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INTRODUCTORY

From The Publishers

To the Public:—

One important object that the organizers of the Grain Growers' Grain Company always looked forward to accomplishing, was the creation of an organ which could be employed in disseminating knowledge of the conditions surrounding the Grain Trade, and sound views on economic questions. They always proposed, when the amount of profits would permit, to devote a certain portion of them to this educational work. That time in their history has arrived, and those responsible for the policy of the company now take pleasure in presenting to you "The Grain Growers' Guide." It is their purpose to permit it to be employed as far as may be to assist the various Farmers' Organizations of the West to increase their membership, and carry on their propaganda.

As a trading Company, we are concerned in keeping the channels of trade free from the handicap of special privilege, keeping our people informed as to market conditions, and encouraging the co-operative idea as applied to the purchase and sale of commodities commonly produced and used upon farms, with special present reference to grain. We also desire to create a satisfactory advertising medium. But since we (the shareholders), in addition to being mem-

bers of the Company, are in nearly every case members of some Farmers' Organization created for the purpose of securing the improvement of the conditions surrounding our industry, by educational, legislative and other means, we desire to provide a publication which may be employed by such Associations as an official organ with a portion of the paper under their absolute control.

Believing in co-operation generally, we conceive it particularly applicable to the maintenance of an efficient and satisfactory organ for each of the several Associations having similar objects in view. The Guide will be sent to all known members of the various Associations long enough that they may become familiar with its contents and character, when we hope that the majority of them will aid the enterprise directly, and the farmers cause indirectly, by becoming regular subscribers. In the crisis of any great farmers movement, or in the pressing of any important measure upon our various Governments, we believe The Guide is capable of rendering most effective service.

Soliciting the support of every farmer to our undertaking, we remain,

Yours faithfully,

GRAIN GROWERS' GRAIN CO., LTD.

Publishers.

From The Editor

Fellow Farmers:

From the Editor of a new publication, a few introductory remarks are naturally expected, but it does not appear necessary that he should enter into any lengthy elaboration of the policy and aims of the paper.

In brief, the purpose of its publication is to aid in the discussion of the economic and social problems which confront us, to assist in unifying opinion among our farmers and other workers as to what it is necessary to do in order that they and we may come to enjoy to the full the fruits of our labors, and, having thus unified us in opinion, to serve as a trumpet in marshalling our forces for the accomplishing of whatever has been decided is best to be done.

It is expected that the leaders of the various Farmers' Associations and Trade Unions will employ this paper as a medium for giving publicity to the views held by their several organizations. No matter how much the Editor may differ from them, no effort will be made to prevent them giving the fullest expression to their opinions in the names of the bodies which they represent. Of course, the Editor will have decided opinions of his own and will urge them through the editorial columns to the best of his ability.

Thus out of publicity and free discussion a sound public opinion is hoped to be evolved on many questions on which the various interests appear hopelessly divided at the present time.

The paper will be non-political in the common acceptance of that term, that is to say, it will favor no party or person by reason of his party connections. It will, however, not scruple to discuss any matter which may be or is likely to become the subject of legislation, from the standpoint of its soundness or unsoundness as an economic, or ethical proposition.