

Will Lease Elevators

Grain Growers' Grain Co. Annual Meeting Decides to Take Over Internal and Terminal Elevators

The annual meeting of the Grain Growers' Grain company was held in the Trades Hall, Winnipeg, on July 16 and 17. There were nearly six hundred of the shareholders present, which was a record attendance. The meeting was most satisfactory to the shareholders in every way. The profits declared by the Company for the past year amounted to \$121,614.13 as compared with profits for last year of slightly over \$69,000. The shareholders recommended that a dividend of 10 per cent. be paid on capital stock, and that \$60,000 be placed into the reserve fund which now totals \$200,000. In addition to the above profits the real estate holdings of the Company have increased during the past year by \$90,000.

The profits of the Company for the different years since its inception have been as follows:

1907.....	\$790.54
1908.....	30,190.24
1909.....	53,000.00
1910.....	95,663.00
1911.....	69,575.40

In his annual address to the shareholders, the President, T. A. Crerar, dealt with the business of the Company in detail. His address is published in another part of this issue of The Guide. He dealt briefly with the facts leading up to the resignation of four directors of the Company, Mr. Partridge, Mr. Raiton, Mr. Baumunk and Mr. Spencer. At the conclusion of the president's address W. H. Bewell, the shareholders auditor, took up the balance sheet and gave a detailed explanation of the receipts, expenditures, assets and liabilities of the Company, answering many questions from the shareholders to their complete satisfaction.

At the conclusion of Mr. Bewell's statement a resolution was introduced expressing the thanks of the shareholders to Mr. Crerar.

President Criticised

This resolution provoked a very animated debate. The president asked D. W. McCuaig to take the chair. Mr. Partridge at the outset asked Mr. Bewell, the shareholders' auditor, to give to the meeting a detailed explanation of a number of the business transactions of the Company during the past few years. Mr. Partridge then addressed the meeting at considerable length, in which he criticised Mr. Crerar very severely and declared him to be responsible for serious mismanagement of the Company's affairs and asked the shareholders not to re-elect Mr. Crerar as their president. Mr. Partridge was followed by Mr. Langley, who also criticised Mr. Crerar very severely, but suggested, however, that Mr. Crerar be retained as president of the Company. Messrs Raiton, Baumunk and Spencer followed and endorsed the criticisms of Mr. Crerar. The other side of the case was presented to the shareholders by Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Kennedy.

Criticism Not Sustained

The debate continued from three in the afternoon until ten at night, when Mr. Crerar was called upon to bring it to a close. He dealt with the charges made by Mr. Partridge and Mr. Langley in detail and refuted them to the satisfaction of the large number of shareholders present. Mr. Langley's chief criticism was that Mr. Crerar wished to retain the services of Mr. Blackburn, whom Mr. Langley did not consider a safe man. Mr. Crerar answered this most effectively by showing that only two months ago the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator company, of which Mr. Langley is Vice-President, had tried to engage Mr. Blackburn to manage their business on the Grain Exchange. He showed conclusively that the Company was in a very strong financial position, that it had won its way to a commanding position among the commercial organizations of Canada, and that today it was easier to secure credit in the big banking institutions than it ever had been in the history of the Company. He regarded the attacks upon himself, largely as personal in character and left himself in the hands of the shareholders to dispose of as they considered best. He stated that for five years he had given the Company his best efforts and was willing to continue if they desired. At the conclusion of

Mr. Crerar's address, the following resolution was presented to the meeting and received an almost unanimous vote, no votes being recorded against it.

"That the meeting accept and adopt the president's address and report, and that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the president for his untiring work and loyalty to our Company for carrying on the business to a successful issue, making this past year the banner year of the Grain Growers' Grain company."

On Wednesday morning the by-laws of the new Company were adopted. This was rendered necessary on account of having secured a Dominion Charter for the Company. It was decided by the meeting to have the by-laws printed and mailed to each shareholder. This will be done and they will be sent out together with a copy of the Company's charter and a report of the annual meeting in the course of the next month or two. By this means every shareholder will be in complete possession of all information in regard to the Company.

