

United Grain Growers Limited was tabled in the meantime.

Interesting Photo Gallery

Much interest was aroused among delegates and visitors by the photo gallery of young grain growers who had gone for service overseas. Not a local association in the province but had contributed its share of young men who had donned the khaki to fight for the Empire in the great cause for which Canada has shouldered arms. Hundreds of photos of these stalwart young farmers, of whom thousands have enlisted, were neatly arranged along the corridors of the church where the convention was in session, together with the honor roll of names from each local association. They provided a striking tribute to the deep loyalty of the western Canadian farmer.

Another unusual feature of the convention, and one which was productive of much friendly competition, was the banner competition, for the suggestion of which Director Thomas Sales deserves the credit. Twenty-four banners were entered by various locals in a contest of originality and workmanship, the idea being to present a banner or pennant which would carry out in its design the broad principles of equity, loyalty and justice, the emblem of the association and the name of the local. These banners were hung in the auditorium. The entries were so uniformly excellent that the judges experienced considerable difficulty in reaching their decision, but finally made award as follows: 1st—Melfort, 2nd—Dundurn, 3rd—Donnellyville, 4th—Haleytonia, 5th—Monarch.

The second prize banner was a beautiful work, made entirely by a lady of sixty-nine. In presenting small cash prizes to representatives of the prize winning locals, George E. Taylor, K.C., paid a deserved compliment to the ladies whose enthusiasm and painstaking effort had made the banner competition such a success.

Many arrangements were made to entertain the delegates while in Moose Jaw. On Thursday morning a large number of them were guests of the C.P.R. in a trip out to the new terminal elevator, which was inspected with a great deal of interest by the farmers.

At one of the local moving picture theatres a special show was provided, including the Grain Growers' Special film which showed the transfer of the association's gifts of flour to the Imperial authorities, its loading on the boat at Montreal, and its formal acceptance by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught.

On Thursday evening, by courtesy of the city of Moose Jaw, a complimentary concert was given for the Grain Growers at St. Andrew's church, and was greatly appreciated by all who could crowd into the auditorium.

Many club rooms, the public library, etc., were thrown open to the visitors, who were made welcome on every hand and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Friday Afternoon

The time of the convention on Friday afternoon was pretty well taken up with the debate regarding the Farmers' Non-Partisan League, the speech of Hon. George Langley in regard to Municipal Hall Insurance, and the speech of T. A. Crerar, president of The Grain Growers' Grain Company.

The endorsement of Municipal Hall Insurance, in spite of the heavy losses of 1916, was an outstanding feature, and the majority of the delegates, in answer to Mr. Langley's direct question, expressed themselves in favor of accepting a forty per cent. payment of 1916 losses as final settlement, that being the amount of available funds.

Mr. Crerar's straightforward talk on the relation of The Grain Growers' Grain Company to the other farmers' organizations, particularly in Saskatchewan, was very well received. His argument for closer union at this time of grave national problems met with sympathetic response. Thruout he was paid the compliment of a careful hearing and hearty applause.

The Concluding Session

Right up to the last the attendance at the convention was good, altho it was nearly midnight before the final session was concluded.

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