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- - STAGELA PRINCE
- - CULMORN
- - WINNIPEG
- - R. M.
- - P. W. Kerr,
- - Jm. Birtle; J. S.
- - R. J. Avison.

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"When this Act first came into force I was one who was chosen to go around the country trying to instruct farmers the real meaning of it," he said. "Again when it was brought up in parliament it was supported by all. The only ones who objected to it were the seedsmen. This Act does not only apply to seedsmen, it applies also to a certain extent to the farmers. It does not apply to all seeds. "All the inspectors who work under this Act can go into any store or warehouse and inspect the seeds. Any farmer can sell seeds on his own premises without the Act interfering with him, but if he does offer them he is liable to a penalty of \$1 for every sack or parcel he sells and on a second offence the fine is \$5 for every sack or parcel.

"Any inspector in finding a defaulter can simply send the seeds to the official analyst at Toronto, and whatever his decision may be the offender will be dealt with on it."

Various other Acts were also dealt with.

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SPRING HILL MOTIONS

The Spring Hill Grain Growers' Association met June 10. Discussions on various subjects pertaining to our mutual welfare were threshed out. One particular subject brought forward by the president, re approaching our candidates for M. P. P., and asking them to pledge themselves to direct legislation, etc. This seemed to set fire to the beehive, and a great many of our members objected to this procedure, as it was thought only one of the candidates would sign the pledge and lessen the other candidate's chances of election; no other objection could be given than the one above, in fact, it was a case of "Ignorance is bliss."

They did not pretend to be wise. The following motion was carried: "That the farmers in Spring Hill district petition the government elevator commission to either buy, erect or otherwise furnish storage room for grain offered at this point, said building to be equipped with cleaning machinery." Petition forms are being circulated for signatures of farmers at this point.

At a meeting on May 6, the following motion was carried: "That a committee comprising the president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer of each sub-association convene and be known as a county association, consisting of all the associations of Lankford and Rosedale municipalities, in some central point for the purpose of discussing questions of general interest to our mutual welfare. All associations in the two municipalities will kindly consider this matter at their next meeting and report progress to the undersigned."

W. A. ROWE, Sec.-treas.
Neepawa, P. O.

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LENORE FARMERS SIGN

A special meeting of Lenore branch Grain Growers' Association was held on Saturday, June 11, to discuss the proposition of the government acquiring by lease or purchase one or more of the elevators here. J. W. Seallion, of Virden, the honorary president of the association, by special request was present and gave us a splendid outline of the benefits that would accrue from a government system. Other subjects were touched upon, especially the coming visit of the Dominion premier. The tariff was also gone into and its unequal burden on the Western farmer. There were present about fifty per cent of the farmers tributary to Lenore, and everyone present signed the petition asking the government to buy or lease one or more of the elevators here. I have no doubt the other fifty per cent would sign also. From the farmers' point of view this clause in the Elevator Act is a farce, and whose whims it was supposed to appease it is difficult to understand. It never should have been allowed to become law.

W. H. DONAHUE.

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WANT PUBLIC ELEVATOR

At a meeting of the Roblin Grain Growers' Association held in the Holmes Block on Saturday, June 11, it was unanimously decided to petition the government to acquire one or more of the existing elevators in Roblin, and John Arnott, Thos. Forsythe, Robt. Arnott, E. Knight and W. R. Scott were appointed to take round the necessary petitions. Mr. Mit-

chell's offer of a picnic ground was accepted and a hearty vote of thanks, was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell for their kindness. The social committee appointed are James Pomeroy, E. Knight, M. Rolston, John Mitchell, P. Michaelson, R. McBride and C. Ingleton with Jas. Mitchell as convener. The date has not been fixed but it will be arranged to form a part of Mr. Avison's itinerary in the district.

Roblin, Man. W. R. SCOTT, Sec.

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CARROLL PLOWING MATCH

Two thousand people Thursday witnessed the provincial plowing match at Carroll, Man. The day was ideal and thirty-one plowmen entered into the various competitions.

The big drawing card was of course the men's champion class, in which four noted plowmen competed for the McMillan cup, emblematic of the championship of Manitoba.

