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Leamy were foremost in demonstration. MacDonald burst through the press. "If you asked it of me I would give you my life this minute for what you have done," he cried with shining eyes. "Will you take the hand and the thanks of a man who would have killed you?" "For sure!" replied the big Frenchman, beaming. "Dat's aul right, ma frien." Leamy's rapid lak dat—Pouf! she's not 'ing. Lots feller ron heem jus' so well."

"He's a liar, an' he knows it," said McPike in an undertone to Leamy. "It's fair bursting wid pride he is—as

he has a right to be." He drew his friend away a little and pointed to the big log rocking in the shallow. "Could ye have ridden you stick down, Bill?"

"No," Leamy admitted.

"Nor me," said McPike, "an' we're white-water birlers, both of us. Thank God He raised up a man to fit the need—though why He choose a Frenchman, I dunno. Not but what," he added with a touch of sadness, "not but what I hate to see a Winter's trainin' of a good lad gone to blazes."

(The end.)

## Manitoba Farmers' Parliament

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Too many ecclesiastical colleges have a body but no head. The church is the only institution in these days that shows no signs of awakening. This is because it has no program. Other organizations which have a definite program make progress. They do not pretend to do so much, but many of them are doing infinitely more. The young men in the back rows of the church could be got by a definite broad program of work. There are many men in Manitoba today who are being crucified as Christ was crucified for their ideas. It is great to grow wheat but it is greater to "grow." Everybody grows older, better, worse, smaller, broader. We ought to be careful that it is in the right direction.

### Membership Fee Raised to \$2.00

Perhaps the most important resolution passed was that deciding to raise the membership fee to \$2.00 as a minimum fee. It was moved by J. M. Allan of Forest and seconded by J. L. Brown and carried unanimously. A number of members favored the raising of the fee to \$5.00 as it was stated that \$2.00 will accomplish little more at the present time than \$1.00 did several years ago. John Kennedy pointed out that \$5.00 would provide organizers, would give both the locals and central much more for the providing of good propaganda material and would mean an immense strengthening of the whole association. Josiah Bennett said that twenty-three years ago he sold No. 1 Hard wheat for 37c. a bushel. It took six bushels then to equal one now. The new membership fee was less than the value of one bushel of wheat.

Distinct approval of the abolishment of the liquor traffic by the Union Government was evidenced by a standing vote.

A resolution urging the Dominion Government to immediately investigate the possibilities of briquetting Lignite coal in Western Canada with a view to its taking the place of Anthracite now being imported, was also passed. John Kennedy urged that coal in Western Canada was just as essential as wheat. Lignite was cheaper than Anthracite and there are unlimited quantities of it. This matter will be immediately taken up through the executive. A resolution protesting against the movement for an embargo on wool was moved by Andrew Graham, Pomeroy. This resolution read as follows and is the same as that passed by the Sheep Breeders' Association two days previously:

We, the members of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association in convention assembled, having heard that an effort is being made to have an embargo placed upon Canadian wools, and Whereas the Canadian woolen manufacturers have failed to make any tender for the purchase of wools, offered through the co-operative sales held in the various provinces, and Whereas some seventy per cent. of our wools are of the combing length, and Whereas there are at the present time no facilities in Canada for the combing of wool, and Whereas the object of this embargo is to restrict the market, thereby lowering the price received by the Canadian producer, and Whereas any restrictions in the market for wool must have a detrimental effect on the struggling sheep industry of Western Canada, Therefore, be it resolved that we emphatically protest against any such embargo, and that copies of this resolution be immediately forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture, the Minister of Customs and the Dominion Food Controller.

The women's section in presenting its report asked that some better accommodation be provided for visitors to the convention at Brandon by meeting of trains and billeting the delegates. The mayor immediately promised improvement for next year. Other resolutions brought by the women were unanimously approved. They are covered in the women's report.

### Resolution re Production

A keen discussion arose over a resolution asking for a minimum price on hogs. Many delegates thought this would guarantee that a larger number of hogs would be raised than in any other way and results was what was wanted. They were willing to work for nothing and even feed hogs at a loss if the consumer got the benefit, but they were most insistent in demanding that the "hogs" who had benefitted at the expense of the farmers and consumers in the past should do so no more. The recent market fluctuations and bad conditions had created distrust. After a long and the most heated discussion of the convention, however, the following resolution was passed:

That while we Grain Growers declare our desire to do everything in our power to furnish food for Britain and her Allies, even at momentary loss to ourselves, we would strongly urge upon the government that they take all possible care to secure that the results of our sacrifice shall not be absorbed by those interests who have hitherto fattened upon the farmers on the one hand and the consumers on the other.

There was no desire to embarrass the government which had stated it was impossible to guarantee a price. Andrew Graham, Frank Simpson, F. H. Wieneke, Peter Wright and others urged that the government be trusted. They believed T. A. Crerar, minister of agriculture, could be depended upon to do his very best for the farmers on this matter. He had already secured a great restriction of profits. Several delegates led by L. Hopkin, Beresford, said they would give their farms to the government to be worked on a true national service basis.

### Other Resolutions

Other resolutions passed by the convention were as follows:

That we view with satisfaction the fact that the recent elections have had the result of placing in the house of commons a number of men who have been identified with the Grain growers' movement, and that we urge that all possible means be used to create such a sentiment as will result in agricultural interest securing that representation in parliament to which its importance would entitle it.

That we reaffirm our resolution of last year to the effect that in the granting of pensions there should be no discrimination on account of rank.

Whereas the shortage of food is so great, the scarcity of labor so acute and the cry for greater production ever increasing, be it resolved that the government be asked to establish in the Agricultural College short courses for the benefit of women who wish to undertake suitable forms of farm labor. This was ably moved by Miss McCallum, editress of The Guide, and seconded by L. McKay, Dauphin.

Whereas the legislature of Manitoba passed a Direct Legislation Act two years' ago and has since that time placed it in the courts to be tested for its constitutionality;

Therefore be it resolved that the Manitoba government be urged to secure as soon as possible the final de-

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