Directors Elected

The election of directors then took place and resulted as follows:

T. A. Crerar	Winnipeg, Man.
John Kennedy	Winnipeg, Man.
R. McKenzie	Winnipeg, Man.
Wm. Moffatt	Souris, Man.
E. J. Fream	Calgary, Alta.
Geo. Langley	Maymont, Sask.
F. W. Green	Moose Jaw, Sask.
J. A. Maharg	Moose Jaw, Sask.
John Morrison	Yellow Grass, Sask.

When the results of the elections were announced, Mr. Partridge's name was at the foot of the list and only seven votes above that received by John Morrison, of Yellow Grass, Sask. Mr. Partridge stated that under those conditions, and as he was not in sympathy with the management of the Company, he begged to withdraw his name and have Mr. Morrison elected in his place. This was agreed to by the meeting and Mr. Morrison became the ninth director.

Favor Leasing Terminals

The next business taken up by the meeting was the policy of leasing terminal and interior elevators. The President, Mr. Crerar, stated that the directors had been negotiating with the Canadian Pacific Railway for some months with the view of leasing elevators "B" and "E" at Fort William. These elevators have a capacity of two and a half million bushels, and the C.P.R. were willing to lease them to the Company for five years at an annual rental of six and a half per cent. on the construction cost. Mr. Crerar said that the Grain Commission had approved of the Company leasing these elevators, as it would then place them on an equality with the other grain companies that have their own terminals. There was no difference of opinion among the shareholders as to the advisability of leasing the terminal elevators and the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"That the meeting of shareholders approve of the Company leasing terminal elevators "B" and "E" at Fort William from the Canadian Pacific Railway and that the board of directors are hereby authorized to deal with the matter and dispose of it."

Leasing Government Elevators

Mr. Crerar explained that the Company had been negotiating with Premier Roblin for the lease of the Government elevators in Manitoba. There were 174 of these elevators which had cost the Government \$1,100,000, and that he was prepared to lease them to the Company for one year at a rental of six per cent. of the capitalized value. Mr. Crerar was of the opinion that it would be a distinct advantage to the Company to have these elevators, as if they were not taken over by the Grain Growers' Grain company they would probably pass into other hands and the old conditions surrounding the elevator business in Manitoba would be resumed.

George Langley also favored the leasing of these elevators, although he objected to leasing them for one year only and did not think it would be wise for the Company to lease them for less than five years.

R. McKenzie also spoke strongly in favor of leasing the elevators and pointed

Increase Your Profits!

Louden Sanitary Steel Stalls Will Help You



Dairy products depend on the economical production of milk. Louden Sanitary Steel Stalls give the cow the greatest possible comfort and keep her stable clean, bright and sanitary, thus encouraging her to the maximum production.

Louden Steel Stalls save labor in choring, another saving that means money to you. They are indestructible and never need repairing. In a word they are the strongest and most durable stalls that can be constructed by anyone. It will pay you, whether you are building or not, to get our catalogue and quotations. Write for it at once.

Louden Hardware Specialty Co.

513 Martin Avenue

Winnipeg, Man.

Perfect Barn and Stable Equipments, Clay Gates, etc.

out that it would place the Company in a much stronger position in Manitoba than at present. There was some opposition on the part of one or two shareholders, but the chief opposition was against the proposal to lease the elevators for a term of one year instead of five years, because it was felt that it would be unwise for the Company to make the expenditure necessary to handle the elevators without having them secured for more than one season. With this in view and the opinion of the shareholders fully expressed, the matter was left in the hands of the new board of directors and the following resolution was adopted.

"That this meeting of shareholders approve of the Company leasing the Manitoba Government elevators and that the Board of Directors are hereby authorized to deal with the matter and dispose of it."

The meeting adjourned at six o'clock on Wednesday evening, having been the longest annual meeting in the history of the Company. The shareholders generally expressed themselves as being well satisfied with the conduct of the business of the Company and the results of the meeting generally.

