

MR. BONNAR'S CHARGES

He declares that a member of the Manitoba government has threatened to smash the Grain Growers' organization

At a meeting at Eli, Man., on July 1, Mr. R. A. Bonnar, K.C., made the following statements: "I know the pulse of the twenty thousand farmers who compose the Grain Growers of Manitoba. I have been closely in touch with them and they are suspicious of the government in regard to the elevator bill. I know also that every man of them wants Direct Legislation and you know why they want it. They want it so that there will be an end to graft; so that the government in power will be obliged to keep clean. The Roblin government are afraid to offer such legislation.

"I say, the farmers suspect the government and well they might. In regard to the elevator bill it was at once apparent to me as a lawyer, when I read the first draft presented to me by the attorney-general that it was not the intention to put such a bill into force, a suspicion was at once created in my mind that it was a trumped up document to satisfy the Grain Growers. The bill brought down was infantile in the extreme; to me it was the biggest joke of the season. Afterwards when we protested, the attorney-general offered dire threats if it went into the papers, but it did get into the newspapers. Then they took it back and revised and modified it. I suspected then the sincerity of the government. When a man deceives me once I am not inclined to trust him again. I tell you frankly that I do not believe it is the intention of the government to go on with the elevator project after July 11.

"Take a look at the election promises of the past. Just before the last election the government said it would legislate on any resolution passed by the convention of 300 reeves and others gathered in Winnipeg at that time. The convention did pass a resolution asking for government owned elevators. In the meantime between the pledge and the resolution the government went into power again. You know what happened. They did not make any attempt to carry out their pledge. And now here they are just before another election putting through a bill for government elevators. It is not necessary to call an election for another year yet. Why do they not show their bona fide intention to the farmers of this province by putting their elevator legislation into effect? I will tell you why, it is because the government has no intention of putting it into effect. If all the members of the government said they were going to carry out the bill I would not believe them.

Refused to Grant Commission

"The government refused to grant a commission independent of politics, to install and manage a government elevator system. I say that this is not impossible. We have just as honest men in Manitoba as any members of our government and I could find you thousands of them to become, as we requested, responsible to the legislature instead of to the government. We told the government that unless they could do that we did not want the bill at all.

"Is the Roblin government a friend of the farmers? Let me tell you some things that I know.

"An attempt was made to cripple the Grain Growers' Company by getting all the banks against them. I told the farmers about that, and immediately a deputation was sent to Toronto by the Grain Growers to interview the directors of the Home Bank. Now, at that time the government of Manitoba had about \$75,000 on deposit in the Home Bank, and when they found the Grain Growers were masters of the situation they withdrew this money. Is that what you could expect from friends of the farmers?

"Do you know that Premier Roblin was a grain dealer and largely interested in an elevator company; that the Hon. Robert Rogers, the minister of public works, has been mixed up in the grain business and that the firm of the attorney-general of the province are solicitors for the grain exchange? Can you wonder that I am suspicious of their friendship for the farmers.

"It is stated that a certain member of the government makes the proud boast that he will demolish the Grain Growers' organization. If they attempt to do this the farmers will destroy them.

Will Protect Farmers' Interests

"These are the reasons why the farmers have asked me to run. They want their interests protected on the floor of the House. I had no desire to enter the field, and only consented to do so when pressure was brought to bear. I was asked to accept the nomination on behalf of 20,000 farmers of the province, and I have entered the lists without any selfish motives. My object is to carry on the fight for the Grain Growers that I have been conducting for the past four years."



Book Review



PETTICOAT GOVERNMENT—A Novel by
Baroness D'Orsay. Published by Copp Clark Co., Toronto.

This is a story of the Court of Louis XV. of France during the days of Madame Pompadour's rule. It shows how the feeble minded king was continually swayed through feminine intrigue and the reins of the French Empire were held by women.

