

The Mail Bag

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not be deluded by this cry for more protection no matter how many cloaks of spurious patriotism are thrown around it.

F. J. DIXON.

Winnipeg, Nov. 10.

WOMEN GRAIN GROWERS AND TEMPERANCE

Editor, Guide:—At the request of the executive of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, of Saskatchewan, which recently held its second annual convention, in Saskatoon, I am directed to express thru your columns the thanks of that body to the Grain Growers' Association for sending to the convention as fraternal delegate Mrs. J. McNaughtan, of Piche, president of the Woman's Section of the Grain Growers' Association. By her presence much was added to the interest and value of the convention. Strong in conviction and clear in testimony, Mrs. McNaughtan's advocacy is sure to win friends for any cause she represents. We trust the co-operation of the G. G. and W. C. T. U. will result in great gain to the cause of temperance and woman's enfranchisement. Such work as is being done by Mrs. McNaughtan and the women associated with her is an essential part of empire building. The best defence of empire is conditions that create a happy and contented people, and it is just to produce such conditions that the president of the Women Grain Growers and her associates are giving their energies and abilities. The W. C. T. U. wish her God speed in her work.

On behalf of the Prov. W.C.T.U.,
BELLA SWAIL CLEARLAND.
Saskatoon, Sask., Nov. 2.

FOR CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Editor, Guide:—I notice in the press a report of the convention of District No. 4 of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association that the following resolution was passed unanimously: "That the board of directors at their next meeting appoint a committee to report to the annual convention on the formation of a Co-operative Bank for Saskatchewan." This action I heartily endorse. Having come to the West over 35 years ago, having spent 16 years of that time in Manitoba and having been continuously in the fight for economic freedom and studied these questions thoroughly, I would say that this is the most important and strategic move we can make at the present time. From the building of the first line elevator in Manitoba, with its special privilege given it by the railroad company, in their effort to shirk their own responsibility to the people, the fight began and we have carried it on for twenty-seven years thru the Farmers' Union, the Patrons of Industry, and lastly the Grain Growers' Association, sometimes making headway, sometimes compelled to fall back. We fought at Winnipeg and again at Ottawa and out all along the lines. Sometimes we were betrayed by our officers and sometimes by our professed friends. Our camp was full of spies, but at last we forced the enemy to give way little by little until it was finally forced to capitulate and we marched in and with the help of our Saskatchewan government laid the cornerstone of a new order upon the foundation of co-operation. The event I refer to was the organization of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company, the first great battle won. In order to hold our position and perform the service to ourselves (the people), we found it necessary to secure "Sinews of War," "Medium of Exchange," "Money," or whatever else you call it. We found the enemy marching against us in another form endeavoring to cut off our supplies and how fierce this battle has been fought, for strategic reasons, can only be told in the future. The battle is still on and the only way out except a disastrous defeat of all the economic forces on the field is to rally to the standard, subscribe the necessary capital and capture this rampart also, which is the main stronghold of our opposition and which once captured and used co-operatively with its secret chambers revealed, will cause all people to stand aghast at our shortsightedness in not acting sooner. I am for a Grain Growers' Bank and will take ten shares if one is started.

Let us back up this project with our whole strength and if the executive see

fit to act upon the suggestion put forward, start the ball rolling at our annual convention and complete our bank organization during the winter.

Yours sincerely,
ADVANCE.

WHY ARE HOGS SO CHEAP?

Editor, Guide:—Could you, or some of the wise ones, tell us farmers what we are to do with the hogs this fall? We don't like to shoot them, but we might as well for anyone knows we can't feed pigs on 75-cent oats and dollar wheat and sell pigs for perhaps 5 cents a lb. or even less as it looks now. Some people talk about the government buying up our wheat; so they could, and make money, but I think they ought to take a hand at the hog business. This looks like the packers' old tricks; about the time the spring pigs are about ready in the fall, then down goes the price. If you go to a store for some bacon they will ask you 30 cents a pound for it. Surely the soldiers will be needing pork! Then why should hogs be so cheap?

J. R. DILLON.

THE PATRIOTIC ACRE

Editor, Guide:—In reference to the Saskatchewan farmer's proposition for each farmer to grow an acre extra of wheat specially for some department of the Patriotic Fund, I would like to say that this seems to me only common justice. We have profited to some extent on the price of wheat on account of this war, and altho we are not pleased to profit at our fellowmen's expense, it was hardly possible to avoid it. I think the spirit of co-operation which is becoming the moving spirit of democracy should prompt us, as far as possible, to make our comparative abundance supply part of others' need. We deplore the fact that the price of wheat could not have been so regulated as to give the farmers of Manitoba value for their work, but at the same time give consumers the value of their money. We are willing to grow an acre of wheat for this purpose, and I think others around here will do likewise.

W. J. FRASER.

Glenella, Man.

Methodists Condemn Militarism

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among eminent jurists of Europe and America.

World Police

"Behind this court and subject to its orders only should be a police force comprised of national units of air, land and sea forces dedicated by the several nations to the service of peace. When armies of aggression and defence have been dissolved, we shall still need a police force to do patrol duty among the nations. Only by some such out-and-out commitment to the cause of peace can we hope to change the age-long custom of the world. Then and not before, only when a sense of security and mutual trust has been produced among the nations can disarmament take place. Then every frontier in the world may become like the three thousand unfortified miles between the United States and Canada.

Allies of Peace

"And besides this, the leading nations as allies of peace may agree to pass a decree of non-intercourse in the case of any nation refusing to obey the findings of the court. So interlocked have the interests of the nations become that no great nation could afford to face the consequence of this less costly and bloodless warfare.

"The conference prays that the peoples of the world may learn wisdom from the unspeakable horrors of the present strife and prepare to organize the forces of the world for the conservation of the higher interests of mankind, under the lead of a church bearing faithful witness to the one essential thing in the message of her Lord."

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