The contestants were: W. Turner, T. Guild, James Sutherland and J. Rodgers. W. Turner was the winner with a score of 91½ points, and T. Guild was a close second with 91 points. James Sutherland, last year's champion was third with 90½ points; J. Rodgers being a close fourth with 90 points.

The fact that there was only 1½ points between the first and the fourth man shows how keen the competition was. W. Turner, of Carroll, is a noted plowman. It was he who in 1908 journeyed to Bird's Hill and carried off the coveted mug to Carroll where it has remained ever since. T. Guild, of Kenney, was the youngest plowman in the class, and the fact that he was only half a point behind the champion shows that he made a strong bid for the silverware. Last year he was also second, being but half a point behind James Sutherland.

Sutherland is perhaps the most noted plowman in the province, and it was somewhat of a surprise to see him drop to third this year. He is a farmer of Carroll, and has won the provincial championship on three occasions. J. Rodgers, of Carberry, who was given fourth place, has won first honors in his class several times and has always been a keen contestant for provincial honors.

Splendid work was done by the young men in the gang plow class. A. Eamer who captured first in his class with a score of 79 points also won the sweepstakes for the best gang plowed lot on the field. M. Rose who won first in the gang plow for young men under 18 years with a score of 76 points, showed that he would make a champion in years to come. W. Smith who was second with a score of 75 points, also showed himself to be a coming champion.

G. Randall captured first in the men's 14 inch walking plow class, open to all comers who had not won a first at any match. His score was 73 points and next year he will be eligible to compete in the championship class for provincial honors.

The judges were: Geo. McVicar and Mr. McEwan, of Portage la Prairie; P. Elder, Rounthwaite; J. Mayhew, Wawanesa; Wm. Croy, Brandon, and W. McMillan, of Carroll.

The following is a summary of the winners in the various classes:

Summary of Results

Champion class, men's 14 inch walking plow—1. W. Turner, 91½ points; 2. T. Guild, 91 points; 3. James Sutherland, 90½ points; 4. J. Rodgers, 90 points.

Boys' class, 15 years and under—1. G. Udell, 2. J. Cathcart, 3. T. Fenwick, 4. F. Patterson.

Young men's class, 14 inch gang plow—1. M. Rose, 76 points; 2. W. Smith, 75 points; 3. R. Eamer, 74 points.

Men's gang, open to all comers—1. T. Turner, 77½ points; 2. C. Taylor, 74 points; 3. N. Turner, 4. S. Smith.

Young men's class, 11 years and under, gang plow—1. A. Eamer, 79 points; 2. C. Cawley, 74 points; 3. F. L. Roff, 62 points; 4. J. Metcalf, 59 points.

Fourteen inch class, open to all men who have not won a first prize—1. G. Randall, 75 points; 2. G. Turney, 68 points; 3. Alex. Willox.

Sweepstakes for best plowing on the field won by W. Turner, 91½ points.

Sweepstakes prize for the best gang plowed lot on the field, won by A. Eamer, 79 points.

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ELEVATORS, THEN ELECTION

At a meeting of Bethany branch of the G. G. A., a resolution was passed and forwarded to the provincial government protesting against holding a general election this summer, to the effect that it is in our interest as Grain Growers to see that the government owned elevators be put in operation before being called upon to cast our ballot, and that the same be forwarded at once in the form of a petition. JAS. KENNEDY, Bethany, Man. Rec. Sec.

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RE CATTLE GUARDS

Enclosed find filled in blank re cattle guards. Hope I am not too late sending it in to be of benefit to you. At our meeting on Saturday, June 11, the following resolution was passed. It was moved by Jno. Wilson and seconded by T. Ballentine. "Resolved that we, the Moorepark Branch of the M. G. G. A., urge our executive to impress upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier the needs of the farmers of this province, especially in regard to the high tariff; secondly, taking over of the Terminal Elevators by the Federal government; thirdly, the necessity of the Hudson's Bay Road; fourthly, the necessity of a Chilled Meat Plant."