Organization Meeting

On Thursday morning the new Board of Directors met to organize and the following officers were elected:

President	T. A. Crerar
First Vice-President	E. J. Fream
Second Vice-President	John Kennedy
Secretary	Wm. Moffatt
Treasurer	F. W. Moore

The executive officers of the Company are the president, vice-presidents and William Moffatt. It was decided on the advice of the president to secure a business manager for the Company to have charge of the office and the general business details, the president to retain the position of the executive head of the Company and to have charge of general matters of policy. Mr. Fream was appointed manager of the Calgary office, which is now doing a very large business with the prospects of a steady increase, particularly when the Panama Canal is opened two years hence.

BRITAIN FEARS GERMAN MENACE

London, July 22.—Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, in the House of Commons this afternoon introduced the supplementary naval estimates. Mr. Churchill said that the estimates were to meet the extra German expenditure. The naval program provided for 21 new ships instead of 17 as previously contemplated in the next five years in order to maintain the 60 per cent. standard.

Mr. Churchill demurred from the proposal to maintain a local supremacy in the Mediterranean over the combined

fleets of Austria and Italy, claiming that the command of the Mediterranean could not be treated as wholly separate from the general command of the sea and it was false strategy to confine naval supremacy to any particular water.

Mr. Balfour, the former leader of the opposition, was prompt in his support of the government program. "Those who have listened to the speech of their First Lord," he said, "must now be convinced that there is no use talking about dropping our shipbuilding. The cost of the navy must increase so long as insane competition in shipbuilding goes on elsewhere, and though modern peace is as expensive as ancient war, it is much cheaper than modern war."

A notable feature of the debate was Premier Asquith's call to the Dominions to join in the defence of "our common heritage," and his remarks foreshadowing an early summoning of the statesmen of the self-governed colonies to participate in determining the policy of the empire.

G.T.P. CHAIN OF WAREHOUSES

A chain of terminal warehouses is to be built from Montreal to the Pacific Coast in connection with the Grand Trunk and Grand Trunk Pacific Railways by the newly organized Grand Trunk Terminals Warehouse Co. (Ltd.), capital \$10,000,000. The first chain of warehouses will take in Montreal, Toronto, Fort William, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver and Prince Rupert.

ELEVATOR LEASE CLOSED

On Saturday July 20, after a conference between T. A. Crerar, President of the Grain Growers' Grain company, together with R. A. Bonnar, Solicitor for the Company, and Premier Roblin the terms of the lease of the Government elevators to the company were arrived at. The lease is dated from September 1, but undoubtedly the company will be able to arrange with the Government to take over and operate whatever elevators are required before that time. The terms are six per cent upon the capital investment of \$1,100,000 for five years, but to be terminable after the first year by either party on a year's notice. The six per cent. interest holds until a sample market is established in Winnipeg and if the Government and the company are not then able to agree upon the rental basis it will be submitted to the Public Utilities Commissioner.

Wife—What would you do, George, if you were left a widower?

Hub—Oh, I suppose the same as you would if you were left a widow.

Wife—You horrid wretch! And you told me you could never care for anyone else.

GR

The result of the Grain Growers' Grain company's decision to take over the Government elevators is undoubtedly a great benefit to the country. It is the largest achievement in the history of the company and will be a handsome profit to the shareholders. It is a part of the influence of the company in the benefited than dollar conditions grain in W. give the value of h this condition almost ent Grain Grow and the ge ers' organ however, t It is doubt arrived at vide facilit the time it the consum manufactu ticular field best fitted field where from the f of the Grain ing over th and also t liam, is un tion. The elevators and the g of the ele annual me over these revert to would aga Manitoba. the sharel ture for tl would be in many o the grain made prov bark in th ber at a r on the pr by the li business and whic rapidly y larger cap chase stoe pany hav draw a 10 time add is laborin tions unc Growers' experimen fact, and cal place concerns the supp Every far at least \$ is allowe and the p vails. It organizat