Summary of The Week's News of The World

APPRECIATION OF SECRETARY McKENZIE

Foxwarren Association Presented him with Address and Gold Engraved Locket.

The grain growers of Foxwarren held a social meeting in the Presbyterian Church on Friday, January 14, at which a large number of the members, their wives and friends were present.

Mr. George Malcolm, M.P.P. briefly addressed the meeting, congratulating the farmers upon the fact that the question of government ownership of interior elevators was practically out of politics. The local government has committed itself to the principle of public ownership of elevators, and the opposition was co-operating with the government in perfecting a scheme that would be acceptable to the grain growers, and work out in the interests of the public generally.

Mr. R. McKenzie, secretary of the Provincial Association, gave a review of the progress the Grain Growers' Association had made, the prestige it has gained not only in the west, but throughout all Canada, and the neighboring states. He gave an explanation of the different clauses of the memorial presented to the local government by the committee appointed at the annual convention to deal with the question of government ownership of elevators.

At the close of Mr. McKenzie's address Mr. R. J. Donnelly, secretary of the Foxwarren Branch stepped on the platform and read the following address to Mr. McKenzie.

The Address

R. McKenzie, Esq.,
Secretary Manitoba Grain Growers Association.

Dear Sir:—On behalf of the members of Foxwarren Grain Growers' Association we feel that we should not permit this occasion to pass without some token of our high appreciation of your untiring work since your appointment to the position of provincial secretary in the interests of the grain growers of Manitoba. We are pleased to know that such appreciation is general among the grain growers of all our prairie country and that you now have the most convincing proof of it in the general patronage of our farmers and members of the association, and in their loyalty to its sister organizations "The Grain Growers' Grain Company" and "The Grain Growers' Guide."

Those of us who have but recently joined the association can but faintly realize the up-hill work of its originators in the face of the entrenched Grain Dealers' Combine and in its influence in placing every possible obstacle by railway discriminations, elevator monopoly, and even the banking institutions of our land, against our farmers. The few of us, who, in the early days of our organization were, to a small extent associated with you and the leaders of the movement, fully appreciate your herculean labors on behalf of our farmers' interests. We know the jibes and sneers to which you are subjected, as the "Press" of our province, in many instances was induced to brand you half-witted fanatics for attempting to butt into a business you knew nothing of, against men who had spent their lives studying the grain trade in all its aspects and who had both money and all the powerful influence of our Dominion at their call.

We desire to congratulate you on the success attained by the Grain Growers' Association, a very large share of the credit for which is due to your continued and persistent work as secretary and adviser of the board of directors, at critical times, and we trust that, by the united action on the part of the grain growers, even greater success will result in profiting by the experience we have had.

We will now ask you to accept this small token as a reminder of our appreciation of what you have accomplished for the grain growers of Manitoba. While its intrinsic value may be small, it will call to mind that you have friends and a warm place in the hearts of the Foxwarren Grain Growers.

C. BURDETT, President,
R. J. DONNELLY, Sec.-Treas.
F.G.G.A.

After the reading of the address, Miss Mary McCreuie, daughter of one of the prominent farmers of the Foxwarren district, presented Mr. McKenzie with a beautiful locket suitably engraved.

The program was interspersed with readings, recitations and music by a male quartette and soloists.

The Foxwarren Association is one of the most progressive in the province, nearly every farmer in the district being a member and contributing his support towards the movement.

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A VERY CLOSE SHAVE

In full view of hundreds of pedestrians at McKeesport, Pa., on crowded Fifth Avenue, January 11, Wm. Porter, a business man, battled for his life against James Robinson, a barber, who suddenly went insane while shaving Porter. Porter is in the McKeesport hospital in a most critical condition from wounds inflicted with the razor in the hands of Robinson, while the latter is in a padded cell in the McKeesport jail and will be examined by medical experts. Undue excitement following basketball games is thought to have made Robinson insane.

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COURAGEOUS RESCUE

A gallant rescue when the steamer Moana was coaling at Suva on her way from Australia was the feature of the voyage of that liner, which arrived at Vancouver, B.C., January 14. Chief Officer Saunders, while standing aft on the boat deck superintending coaling, was knocked overboard by a swinging boom and struck the side of a lighter moored alongside. He had three ribs broken and was unconscious when he struck the shark-infested harbor. Second Officer H. V. Creer sprang from the boat deck after him, heedless of the sharks, and swam to the lighter with the unconscious officer. Saunders was taken to the hospital at Suva and was in a serious condition when the Moana sailed from there.

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RAILWAY'S COMMISSION MANDATE

F. W. Peters, of the Canadian Pacific Railway, returned to Winnipeg last week from the east, after attending the meeting of the railway commission. The matter taken up by the commission was that of the appointment of agents at small stations. Nothing new was developed at the meeting. The railway companies will be required in the future, in accordance with previous decisions of the board, to place agents at stations where the receipts are $15,000 per annum and where the in-freight, in less than car lots, amounts to $2,000. The commission will also require the railway company to keep an official at stations where 50,000 bushels of grain are shipped, who will have charge of the order book, issue shipping bills, seal cars, etc.

Mr. Peters stated that the C.P.R. had been guided for some time by these standards and that no change would be necessary in the methods of handling the business of the company in these regards.

BRITISH ELECTIONS

Standing of Parties January 19

UNIONISTS	120
LIBERALS	98
LABOR	20
NATIONALISTS	28
TOTAL	266
Unionist gains	51
Liberal and Labor gains	13
TUESDAY'S POLLING—	
Unionists	26
Liberals	22
Labor	5
TUESDAY'S GAINS—	
Unionist	15
Liberal and Labor	2

Out of 276 seats which have returned members the Unionists have made a net gain of 8 members. Taking only the English seats, since it is they which was to determine the issue, they have elected 113 out of 225 members chosen to date. In the identical contests in 1906 they elected 75 members only. In the remaining 24 English constituencies they elected in 1906 only 6; members. If they do as well in the remaining seats as they have done they will elect 235 members, giving them about 265 seats in a house of 670 members.