"DRY FARMING: Its Principles and Practices"
by William McDonald, M.S.Agr., Sc.D., Ph.D. Published by the Century Company, Union Square, New York. Price \$1.20, postage 11c.

This is one of the most valuable books on dry farming that has yet been published and a study of it would be of great value to farmers in those parts of Western Canada where dry farming is being reduced to a science. The author of the book, in addition to his experience in the Transvaal, has visited all the important experiment stations in the United States where dry land investigations are being conducted. On this account the book is replete with the very latest information that is valuable on the subject of dry farming. A great deal of his information is drawn from Utah and Montana, where

dry farming has been conducted very successfully. A number of the illustrations are taken from dry farms that are being conducted by Prof. Aitkinson in Montana, and these farms are considered by experts to be the most up-to-date dry farms on the continent. For the man who is handling a dry farm proposition a book of this kind is almost invaluable, as it covers a thorough conservation of soil moisture, and gives information on the various methods of irrigation necessary with different varieties of soil. The book is considered in this light by a great many American colleges, and has been introduced into them as a text book.

Professor W. J. Elliott, who is in charge of the C.P.R. Farm at Strathmore, Alta., says: "I could certainly recommend 'Dry Farming' to all those who are considering this work in any one of its phases, and in fact for the man who is farming under more humid conditions, there are many points that will aid him very much in the handling and treatment of his soil."

The book is written in a simple style that may be understood by every man who reads, and in fact, so well has the author prepared this work that it reads like an interesting novel.



Waiting for Jacks to Bite. A Scene on La Salle River near Fortier, Man.

READY MADE HOUSES

While most articles are delivered to the farmer ready for service, houses have been an exception to the rule, and it is only recently that houses have been laid down already erected.

The Wier Ready Made House is delivered to the farmer ready to set up. It is claimed for it that it has been carefully tested and will thoroughly withstand the rigors of the Western climate. The houses are built of good material and consist of solid interchangeable sections which are securely bolted or nailed together making the joints weather proof.

The house may be put up on sills, placed on posts, or put up on the permanent foundation, as desired. It is claimed for it that when set up and in position, it is impossible to distinguish it from a structure devised and constructed under the supervision of an architect. The Wm. S. Kink Company, Winnipeg, are the representatives in this territory.

CELEBRATED SILVER WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Wright, of Rosehill, Man., celebrated the silver anniversary of their marriage on Monday June 6th, by a dinner, at which about forty of their friends and neighbors sat down. Mr. and Mrs. Wright were married by Honorable Archdeacon Fortin in Holy Trinity Church, Winnipeg, twenty-five years ago. After living at Parkdale, St. Andrews, they moved to Rosehill where they have resided for ten years. By their genial manner and kind hospitality they have won to them a host of friends not only in their immediate neighborhood but in all the district about them. The union was blessed with six children, five of who were present on this present anniversary occasion, the absent member

being a farmer at Star City, Sask. Mr. Wright has held many positions of trust and responsibility. He is a member of the Old Timer's Association of Winnipeg. Justice of the Peace at Rosehill, Chairman of the Claremonte Board of School Trustees, Director of the North Norfolk Agricultural Association and President of the Rosehill Grain Growers' Association.

STRIKE PROBABLE

A Washington, D. C. dispatch of July 2, said:—After three conferences Friday evening between Dr. Chas. P. Neill, commissioner of labor and representatives of the conductors and trainmen of nearly all the railroads in the south-eastern part of the United States, the probability of a general strike of the railroad men in this territory for higher wages was even greater than Thursday.

Another long conference is expected to-day between the railroad employees, Dr. Neill and Chairman Knapp, of the interstate commerce commission, who is also acting as a mediator. It was learned to night that more than 90 per cent of the conductors and trainmen voted for the strike. This fact was told to Dr. Neill as evidence that the men are determined. It is asserted by the conductors and trainmen in the southeastern section of the country that they receive lower wages than the same class of employees in the north, middle west southwest, and on the Pacific coast.