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ANNOUNCEMENT

The "Grain Growers' Guide" is published by the Grain Growers' Association, for purposes stated on the front page. Copies have been sent to all known members. Up to date, seven have advised us that they did not want the paper sent them. We will consider anyone who has received the "Guide" and who has not advised us to discontinue the paper before our next issue is mailed, as consenting to become a bona-fide subscriber.

The "Guide" belongs to the Grain Growers. You are part owner in it and interested in its success and reputation. Therefore interest yourself sufficiently to send us the annual subscription price and get others to do the same. You would also help to carry out the intention of the paper by sending us items of news of public interest, opinions on social and economic prob-

lems, and reports of what your Associations are doing.

We said in our first issue that as soon as it became self-supporting as a Monthly, it would be converted into a Semi-monthly, and after making good in that form would become a Weekly. The support already received warrants us in commencing to devise ways and means for making the first change.

EDITORIAL

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We are constrained to make the above observation by the latest move on the part of the aggregation in Winnipeg, which manipulates the prices of our grain product. As is well known to our readers, the Manitoba legislature, at its last session, amended the charter of the Winnipeg Grain and Produce Exchange, with the view of correcting abuses that crept in through a provision in the charter, empowering the members to pass bylaws, rules and regulations to govern the operations of the members. The threat, made by a section of the exchange, of dire calamity that would befall all and singular, if that sacred document were tampered with, is still fresh in the public mind.

Hardly had the echo of their bitter wail, when the legislature disregarded their threat, died away, than they began concocting schemes how to evade the restrictions placed on their operations by the legislature, and their fertile minds hit on the simple device of eliminating the words "And Produce" out of the definition of the term "Exchange."

It cost the farmers of Manitoba much time, and considerable expense to induce the legislature to amend that charter. These people attempt to circumvent the provisions of the amended charter by reprinting their old by-laws and leaving out two words. Now we have "The Winnipeg Grain Exchange in place of "The Winnipeg Grain and Produce Exchange"—Truly a distinction without a difference.

This adds another example of the futility of attempting to control corporate greed by legislation. Compare the experience of the United States Government in their attempt to enforce their own acts against the Standard Oil Company. Through a recent decision of the Privy Council of England in litigation affecting their Street Railway, Toronto has discovered how it is impossible by any use of the English language, to bind an enfranchised corporation to carry out an agreement. This knowledge has been gained by a costly experience and should teach the people, and more especially the people of the New Provinces, to look to other methods, than amending charters and passing legislation to provide a remedy for corporate abuses.

The "Guide" is willing to admit that a Grain Exchange has a useful function to perform as a means of