It appears that the Liberal government will be returned, which will mean the adoption of the budget. Whether they will have a working majority independent of the Nationalists depends upon the gains to be made by the Unionists in the English counties. A beginning was made in the county elections January 18, but results will not be known until later, owing to the English practice of assembling the ballot-boxes at the county town hall before counting is done.

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FARMERS ARE HOLDING.

A Chicago dispatch says that a combination of farmers in the northwest have made a stand for $1.25 for the balance of wheat in their hands and if they stick together, there is no doubt as to the final result. This information came through the office of C. E. Lewis and Company, of Minneapolis and the secretary of the combination was Mr. Lewis' authority.

The above stand, while not generally known in the Chicago wheat market, caused those who knew of it to take on some wheat. The farmer is master of the breadstuffs, and the price will either advance or decline according to his willingness to let loose of the surplus now in his hands.

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FLEET-FOOTED MOOSE.

M. Bertrant, proprietor of the Grand Union hotel at Athabasca Landing, has trained a pair of young moose to haul a sleigh. The animals are so thoroughly domesticated that they no longer shy at passing teams, and Bertrant intends to take them to Edmonton to become accustomed to the street cars. An Edmonton man is said to have offered him $1,000 for the novel team.

Moose have been trained before in a similar way, but the feat is difficult. Deer, elk and caribou stand domestication well, but the spirit of the moose is generally untamable, even when brought under subjection when the animal is young. A moose team is very fleet. They can trot along for miles at a pace that makes a swift horse look slow, and compares favorably with the speed of an express train.

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SUING FOR DAMAGED GRAIN.

The case of Fawcett vs. Ferguson et al., occupied the attention of the King's bench session at Portage la Prairie on January 12. This is a case in which the plaintiff, who lives near Burnside, is suing the defendant for $1,270 damages sustained by loss of grain caused by fire from the defendant's threshing engine. The defendant admitted the fire was started by his engine. It is the first case of the kind in the province and is exciting great interest. Witnesses for the defence were called and their evidence tended to show that the fire was purely accidental.

On resuming this afternoon a witness named Cuthbert said the defendant had exercised due precaution. L. F. Coleman, an expert on machines, explained to the court the workings of the chimney and spark arrester and he also thought that all due precautions had been taken by Mr. Ferguson. John Lee and Ed. Taylor also gave evidence. They testified that they had heard J. Farncomb, the engineer of the outfit say that he could not keep up steam on account of the wind and that he had lifted the spark screen, which had allowed the sparks to go through. This concluded the evidence and both Mr. Meighen for the plaintiff and Mr. Anderson for the defence addressed the court.

At the conclusion his lordship summed up and reserved his decision, giving Mr. Anderson a week to furnish further authorities on the subject, when judgment will be given.

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CLEAR CALL FOR GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP

In sending in a report of Rocky Coulee Union No. 105, the secretary states that at last they have succeeded in forming a strong and active union. J. A. Lennox has been elected to represent the union at the annual convention and he was given instructions to support the resolutions on loans to farmers and implement notes. Resolutions have been passed and the delegate instructed to present them at the convention on the grading of wheat principally by weight; the alteration of the first two words of section 112 of the Grain Act to read two clear working days instead of twenty-four hours, and for the government ownership of elevators under an independent commission.

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ELEVEN VESSELS IN CANADA'S NAVY

The program as enunciated in the House of Commons by Sir Wilfrid Laurier on the naval bill last week, contained one surprise. It was announced that the Government had decided that Canada's initial navy shall consist of eleven vessels instead of seven vessels as was semi-officially announced some weeks ago. The eleven vessels will be made up of four cruisers of the Bristol class, one of the Boticen type, a smaller class, and six destroyers of improved river class.

The annual expenditure for maintenance will be about $3,000,000.

Sir Wilfrid expressed the hope that it would be possible to construct the navy in Canada, explaining that if would probably cost 35 per cent. more to build ships on this side of the Atlantic.

The bill which Sir Wilfrid introduced and which is entitled "An Act Respecting the Naval Service of Canada," follows the lines of the militia act, one radical difference being that Canadians are not compelled under any circumstances to serve in the navy.

CONFERRING WITH TWO GOVERNMENTS

Secretary R. McKenzie of the interprovincial council has received a telegram from the Hon. Sir Richard Cartwright, Minister of Trade and Commerce, stating that the Dominion Government was prepared to meet a delegation of the grain growers from the three western provinces and the Dominion Millers' Association in reference to the federal government acquiring and operating the terminal elevators at Fort William and Port Arthur. The morning of Friday, January 28, is the date named.

MEETING WITH PROVINCIAL CABINET

The committee appointed by the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association to confer with the provincial government in devising a scheme for the operation of a system of publicly owned elevators, was requested by the government to confer with them again today, (January 19). The last meeting, when the committee presented its memorial, was held on January 5. The directors of the Manitoba Association held a meeting on the evening of January 18, to talk over the situation, and this morning met the members of the cabinet. Premier Roblin was not present at the conference, owing to illness. He is absent from the city.

The conference lasted for two hours and a half and the members of the Grain Growers' Committee expressed themselves satisfied with the results. A few minor changes were agreed to and a draft bill will be prepared and submitted to the elevator committee for their consideration, after which another conference will be held with the Government. The negotiations between the Government and the elevator committee, we understand, are progressing satisfactorily, and there seems to be no doubt that a practical scheme will be worked out for the establishment of a system of publicly owned elevators throughout the province.