



ROMANCE

OF THE

GRAIN GROWERS OF SASKATCHEWAN

History, Aims and Objects



NEARLY eighteen years ago a small company of Saskatchewan farmers gathered together in the little town of Indian Head, Saskatchewan, to talk over the deplorable conditions under which they had to dispose of their wheat, and to endeavour to find some means of common action for remedying those conditions. The Hon. W. R. Motherwell, now Minister of Agriculture for Saskatchewan, and Peter Dayman, of Abernethy, called a meeting of a number of farmers from Abernethy, Wolseley, Sintaluta, Qu'Appelle and other points to convene at Indian Head for the purpose of discussing and formulating plans for the establishment of a farmers' organization which could deal more effectively with their common disabilities than could possibly be done by individual action. This meeting was held in December, 1901, and these far-seeing pioneers, knowing something of the magnitude of the problem which they were facing, decided that local organizations of farmers should be established throughout the country at all points where an interest could be created, and that these Locals should each send delegates to a convention where a central executive representing them all should be elected.

A campaign to organize local associations throughout the country was undertaken forth-

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