



# MANITOBA SECTION

## ELM CREEK'S FINE BANQUET

The banquet held at Elm Creek the evening of February 23 was a decided success. The tastefully decorated hall was crowded to its utmost capacity by the farmers of the vicinity, who did justice to an elaborate "spread" prepared by the ladies. A very good program was gotten up for the occasion consisting of "toasts" interspersed with music by the Elm Creek orchestra, solos, songs, etc.

The main speakers of the evening were J. S. Woods, Oakville; and R. C. Henders of Culross. Mr. Woods took as his text, "When one man allows another to handle his product, he gets beaten." He told some very interesting reminiscences of pioneer days relating to the subject—among other things that it took the farmers eighteen years to secure the privi-

## NINGA SENDS MATERIAL ASSISTANCE

At a meeting of the directors of the Ninga Association held February 26, it was decided to forward the sum of \$25 to help the central executive in their work. A check for that amount has been received by R. McKenzie, secretary of the Grain Growers' Association.

lege of shipping their own grain. Gave a short synopsis of the history of the Grain Growers' Association and what it has accomplished and elucidated the various phases of the proposed elevator bill. Mr. Woods spoke about an hour and was listened to very attentively by all present.

Mr. Henders followed with a talk along the same line and stated that the great reforms of the past were brought out by conditions becoming so intolerant that the people would rise, headed by a Wilberforce or a Lincoln. He said that the conditions that the western farmer had been up against have been well nigh intolerant, but that if they would only "stick together" the outlook was now bright. Both speakers were heartily applauded.

Mention must be made of the excellent way in which Mr. T. Woods sang his Scotch songs. He appeared in Scotch costume—not even omitting the sporran—was repeatedly encored and did a great deal towards making the banquet altogether the event of the season.

A resolution was unanimously adopted "Endorsing the determined stand taken by our executive in connection with the elevator bill."

Eighteen new members were received during the evening.

M. A. KENNEDY,  
Sec.-Treas.

## SHOAL LAKE RESOLUTIONS

One of the largest meetings of the Shoal Lake Grain Growers' Association was held in the Council Chamber at 3 p.m., February 26, John Randall in the chair.

After routine, the following resolutions were carried unanimously. Geo. Smith, Thos. Badger, "That the secretary be instructed to ask for sealed tenders for twine. Said tenders to be opened at our next meeting."

W. J. Short, John Slater, "Resolved that we, the members of the Shoal Lake Grain Growers' Association endorse the terms of the elevator bill proposed by the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, and as an association, we strongly urge that the control of the system be vested in an independent commission, nominated by the executive of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association and not selected by the governor-in-council; and further, are of the opinion that government owned elevators under party influence would be worse than the present system."

CHAS. FINDLAY,  
Secretary

## OVER 100 RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED

The resolutions received by the central executive endorsing the memorandum for government owned elevators presented to the provincial government by the Grain Growers' elevator committee now number considerably over one hundred and the end is not yet. Almost without exception, these resolutions contain a clause urging for an independent commission. These expressions have been received from every section of Manitoba, and they represent unmistakably the voice of the farmers of Manitoba.

The following are the additions during the past week:

**Elm Creek:**—"That we, the members of the Grain Growers' Association, do heartily endorse the terms of the elevator bill proposed by the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, and we further strictly approve of the action taken by the elevator committee. We do hereby pledge our individual support to them in insisting upon the management of the proposed system being vested in an independent commission."

**Manson:**—"That we, the farmers in and around Manson district, hereby express our entire satisfaction and approval of the action taken by the executive of the central association, in connection with public ownership of elevators, and government owned terminal elevators. Also in the matter of an independent commission, and the procuring of a sample market. We do not see the necessity of submitting the elevator question to a referendum."

**Shoal Lake:**—"That we, the members of the Shoal Lake Grain Growers' Association, endorse the terms of the elevator bill, proposed by the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, and as an association strongly urge that the control of the system be vested in an individual commission, nominated by the executive of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, and not selected by the Governor-in-Council, and further we are of the opinion that government owned elevators under party influence would be worse than the present system."

**Minitonas:**—"That the members of a largely attended meeting of this association, do unanimously approve of the adoption of the request made by the central executive to the Manitoba government, re the establishment of the public owned elevators, and we further compliment our executive on the able manner in which they presented their request to the government, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the central association, and also one to be sent to our local member."

**Wawanesa:**—"That this meeting of the Wawanesa Grain Growers' Association, endorse the Manitoba Grain Growers' bill dealing with publicly owned elevators, and also the action of the committee of the directors of the association, in the matter of the appointment and control of the commission for the administration of the system of public elevators." Agreed unanimously.

**Ochre River:**—"That the Grain Growers' Association of Ochre River fully endorse the memorandum presented to the government by the executive. The secretary, Robert Jolly, writes: "I may further say of the action of the committee in refusing the draft of the government bill, we unanimously approve."

**Dunrea:**—"That the Dunrea branch heartily support the firm stand taken by the elevator committee in regard to the control of the elevator commission."

**Delta:**—"That the Delta branch endorse the action of the Grain Growers' executive in refusing to have anything to do with the elevator bill, now before the House and we strictly adhere to the clause that the elevators must be under the control of an independent commission."

**Harrow:**—"That we emphatically protest against clauses 12 and 13 in the proposed Manitoba Government Grain Elevator Act and do heartily endorse the act as prepared by the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association." Carried unanimously.

