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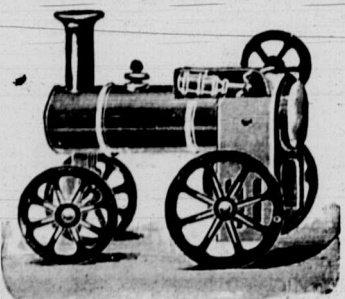
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Manitoba Section

This Section of The Guide is conducted officially for the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association

The board of directors of the Manitoba Grain Growers' association held a two day session in Trades Hall, Winnipeg, on November 1 and 2. This being the first meeting of the board since early in the summer, matters that had accumulated in the interval for the consideration of the board were disposed of and arrangements made for a vigorous campaign for organization and educational work decided on.

A distinct forward movement will be made in the direction of organizing in every community where a school house, church or hall can be secured for meetings for social and educational purposes, with a view to making these meeting places the social centre for the community. Meetings are intended to benefit not only the farmer himself but all the members of his family, and will be conducted so as to attract the young people of the community and afford them not only an opportunity to study and take part in the discussion of social and economic questions and the business side of farm life, but provide them means of recreation and amusement.

Actual Weight Shipping

A committee appointed at a former meeting in reference to granting farmers who habitually load their grain on cars over the loading platform, the privilege of shipping their last shipment for the season at actual weight to a fixed minimum, reported that Mr. Acheson, grain transportation agent of the C.P.R., promised orders will be issued to have cars for that class of shippers billed out at actual weight with a minimum of 40,000 lbs., when application was made in each case for the privilege at the time the shipper ordered his car.

Co-operative Farm Produce Sale

A special committee appointed some time ago to consider and devise a practical scheme for co-operative selling of farm produce and purchasing and distributing staple commodities, reported progress. This phase of the farmers' movement will be a prominent feature of the season's propaganda.

The president reported that complaints were made that slightly frozen barley was getting into No. 3 grade due to the wording of the specification of that grade in the inspection act, reducing its value for malting and consequently the price paid for malting purposes. The board arranged to bring the matter to the attention of the minister of trade and commerce and make the specification of No. 3 barley so as to admit nothing but "sound" barley into that grade.

Change Wheat Specifications

It was also agreed to solicit the co-operation of the western section of the council of agriculture in making a presentation to the Dominion government to change the specification of Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Northern Manitoba wheat, the survey board, and methods of appeal from the inspector's decisions, so as to bring them more in line with similar grades of wheat, board of appeal and methods of appeal in the Minnesota inspection division.

Convention Dates

Arrangements were made to hold the annual convention in Brandon, January 24, 25, 26, 1912. This convention will be of special interest. In addition to consideration and discussion of questions which have been before the former annual meetings, new phases of the farmers' advance movement will be introduced and addresses delivered by prominent men in the movement for equitable distribution of the fruits of labor and agriculture.

A new constitution, copies of which are being sent to branches for consideration and intended to meet the requirements of the larger organization, will be placed before the convention for disposal.

Defeat of Reciprocity

The directors made the following pronouncement on the defeat of the reciprocity agreement:

"That we express our satisfaction at the attitude taken by Hon. Mr. Borden in his address to Western farmers in his recent tour through the Prairie Provinces in the matter of:

"1.—Government operation of terminal

elevators by an independent commission;

"2.—Immediate construction, government ownership and operation by an independent commission of a railway from the wheat fields of the Prairie Provinces to Hudson Bay;

"3.—An act to facilitate establishing co-operative societies;

"4.—Providing facilities for exporting chilled meat from the Western provinces;

"5.—Amendments to Railway Act to facilitate securing compensation for stock killed or injured on railway tracks;

"We confidently expect the government to implement the promises then made by Mr. Borden on behalf of the party now in power by having the necessary legislation passed at the first session of Parliament, giving effect to the above enumerated promises.

"We exceedingly regret the defeat of the reciprocal trade arrangement in natural products made between the government of Canada and the United States, but express our satisfaction that an analysis of the votes cast at the election reveals the fact that a large majority of the rural population supported the agreement.

Western Needs

"We affirm our former position that the great need of the Western farmers is:

"1.—Wider markets for their rapidly increasing output, which in grain especially will in a short time be in excess of the requirements of the United Kingdom and the natural and most convenient market for our surplus is the United States, with a population of 100,000,000;

"2.—A reduction of the excessive cost of living and the production of farm products by reducing custom duties on manufactured goods, and the entire removal of duties on food products and agricultural implements; we, therefore, strongly adhere to the proposals for relief made by the farmers' delegation to Ottawa last December, expressed in the following terms:

Favor Reciprocity

"1.—That we strongly favor reciprocal free trade between Canada and the United States in all horticultural, agricultural and animal products, spraying materials, fertilizers, illuminating, fuel and lubricating oils, cement, fish and lumber.

"2.—Reciprocal free trade between the two countries in all agricultural implements, machinery, vehicles and parts of each of these, and in the event of a favorable arrangement being reached it be carried into effect through the independent action of the respective governments, rather than by the hard and fast requirements of a treaty.

"3.—We also favor the principle of the British preferential tariff, and urge an immediate lowering of the duties on all British goods to one-half the rates charged under the general tariff schedule, whatever that may be; and that any trade advantages given the United States in reciprocal trade relations be extended to Great Britain.

"4.—For such further gradual reduction of the remaining preferential tariff as will ensure the establishment of complete free trade between Canada and the Motherland within ten years.

"The conditions that now obtain in our grain market unmistakably demonstrate the financial loss farmers sustained in the defeat of reciprocal agreement. The spread between Canadian and United States prices of high grade wheat, oats, and barley is large—but the loss is very much greater in low grade milling wheat and feed grain, the price of which is daily being reduced to the growers for want of a market sufficiently large to steadily absorb it while at the same time the United States supplies practically an unlimited market for such grain from which we are debarred by a prohibitive tariff. The situation which has become acute will continue with more or less intensity until this barrier is removed.

"Recent legislation at Washington shows us that the remedy remains with ourselves. Those trade barriers only remain because of the attitude taken by Eastern financial and manufacturing interests—debarring the Western farmers from enjoying the great advantage which would surely come to them through access to a wider and more convenient market in the United States.—R. C. Henders, president; J. S. Wood, vice-president; R. McKenzie, secretary; R. J. Avison, W. M. Bewell, D. D. McArthur, Peter Wright, R. M. Wilson, directors."

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