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SASKATCHEWAN CO-OPERATIVE MEETING

At the fifth annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company, held in Regina on November 17, the directors were able to report that the farmers' company had handled 15.41 per cent. of the total marketed portion of the 1914 Saskatchewan crop. Further, their balance sheet showed, even with the poor crop and under the peculiar and rapidly fluctuating conditions resulting from the European war, a net profit on the season's trading of \$133,745.91. Out of this surplus a cash dividend of 8 per cent. has been declared and paid, 50 per cent. of the balance has been placed to elevator reserve account and \$2.00 has been added to the paid up value of each share allotted prior to 1st April, 1915.

It would be difficult to find in any business organization a better spirit, or more complete confidence between the shareholders and the management and directors, than was evidenced at this meeting. There were 213 official delegates present, but many locals had several representatives, who were admitted as visitors, but took no part in the meeting.

Under the Act of Incorporation three directors retire annually, the three this year being Dr. E. J. Barrick, J. E. Paynter and A. G. Hawkes. Nine nominations were made for the vacant positions, resulting in the re-election of the two last named gentlemen and the addition of one new name to the board, Thomas Sales, of Langham. Besides the gentlemen mentioned, the directorate for 1915-1916 includes: J. A. Maharg, president; Hon. George Langley, vice-president; Chas. A. Dunning, general manager; James Robinson, W. C. Mills and J. B. Musselman. The cordial thanks of the shareholders were given to Dr. Barrick for his services on the board.

The report of the directors will be found in full on page 9 of this issue.

Free Wheat Demanded

During the morning the time of the meeting was taken up in hearing the directors' and financial reports, but ample opportunity was afforded during the long afternoon session for discussion on questions of policy, operation, management, and to the receiving of resolutions from locals. The delegates availed themselves freely of this opportunity, and there was much helpful discussion as to the future of the business and the directions expansion should take. Among other resolutions passed were those favoring free wheat, some form of federation of the farmers' movement in the three Western provinces and the distribution of profits on a patronage basis on street grain.

The president made reference to the death of F. W. Green, who was intimately connected with the inception of the company, as well as to the loss by death of three local secretaries during the year, O. P. Ketcheson, A. W. Linnell and Robt. Graham.

A recommendation from the directors that a donation be given to the Patriotic and Red Cross Funds was received with exceptional heartiness. A grant of \$2,000 was voted to the Patriotic Fund and \$1,000 to the Red Cross Society. During the afternoon a plea was made by an officer of the 68th Battalion for more recruits. The company is proud of its roll of honor on which are inscribed the names of 179 shareholders and 14 employees.

Following the business meeting, in the evening about 265 officials, shareholders and their friends sat down to a supper, served in the basement of the new building. An interesting toast list followed the supper.

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