**Birnie:**—"That we, the Birnie branch of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association do heartily endorse the elevator bill, presented to the government by the elevator committee, especially the independent clause."

**Bowman:**—"That this association endorses the memo. presented by the Grain Growers' Association elevator committee to the government for government owned elevators and therefore be it resolved: That we, the members of Bowman Grain Growers' Association desire to express our hearty approval of, and endorse the resolution handed to the provincial government by the Grain Growers' Association. As an association we demand that the control of the system be vested in an independent commission nominated by the executive of the Grain Growers' Association and not selected by the Governor-in-Council."

**Valley River:**—"That we, the Grain Growers of Valley River, express our condemnation of the government elevator bill, brought down by the provincial government, and urge our member of the provincial parliament, to use his influence against the government bill and in favor of the bill drafted by the Grain Growers' elevator committee." A copy of this motion was sent to J. A. Campbell, M.P.P.

**Pilot Mound:**—"That the Pilot Mound branch of the G.G.A. approve of the resolution presented by the G.G.A. executive to the local Government, and are emphatic in their request that the Commission be independent."

**McCreary:**—"That this association endorse the decision of the Grain Growers' Association in striving for an independent commission and independent control of government owned elevators."

**Edwin:**—"That we, the members of this association do approve of the memorandum, re government ownership of elevators, as outlined by the elevator committee to the local government." Carried unanimously.

## Other Associations Which Have Passed Resolutions Of Approval:

Alexander	Darlingford	Golden Stream	Miami	Rosehill
Altamont	Deloraine	Griswold	Miniotia	Roseisle
Arden	Delta	Hamiota	Minnedosa	Rosburn
Arizona	Douglas	Harding	Minto	Rosser
Ashville	Dunrea	Howden	Moore Park	St. Claude
Austin	Eden	Huston	Neelin	St. Elizabeth
Belmont	Empire	Kellou	Ninga	Salem
Beresford	Franklin	Kenton	Oak Lake	Sanford
Berton	Gilbert Plains	Kenville	Oak River	Seaburn
Benito	Gladstone	Killarney	Pipestone	Shoal Lake
Brandon	Glenboro	Lauder	Pretty Valley	Sinclair
Carroll	Glenella	Letellier	Port la Prairie	Somerses
Cartwright	Glenora	MacAuley	Rapid City	Souris
Cordova	Goodlands	MacGregor	Rocky Coulee	Sperling
Culross	Grand View	Medora	Roland	Springfield
Dauphin	Graysville	Neebawa	St. Jean Bapt.	Swan River
Boissevain	Birnie	Valley River	Waskada	Wellwood

## ENTHUSIASTIC FARMERS ORGANIZE AT HILTON

A meeting of the farmers of the Hilton district was held in the school on February 24, at 8 p.m., to hear an address from Mr. R. M. Wilson, a director of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association. There was a fair attendance, considering the stormy weather. Mr. James Hill was called to the chair and after a few opening remarks, introduced the speaker. Mr. Wilson spoke at considerable length on the problems confronting the farmers of the province at the present time and the measures being proposed by the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association for the solution of same. He dwelt particularly on the elevator question and the bill which is before the legislature re government ownership of elevators and the manner in which he handled his subject showed that he had an intimate knowledge of the scheme. Mr. Wilson laid strong emphasis on organization and the benefits to be derived therefrom. Reference was also made to the work of the Grain Growers' Grain Co. The meeting evinced much interest in his remarks, several questions being asked and answered in a satisfactory manner. At the close of the address

## KILLARNEY IN THIRD PLACE

The last report from the secretary of the Killarney Association states that the membership there has now reached 160, and is still climbing. This places Killarney in third place, and it is only 26 members behind Souris which is in the lead and 11 members in the rear of Ninga, which holds second place.

it was agreed to form a branch of the association here. The following officers were then appointed: President, James Hill; vice-president, John Scott; sec.-treas., John Garven; directors, James Turnbull, John McKay and Joseph Ward.

It was decided to meet at an early date and appoint two additional directors and meantime to endeavor to get as many members as possible.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Wilson for his address, after which the meeting terminated.

## MINITONAS' SOCIAL EXPANSION

Minitonas is coming to the front. The small spark which threatened to go out, has blazed forth into a flame of determination to be second to none in organizing work. To create enthusiasm the branch held a concert and ball on Tuesday, Feb. 22. Mr. A. McLesary, president, acted as chairman and ably performed his duties. We expected we might have a speaker from the central to entertain us, but as he did not turn up we got up a program for a concert and the performers ably acquitted themselves. Mr. A. Sizeland read an able article on "Direct Legislation" pointing out the benefits to be derived therefrom.

The president spoke at some length about the Canadian Manufacturers' Association running the bluff to stagger humanity; he was real good and left them very little worth after he was done with them. The ladies, always at the front of any entertainment, provided a splendid supper, which deserved the greatest praise. After supper, dancing began under the able management of Mr. A. Knox, the Brothers Wilson supplying the music. The young people greatly enjoyed themselves and best of all we added quite a few new members to the association. I may also state here that we glory in the stand you have taken towards the government regarding the elevator question.

D. REID.  
Minitonas, Man.

## DIRECTORS KERR AND WILSON AT WAWANESA

The postponed annual meeting of the Wawanesa Grain Growers' Association was held Wednesday, February 23. There was a good attendance, over 25 members being present.

The meeting was addressed by Mr. F. W. Kerr of Souris, and Mr. R. W. Wilson of Marringhurst. Mr. Kerr spoke on