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EXECUTIVE MEETING

The executive of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association held an important meeting on May 26. There were present: R. C. Henders, Culross; J. S. Wood, Oakville; Peter Wright, Myrtle; R. J. Avison, Gilbert Plains, and R. McKenzie, secretary.

The secretary read a letter from J. E. Armstrong, chairman of the Commons Committee having under consideration the consolidation of the Railway Act. After a good deal of discussion on certain clauses of the act, the secretary was instructed to send the following resolution by night lettergram to Mr. Armstrong:

Resolved: That the executive of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association approve of the principle of placing the control of all traffic carried by railway companies by sea or by inland waters between any ports or places in Canada, under the control of the Board of Railway Commissioners.

Commission on Barley and Oats

The secretary was instructed to arrange a meeting between the council of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange and the directors of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association to discuss the question of reducing the commission on barley and oats. The charge of one cent per bushel commission for selling barley and oats on the Winnipeg market has been a "sore spot" with the Grain Growers for years.

Grain Co's. Donation

The secretary read the following letter from T. A. Crerar, president of The Grain Growers' Grain Company:

"I have much pleasure in enclosing herewith the company's cheque for \$1,000, being the second instalment of the grant voted to your association by our directors for the current year. During the past five years our company has contributed over \$25,000 to the three Provincial Grain Growers' Associations. The Grain Growers' Grain Co. was originated and has been developed with the primary object of improving conditions for the people on the farms of the three Prairie Provinces. Such an object necessitates a great deal of educational work, a great deal of which, in the nature of things, must be done by the Associations; and it is because our board has recognized the valuable educational and organization work being done by the Associations that these grants have been given. One of the chief aims of the Grain Growers' Grain Company is to use its best influence towards building up a great and united farmers' organization in Western Canada, with the hope that it will eventually spread thru the Dominion. Such an organization, when united and harmoniously devoted to a single purpose, will be a powerful factor in improving the economic and social conditions now surrounding our farm life, and will greatly hasten the day when the map on the land will enjoy the full return for his labor. In this matter the farmers have to work out their own salvation. The Grain Growers' Grain Company in the last six years has given in cash grants over \$60,000 to educational work in bringing this about.

"It is our hope that no difference of a local character will in any way be permitted to interfere with the larger objects our farmers have in view, and we trust that the assistance we are giving you herewith will enable you to prosecute your work to this end with increased vigor.

"I am, very truly,
"T. A. CRRER."

On motion of Messrs. Wood and Wright the secretary was instructed to convey to the directors of The Grain Growers' Grain Company their appreciation of the generous assistance rendered to the Association by The Grain Growers' Grain Company since the company was formed, and further, that "They highly approve the intimation contained in Mr. Crerar's letter that it is the fixed policy of the company to continue as in the past to carry out the intention of the founders of The Grain Growers' Grain Company of contributing generously each year of the net earnings of the company towards building up the farmers' organizations of the Western Provinces, thus exercising its influence in creating a solidarity among the farmers of Canada that will conduce to the betterment of the surroundings of farm life by improving economic, social and educational conditions. This assurance from Mr. Crerar is all the more encouraging because the organization of which he is president is better situated than others, because of its members being widely distributed over the three Western Provinces, and having business relations now extending to every province of the Dominion, of exercising an influence in consolidating all farmers' organizations in Western Canada into one harmonious federation, each with its own identity contributing to the well-being of the whole community."

After laying down some instructions for the guidance of the secretary in the conducting of organization work in the country for the summer, further business was postponed to the next meeting of the Board of Directors, about June 15.

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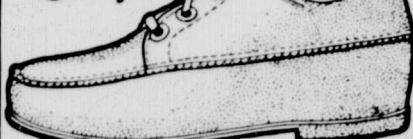
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