita tax of fifteen cents per member be raised for the above purpose to be forwarded to the

central office. That a portion of same be put into a suitable present to the king, as our memento of the auspicious occasion. Kindly get your executive to gather at a full meeting if possible. If you are favourably disposed to the above, pass a resolution saying so. Send us a cheque equal to fifteen cents per member for this fund, together with a list of your members' names, their nationality and any supplementary fund you can secure. Do this as quickly as possible. If response is quick and generous, this will be taken hold of. Should you send in any money and we do not proceed with this, it will be credited to your association or returned.

The proposed memento is to be a portable basket containing golden sheaves and leaves with suitable inscription intimating that this is the bread basket of the Empire. Manitoba and Alberta Grain Growers are being asked to participate.

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MISCALCULATIONS

An Estevan man says Mr. Green's calculation in his Ottawa address was incorrect in that Western farmers are not worth \$10,000 each. That may be so;

chiefly upon its annual subscriptions has a tendency to become stale, as it were. Self interest predominates wherever you go; when one is doing all right and earning plenty of dollars, nothing is said, but, on the other hand, when a run of bad luck sets in, complaints come from every source. We must not work by fits and starts depending always upon the popular voice. If our grievances and hardships are to be put upon the proper shoulders, we must, no matter how we look at it, adopt a real live progressive policy. This cannot be done without some money; we must have the necessary funds to fight with and until our members come to this conclusion and take out life memberships we shall have to struggle along as best we can.

I now quote from a pamphlet by Mr. Green, who has given a very lucid explanation of the scheme: "The idea of life membership has been adopted. Twelve dollars makes a man a member for life. Ten dollars of this is to go into a trust fund to be invested on farm properties, the interest to be used only for the carrying on of the work of the association. This fund will produce as much revenue per annum as has heretofore been paid into the central association per member. Each member added will increase the weight, strength, force and momentum as each member will become a live agent for the association. The idea is to get

Another Big Contract

To convince and convert R. L. Borden that agriculture is the first interest, all others being incidental.

Last summer the Grain Growers convinced Sir Wilfrid Laurier that Western farmers were a lively active quantity which had to be reckoned with in the government of this Canada.

Shall not a lively delegation meet Mr. Borden also at every point where he touches Western soil, as we did Sir Wilfrid, and let him know just what we Grain Growers want done? Why not? This man is paid to oppose the government. Let Grain Growers inform him where to oppose and where not to oppose. Should we not take just as much pains to inform the leader of the Opposition as we did the leader of the government?

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in some sense some are not worth ten cents. Still, it was thought that half a section of good land with the necessary equipment for a family to live on it could be fairly valued at \$10,000 at least, and conditions should be such that this farm should be able to pay interest on that investment as well as \$10,000 invested in any other manufacturing plant. Some farms, doubtless, are not worth living on. One of our readers on a good farm, for he had good crops, declares that after living on it for seven years, having neither fires, hailstorms, frost or drought, neither smoking or drinking, and not a bad manager either, did not produce a revenue sufficient to decently clothe himself and family and had no leisure to visit his father. He had also to mortgage the farm. This may show to some we slightly miscalculated. To others it may prove our contention.

OUR LIFE MEMBERSHIP SCHEME

Having lately received numerous enquiries respecting this proposition, I thought it would be advisable to publish a short description of same. Before giving a series of quotations, I may mention that our Association as it at present exists, lacks what is most essential in organizations of its kind, namely, permanency. This, really, ought to be our watchword, for therein lies the secret of our power as a factor for the farmers' benefit. I need not enlarge the Association's good work; this has already been done on occasions too numerous to mention by much better exponents than your humble servant, both on the platform and through the press. Take, for instance, our railway systems, banks, corporations, manufacturers' associations, and, incidentally, co-operative companies; these are all what one might term permanently organized and have the necessary funds to carry out their propositions; whereas, an organization which has to depend

every Grain Grower in Saskatchewan as a member. When we have 100,000 Grain Growers and they are enrolled as life members, this association will have a trust fund of one million dollars, with an income of some sixty thousand dollars per year.

"This would enable them to have legal and expert advice and students to study the various problems and secure sufficient data to enable them to present their claims in an intelligent forcible manner which both railway corporations and bodies politic would sit up and listen to. And when Manitoba has 100,000 farmers, and Alberta has 100,000 and they all get into this thing with 300,000 farmers organized together, with a trust fund of \$3,000,000, an income annually of some \$180,000 or \$200,000 permanently secured, the farmers will begin to command attention something commensurate with their importance to this country. Twelve members of an intelligent, business, systematic organic union to look after their own interests? We think so. At any rate we are going to try. Everything has been done to safeguard and make secure and permanent this fund. It is not a commercial venture. It is just to provide permanent, thorough, stable organization to carry out the objects and aims of the Grain Growers' Association of Saskatchewan. A. W. Irwin, John Maharg, and Ben Thomson are the members of the trustee board of the life fund. The work will be carried on continuously. The ordinary membership, as in the past, will be continued for those who cannot see their way clear to pay for a life certificate. Applications for life membership have already commenced to come in. We do not expect to beg and pray. This thing is of the farmers, by the farmers, for the farmers. It is not a large sum. It is numbers that will

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tell. They have seen the necessity, and some of the advantages. We are now ready to receive the funds."

At present we have about 750 life members and further subscriptions are being received daily to swell the grand total. "Nil desperandum, in hoc signo vinces" (never despair, under this sign thou shalt conquer) is our motto in this connection. "Rome was not built in a day." The day is not far distant, however, when all our members will realize their responsibilities and join in the great cause. Farmers, take your proper place in the Dominion. Dictate, do not be dictated to. In other words be "Imperium in Imperio," a government within a government.

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ELEVATOR NOTES

For the benefit of those who persist in saying that the Co-Operative Elevator Company is an unlimited liability company, the opinion of Mr. F. W. G. Haultain was secured, who ought to know something about the matter. He was told of the contention of our Noble friend as it appeared in the Standard. Mr. Haultain said there was nothing whatever in that. The attorney-general was asked why the term "limited" was not put into the act. Both he and the company's lawyer said that every man who knew anything about law or the Interpretation Act knows that you might as well put into the act that the word "act" shall commence with the letter A, as to put into it that the company shall be limited, because the company and its shares are "limited," just as surely as the word "act" commences with the letter A.

Dr. Hill, of Kinley, who is organizing for the Co-Operative Elevator Company, called the other day and reported that the Saskatchewan proposition had become a popular movement now, no opposition being met anywhere. The only obstacle to organization at every shipping point immediately is the limitation of the farmers' cash—often the richest being the poorest of it. Only for this the elevator business of the province would be in the hands of the producers of grain in an amazingly short period. Indeed, said the doctor, this will be the ultimate outcome. The loyalty of the farmers once secured to their own institution, with the government standing pledged to supply eighty-five per cent. of the cost of a system of elevators, managed entirely by the men who grow the grain, we can afford to take time to organize thoroughly and make the job complete.

NEWSY BRIEFS

Creekside writes us stating that they have a new secretary in O. Adamson, Mr. Hurrell having resigned. We hope he will have success in his new job. They strongly endorse the reciprocity agreement. Good!

West Eagle Hills sends us a request for more membership cards. Mr. Olsen, their secretary, must be doing good work in the way of securing new members. This is good; by all means keep it up.

Camberley has sent us membership fees for the ensuing year. E. Jones, the secretary, also shows himself to be very much alive. Good luck!

Hanson is greatly interested in the new elevator company. They have written for information. By the by, secretaries don't forget to call for your mail next week, as pamphlets descriptive of the whole subject are being sent out by the

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