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## ROBLIN FOLLOWS HAULTAIN'S LEAD

Manitoba Government Declare for Government Ownership of Elevators—No Commission Required in That Province.

Brandon, Dec. 18.—Hon. G. R. Colwell, addressing the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association this morning on behalf of the Manitoba government, said:

"The government accepts the principle laid down by the Grain Growers Association of establishing a line of internal grain elevators as a public utility, owned and operated by the public, and is prepared to co-operate with your society in working out a plan to that end." He asked them to send a representative committee to discuss details with the government, so that measures may be prepared for submission to the legislature. This does not meet until February, and there is ample time before that to settle on a detailed scheme.

Mr. Colwell said that Premier Roblin had been advised by Premier Scott of Saskatchewan that the arrangement for the three prairie provinces dealing with the elevator question was at an end. His government would therefore handle this matter alone and make the government ownership of elevators an integral part of its policy.

The farmers appeared to regard this announcement as the greatest achievement of the Grain Growers organization. Great numbers arrived last night and now seven or eight hundred delegates are in attendance.

Mr. Colwell's announcement was a complete surprise to the convention and the delegates were unable to restrain their enthusiasm when he proceeded to explain the decision of the government. The minister of education was frequently interrupted by the impatient delegates, who interjected questions, but when he sat down the delegates rose in a body and cheered enthusiastically, many being moved to tears.

When order had been restored, President McQuig said he knew that it was difficult for the delegates to hold themselves heavy in their seats. They were much indebted to Mr. Colwell for the announcement he had made, and he (the president), like many others he knew, failed to find words to express himself at the find words an association they had been struggling and asking for this matter in particular for the last two or three years, and while it seemed to be discouraging at times, he always felt that if the farmers would only continue to unite, they would succeed.

"Now, gentlemen," said the president, "we have succeeded. (Hear, hear and loud and long cheering.) We feel thankful for the success and, as Mr. Colwell has just put it to you, it is a very important move—it is a very important question. He has asked that the government, in order to make a thorough and complete success of this government ownership, should have help. Now, gentlemen, you have got to get down to quiet, solid thought, and think of the importance of this question and the possibility that will rest upon the committee that you appoint to meet the government. I am sure that you will all be agreeable on this question. You are all united upon it. We have always been, and there is no reason why we should not be at the present time."

R. H. Henders moved: "That this convention express its gratitude and thanks for the announcement that had been made by the minister of education this morning, with regard to the elevator question." He said: "I do so all the more freely from the fact that I have been in the struggle from the beginning. The grain growers' association is broader than party politics (cheers); and the question we are dealing with is one which affects the whole province of Manitoba, and we must stand shoulder to shoulder behind the government in working out a scheme that will give the best possible results to the farmers of this country in connection with this great question." (Loud cheers.)

J. H. Woods seconded the vote of thanks. He said with the exception of the elevator question the government had always taken them into their confidence, and now they had given the last privilege of fixing things up to suit the farmer, and asked for his co-operation. He thought it was only just to give them credit for it.

J. W. Scallon desired to support the motion very heartily. This was one of the most important questions before them, and they had won out. It was important in another respect. Nothing had been done by their association that would do more to spread and strengthen it among the farmers than that very announcement this day. (Cheers.)

Arthur Honey expressed his appreciation of the announcement made by Mr. Colwell. Premier Scott, however, had been the first to take action in the matter of government

ownership on elevators, and he thought all credit should be given him.

Mr. Brown of Pilot Mound, suggested that rather than expressing thanks and gratitude, the convention should express its satisfaction at the decision of the government. There is still a lot of hard work to be done before the matter was brought to a successful issue. Past experience with the government taught them not to sing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" too soon.

The resolutions proposed by the secretary was then read and carried with a standing vote as follows: "That this convention expresses its entire satisfaction and thanks to Mr. Colwell for the announcement made by him on behalf of the government regarding the public ownership of elevators."

Hon. G. R. Colwell, on behalf of the convention for its expression of satisfaction, and said that he would convey to Mr. Roblin and the other members of the government, the manner in which the delegates had received his announcement of the position of the government on this important question. If the business of the convention permitted, he would like at a later time, to say a few words with regard to education, because he believed that the success or failure of the government's policy in this regard would affect the rural elementary schools which seventy-five per cent of the children of the province were educated, and which he believed, should be made equal to the schools which were founded in the towns and cities.

### Hail Insurance.

On Saturday Mr. Gillis spoke to his motion endorsing a system of government hail insurance, to be administered by an independent commission. He said that one of the principal defects of the old system arose out of the direct dealing of the government with persons insured. This method, which produced abuses, could be overcome through administration by a commission. He said that in 1908 the number of insurance policies issued by the government was 6,948, covering 459,000 acres. Last year private insurance companies issued 7,639 policies, covering 1,000,000 acres. The government had made no effort to secure business, whereas the private companies had pushed it.

Mr. Calder said it was better to let the present law stand. There was no serious agitation for a change. As he knew the present companies had given good satisfaction. True, the rates were rather high, but they would adjust themselves. He thought that from time to time the government should gather information on the subject with a view to future action by the legislature. Conditions were ready for a change. He moved an amendment for an enquiry. Mr. Tate said there was need for immediate action. The farmers wanted government hail insurance. The tendency was in the direction of government ownership, and the province should be in the van.

Mr. Langley was in favor of further inquiry. Mr. Whitmore said Mr. Langley should have a Grain Growers' Association of his own. He did not seem to desire anything that the grain growers wanted. To say that the present system should receive a fair trial was aside from the point; for the farmers had never asked for it. Mr. Gillis said the amendment seemed to be dilly-dallying with the question. The amendment carried on a party vote.

Saskatoon, Dec. 17.—After John Meesi had been called into the court room this morning to receive his sentence for the murder of the Thorburn family, Chief Justice Wetmore said:

"I am about to pass the awful sentence of death upon you. I am sorry to say that I can hold out no hope of mercy; but I do not know what action the department of justice will take, if any. The jury have found you guilty and I must say I agree with them. The evidence of insanity was very inconsistent, and did not agree with your written confession. I entreat you to make your peace with Almighty God, and order that you be confined to the Prince Albert jail, and that you be hanged by the neck until you are dead on Thursday, the tenth day of March, and may God have mercy on your soul." Meesi took the awful sentence without making any sign of fear. He smiled when taken by the police to the cells below, and probably was the most composed man in the court room. He will be taken north this afternoon to await his execution, scarcely three months hence.

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