S. H. BEATEN, Sec. Moore Park, Man.

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RE TERMINAL ELEVATORS

Mr. C. B. Watts, secretary Dominion Miller's Association, writing in reference to the growing sentiment in favor of the Dominion Government acquiring and operating the terminal elevators, stated that a member of a firm of prominent exporters, who is interested in a line of interior elevators in the west, in discussing the question, made the statement, "That there is one thing, the interior elevators are of no use to you unless you own a terminal," and he further said, "I believe it would be the best thing for everybody if the government owned the terminals."

Mr. Watts, continues, "When you consider that only about a year ago this same gentleman was strongly opposed to the agitation I was trying to work up in favor of the terminals and pooh-poohed the idea, you can see how the effect of facts, has made converts to the idea of government ownership. (The firm referred to) of course are large exporters, and as soon as the action of the elevators started to effect them they become converts though they were owners of interior elevators."

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TO MEET SIR WILFRID

The meeting of the Ninga Grain Growers held on Saturday, June 11, was not as well attended as might of been, but still a great deal of business was done. The question of storage elevators was discussed at some length as to whether existing elevators would do or not. It was decided to try them anyway and the secretary was instructed to send for petition forms which have to be signed by 60 per cent of the farmers tributary to Ninga. After a number of delegates were nominated it was decided that the president and secretary should be delegates to meet Sir Wilfrid Laurier at Brandon on the 18th of July. A letter and a resolution from Killarney G. G. A. were read and discussed when it was laid on the table to be taken up at next meeting. Regarding crop reports a motion was carried "That it be added to the duties of the directors to assist the secretary in obtaining crop reports. A communication from Mr. McKenzie was read dealing with the stock killed on railway and information was taken concerning the losses and manner of settlement, if any, was made, these to be sent to Winnipeg.

Ninga, Man. A. H. CHESTER, Secretary

DIRECT LEGISLATION PLEDGE

The following letters and suggestions have been received from A. Smith, Minitonas, Man.:

Previous to 1896, and during the long term of office of the Conservatives at Ottawa, the Liberals ceaselessly preached about the abnormally high tariff, how that the farmer was paying prohibitive prices for almost every commodity, and of the attendant evils.

They told us, among other things, that if the Liberal party was elected, we should have "a tariff for revenue only." In the fourteen years of their administration, note how they have redeemed their promises.

It is surely time that we, as electors, should discontinue the practice of accepting any or every platform promise held out as a bait by office-seekers, at above its true valuation. You should know by this time what that value is. It is time we renounced this ancient habit, and resorted to up-to-date methods.

Let us procure a written pledge from those aspiring for political honors previous to their election, holding them the better to materialize our wishes. If our three Western provinces would, in every constituency, pledge the members of both parties to see something like the adjoined pledge form, it would be but a short time until we secure those benefits for which we have made so many futile attempts in the past.

Form of Pledge to be Used

I, the undersigned, do pledge my honor to support this measure in the House, and if I cannot see fit to support it, I will at once resign my seat.

Candidate

Any association that wishes may add the "Recall" to the above pledge, but it should be made not to come into effect until the candidate has been six months in office, and then only on a large percentage petition, (say 30 per cent.)

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| The Initiative and Referendum | Yes. |
| Number of signatures required for Initiative petition | 8% |
| Number of signatures required for Referendum petition | 5% |
| Basis on which number of signatures is to be computed | The number of votes cast at the last preceding general election. |
| Provision in respect to urgent measures. | Except as to laws necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety. |
| When the Initiative petition is to be filed | Not less than three (3) months before the election at which they are to be voted upon. |
| When the Referendum petition is to be filed | Not more than sixty days after the final adjournment of the session of the legislative assembly. |
| Where petitions are to be filed. | With the secretary of the province. |
| The election at which votes are to be taken | At the regular general election, except when the legislative assembly shall order a special election. |
| Additional provisions | When a majority of the electors voting at a provincial election shall by their votes signify approval of a law or resolution, such law or resolution shall stand as the law of the province, and shall not be over-ruled, annulled, set aside, suspended, or in any way made inoperative except by the direct vote of the people. |