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U. S. gets ship-building under way to the extent that she can go south of the equator for wheat.

It has been reported that India, Australia, and the Argentina have 242 million bushels of wheat now, with another harvest at hand. If the U.S. succeeds in building 6,730,000 tons of shipping capacity by January 1, 1919, as has been reported she expects to do, will she not be able to go south for wheat?

I say come on with men and tractors and help us keep down the wheat and produce more wheat at the same time, and if there is any time to spare break prairie for next year.

T. E. BATES.

Pretty Valley, Sask.

HANDLING RESOLUTIONS

Editor, Guide: May I be allowed a little space in your valuable paper to call the attention of other locals and conventions to a resolution which was tabled without discussion at the Rose-town convention. Now, though I admit that this resolution was probably not put in the best form possible, still I think it at least merited discussion, inasmuch as it was an attempt to apply to our G.G.A. that principle which we as grain growers have so often affirmed, namely, direct legislation.

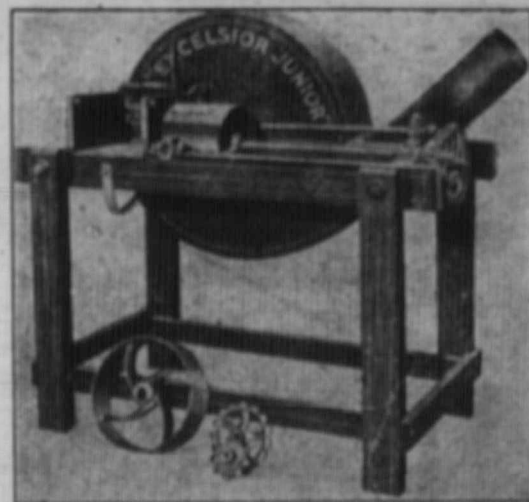
By our present method of deciding all questions at our main convention we have but copied the existing parliamentary system, and will be liable to find the same mistakes arise. Moreover, we have in our convention the further difficulty to deal with that many districts owing to greater distance and inconvenient train service are not as well represented as those adjacent to the city in which the convention is held. It is possible in convention as in parliament for a knot of able men to control the policy of the association, even though such policy might be at variance with the wishes of the majority of the members. Should

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such a state of affairs ever exist and the policy decided on be not in accord with the real wish of the farmers it would be seriously detrimental to the association. I might go further, for were the question one of great importance it would mean the doom of the association as a farmers' movement.

This resolution was aimed to prevent this and to make the members themselves the court of last appeal: to demand in fact on all matters of policy affecting the association a referendum to its people.

M. N. DICKSON.

The following is the resolution in question:

Be it resolved that all resolutions to be discussed at the main convention shall be distributed to the various locals in time to permit of discussion at both local and district conventions.

Further resolved that the resolutions passed by the district conventions shall be forwarded to the main convention with the majority and minority votes appended and if the total number of votes in favor be greater than the total number of votes against such resolution shall be considered passed without further discussion.

Further resolved that the resolutions brought forward by the district conventions, if passed with a high minority vote at the main convention shall be distributed to the locals previous to the district conventions in the year following.

M. N. DICKSON.

Wiseton, Sask.

APPROVES PRICE FIXING

Editor, Guide:—I saw in the Guide some time ago that some were dissatisfied with the price of wheat being set, but I have failed to hear of one complaint. On the contrary, every person here seems satisfied and a great deal more fall work was done, as we were assured that the price would not drop. Other years we were all anxious to get our grain to market, as the early market was generally the best. Those near town got the advantage of getting the grain to market, while others from six to twelve miles could not and when we would start to haul the elevators were very often filled. This year the wheat went in gradually and no person was worrying about the price. The year 1915 fooled a lot of us, leaving our fall work to rush our grain to market to get the high price, but that year the price went up.

About alien labor, I think something should be done. Last fall we were held up for \$5.00 per day. If the price is not fixed I think it should be. I have talked to a few about the matter and they all agree it is too high a price.

E. D. LEGARD.

Glenside, Sask.