

CO-OPERATIVE ELEVATOR COMPANY CHANGES

There are thousands of farmers in Saskatchewan who will profoundly regret the severance of Hon. Charles A. Dunning from the active management of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company, made necessary by his acceptance of the portfolio of Provincial Treasurer in the newly formed cabinet of Saskatchewan. At a meeting of the board of directors held on October 23, his resignation from the position of general manager and from the executive was accepted.

Fred. W. Riddell who has been with the company almost from its beginning and who has held the post of assistant general manager and treasurer for some time past was appointed general manager, and Director James Robinson, who is well known to the shareholders of the company and to the farmers generally as a grain grower of long standing, having been a director of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association, takes the vacated place on the executive. While thus far there has been discovered amongst the humble Grain Growers of Saskatchewan only one Dunning, yet no one who knows Mr. Riddell and his work for the company will doubt his ability to manage its business, huge as it is, and certainly his integrity is questioned by none. But the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company is much more than a business body. It has been much more than a grain and elevator company. The creation of the farmers themselves, it has ever been the champion of their interests, of all their interests. Many will fear that under the management of a man who has never enjoyed the advantage and "refining" influence of having driven a team of oxen and having drunk smoky tea out of an old syrup pail, this company may lose some of its potent force as the farmers' champion. And indeed there is ever present the danger that men in such positions may so devote themselves to the upbuilding of the institution for which they are responsible, that they may lose their vision of the ultimate end aimed at and forget that no institution of the farmers of Saskatchewan, be it ever so great, is an end in itself and that it is merely an instrument, a means to an end and that end better conditions in agriculture, greater prosperity and better environment for the farmer and his family and a beating down of every power that would oppress and exploit him and all of this for the ultimate end of a happier, nobler and a more efficient citizenship. These fears, we trust, are groundless, as the new manager is a man of the finest moral sense, but whatever he may lack of full understanding of the farmer and his needs, aside from the grain business, will be supplied by executive director James Robinson who has driven oxen, drunk smoky tea and generally passed thru the "refining" fires of both pioneering hardships and later prosperity and that without so much as a smell of smoke upon his garments. As the connecting link between the other directing officers and the farmers Mr. Robinson who will now be in constant attendance at the head office should prove ideal and back of him there are still President Maharg and Vice-President, Hon. George Langley on the executive, and five other farmer directors.

Mr. Dunning will not have been lost to the farmers' cause by entering the cabinet, three members of which are prominent Grain Growers. He has made sacrifices in accepting his present office that a more selfish man would have hesitated to make and we look for yet greater and nobler service by this young Grain Grower whom thousands of farmers will continue affectionately to call plain Charlie Dunning, for neither title nor position can add to or detract from the honor or integrity of such a man.—J.B.M.

NEW PREMIER'S MANIFESTO
Hon. W. M. Martin, the new Premier of Saskatchewan, in his first address to the electors of the province gives evidence of possessing definite and well founded views on at least a number of important questions and particularly on those relating to agriculture. Some of the paragraphs of his address carry the force of the genuine "pep" which a young and energetic man who has a

blameless life behind him can afford to throw into his public utterances, as is demonstrated by the following paragraph:—

"On account of recent events, let me say in the first place and without reservation that I have complete confidence in the honesty and integrity of every member of the Administration. In making this statement I do not forget that two Royal Commissions are at present holding enquiries which affect some of the departments of the government. Until these investigations are completed and the commissions have reported, no person has any right to assume that any member of the Scott Administration has been guilty of conduct which merits either censure or condemnation. On the other hand, however, let me make it perfectly plain that if, as a result of the reports of the commission, any member of the government or any employee of the public service is shown to have been guilty of dishonest or improper acts, he will at once be removed from office. It is to be desired above all other things that we have honest administration of public affairs and to accomplish this end my every effort will be put forth."

Regarding agriculture, he states:—"As the predominating industry of the province is agriculture, I must take this first opportunity to declare that in my opinion it is the duty of the government to exert every effort in the direction of improving the conditions which surround every phase of agricultural activity. If our province is to be properly developed and if we are to have a prosperous and contented people, it is essential that everything possible should be done to lighten the burdens of our producers, and to make farm life profitable and attractive."

He resurrects the Farm Mortgage Associations Act in the following paragraph:—

"Three or four years ago the Scott Government made provision for dealing with the problem of farm mortgage loans. Owing to the unsettled condition of the world's money markets since then, and as a result of the European war, it has been deemed inadvisable to put into operation the law passed for this purpose. In my judgment it is most important that this legislation, owing to new conditions, should be reviewed for the purpose of devising ways and means whereby effective relief may be brought to our producers in the near future."

With the Hon. Charles A. Dunning in the cabinet there should be a real prospect that this act, with perhaps some modification, will become effective. The new Premier rings true on such public questions as livestock marketing, educational reform, citizenship of women, safeguarding of labor, and tariff reduction. While the latter question is one of federal control it is nevertheless of the utmost importance to the province of Saskatchewan.—J.B.M.

AGAINST COMMANDEERING WHEAT

Central Secretary:—I am writing you in reference to the commandeering of our wheat by the Dominion Government. This I think is a very unfair business proposition for our government to do. If our government would look after the munition factories and the manufacture of munitions and the grafts that have been carried on by the wholesale since the war has started, they would be doing a better act, a more honorable one and a more profitable one than seizing our little crop of wheat this year. It is true the price is big but the farmer has worked for all he has. Some are fortunate in having a fairly good crop but what about those who only have four and six bushels to the acre and have to pay threshing by the day. They will not make expenses at present prices. Wheat should be \$2 per bushel net to make to the farmer the same amount of money as last year. Again, if the government wants to save

money why don't they commandeer boats to carry our wheat across the ocean at a reasonable freight rate and not get after the farmer for everything. I am just as patriotic as any man but I want our government to be so also and not allow individuals to make millions out of the war. Now Mr. Musselman, this is my idea about it and I trust yours is something the same and I look to you to take the government to task in this matter as a man in your position has more influence than a good many farmers.

Yours truly,
(By request of the writer the name is withheld).

CONTRIBUTE TO BELGIAN RELIEF

Central Secretary:—We, the Grain Growers of Snakebite Local had a picnic to get a little money for the Belgian Relief Fund, and after all our liabilities have been paid we find we have \$58.00 which amount you will find enclosed.

Yours respectfully,
J. A. TUPLIN.
Snakebite Local.

WOMEN'S CONTRIBUTION

Central Secretary:—Enclosed please find postal note for the sum of \$10.00 for the Belgian Relief Fund sent by the Women's Section, Togo G.G.A.

Yours truly,
SYLVIA AUSTIN, Secy.

PATRIOTIC DONATION

Central Secretary:—We had another big patriotic dance on August 18 for the Belgian Relief Fund in the big barn of Gosselin Bros. We had a good crowd and everybody enjoyed themselves. Please find check for \$119.00 to put in the right place and oblige.

W. O. SCOTT,
Secy. Thistle Local.

FOR RED CROSS FUND

Central Secretary:—Please find enclosed \$10.25 for the Red Cross Fund. On July 14, the Avebury Local Grain Growers' Association held a picnic at Smyth's Mill on the shore of Iroquois Lake and J. R. Smyth and Sons donated free the use of their motor launch to run to Big Plant and return charging 25 cents per round trip for each passenger and received \$10.25 which I am enclosing to you.

J. R. SMYTH.

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