



SASKATCHEWAN SECTION

This Section of the Guide is conducted officially for the Saskatchewan Grain Growers Association by F. W. Green, Secretary, Moose Jaw, Sask.

BLUEFIELD MAKES SUGGESTION

As the days go by new ideas are coming forward all the time. The following has recently been received, the writer claiming it to be an attempt to bridge over the difficulty of having government ownership and operation without government control. He says that if farmers are to control, farmers must bear the responsibility; and those who call the tune must pay the fiddler. Our friend from Bluefield suggests that:

"A charter be granted the Grain Growers' Association with powers equal to a joint stock company, providing for different classes of stock-holders, for the purpose of building and operating a line of elevators. That the government loan this company an amount equal to two-thirds of the stock paid up, and take a mortgage on their assets to secure the government. Then the control of the whole affair to be placed in the hands of the minister of agriculture and two nominees of the Grain Growers' Association. The initiative to rest with the farmers at any given point whether they want an elevator, by getting to work and subscribing one-third of the stock, fully paid up, necessary to build the elevator."

Our friend suggests that if this plan would be satisfactory that Grain Growers at every point tell the commission so.

F. W. GREEN.

OUR PROPOSED AUTO TRIP

TO OUR MEMBERS:

We have received several enquiries in connection with this matter lately, and to these we would reply as follows: Owing to the absence of any universal endorsement of the scheme, the conflicting dates of the elevator commission sittings, the difficulty in getting speakers, and the many other unforeseen difficulties; we have had to abandon this trip. No one is more sorry or disappointed than ourselves, but we cannot accomplish the impossible. If you arrange for district meetings at any points, we will try to supply speakers, but it is a contract to get anyone.

We may say, however, that the only conditions upon which we will send a man (if we can secure one) is that his expenses shall be paid, and that a time shall be set apart for the speaking. Sports must not interfere. We cannot secure any man to attend a meeting if he thinks the sports will interfere with his work. He knows that he is sent there on business, not on pleasure. He is there to entertain the people, not the people to entertain him. If he secures a number of life members, subscriptions to THE GUIDE, etc., the association is benefitted very materially. If, however, the speaking is interfered with by the continuance of sports, he may have a good time, but the association is not any farther ahead than when we started. Sports are all right in their place, but cut them out when the speaking begins.

We trust that you will realize the importance of this matter. Regretting that we were unable to carry out the plans, we are,

THE SASKATCHEWAN GRAIN GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

Moose Jaw, May 19.

WATROUS DEW DROPS AND MAYMONT CREAM

Below is a copy of two letters written the same day, and which shows how different are the views of the different associations and how difficult it is to please everybody. We value them both, because we believe both are honest expressions and will help to guide us in our future conduct. We may say, however, that we sent the reports direct from the publishers to save expense, thinking every association wanted them. We have a few more left at the office should anyone want them. As far as we know, President Hopkins' banquet speech is in no other publication.

F. W. G.

Watrous Sask., May 10.

Your pamphlets received. It was brought up at our last meeting and decided that in future when literature is being sent out to the associations, if a sample is sent to us, we will order if wanted. As there is no sale for these reports, if postage is sent, they will be returned. I remain,

Yours truly,

H. EMIGH, Sec.

Maymont, Sask., May 10.

I am in receipt of your package of reports of last convention, and beg to enclose herewith cheque for \$2.60 which will pay for same and twenty-five more copies, also exchange on cheque. Kindly forward the reports at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

H. G. LANGLEY, Sec.

ATWATER'S NEWS

Please find enclosed, Express Order for \$2.75, being \$1.50 dues on membership and \$1.25 for convention reports. We have been too busy here to hold meetings for some time, but we intend to have one soon when we will see if we have any ideas on the elevator question. In my opinion, to be satisfactory, a plan must be evolved whereby every farmer will have a chance to put his grain in initial storage, where the European miller or his representative dealing direct with the farmer's agent can depend on having it shipped through to his mill just as he buys it, which will never be the case so long as it has to pass through privately owned

satisfactory explanation be asked to resign' be made a by-law, was lost, but an amendment, "That the members present at any meeting may on a vote, instruct secretary to ask any director who fails to attend one meeting in five, to submit explanation or resignation," was carried.

The subject of co-operative buying of binder twine, oil, wood, etc., was dealt with and it was decided that the secretary procure quotations from local dealers, as it was felt that where prices permit we prefer to deal through the local agents. Re district convention: Moved, "That this meeting endorse the resolution passed at Lotus, viz., 'That we are in favor of holding a district convention at Harris at time of visit of F. W. Green.'"

President I. Tuikess and J. Sanderson were elected to represent this branch at the G. G. A. meeting at Rosetown. Some of the members seeming to desire a picnic it was decided that a committee consisting of the directors and J. Sanderson be instructed to go into the matter and endeavor to arrange for one at the time of the visit of Hon. W. R. Motherwell. The members were reminded of their subscriptions to THE GUIDE. After arranging for next meeting to be held at Kingsland and calling the roll the meeting adjourned.

EDWIN JONES,

Press Correspondent to Oliver G.G.A. Oliver, Sask.

EXECUTIVE MEETING.

A meeting of the executive of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Asso-



Stock on Farm of John A. Stenan, Eden Valley, Sask.

terminals. With regard to a monopoly I think that when the country has gone to the trouble and expense of establishing an efficient system which every farmer can use, it would be foolish and unnecessary to leave any public grain storage business in private hands, because no matter how they amend their ways and tricks they could not do better for the farmer than the government system, and every bushel of grain they get would help to keep the latter, which would be an asset of the people, from paying. Whether according to law and precedent or not, the system should be controlled by a commission of three nominated by the farmers of Saskatchewan as represented by the Grain Growers.

W. L. ROBERTS, Sec.

Atwater, Sask.

OLIVER BRANCH STRONG

A meeting of the Oliver branch of the G. G. A. was held May 12, at Cleland school house. This branch, formed in January of this year, now has a paid up membership of 63, with prospect of considerable increase in immediate future. A resolution, that: "Any director of this branch not attending at least one meeting in five and being unable to give

ciation, was held May 17 in the office of the Secretary Treasurer, Times Block, Moose Jaw.

Those present were. Honorary president, E. N. Hopkins; president, F. M. Gates; vice-president, J. A. Murray; E. A. Partridge, A. G. Hawkes, J. A. Maharg, and Secretary Green.

Several cases of damages against railway companies were discussed, and instructions given to the secretary in reference to them.

The Hudson Bay Railway question was taken up and discussed fully, with the result that the following resolution was passed. "That while in the face of the assurances of the Hon. Mr. Graham, minister of railways, given on the floor of parliament some short time ago, we, at our executive meeting felt it our duty to express confidence in the declaration of the federal government as to the speedy construction of the Hudson's Bay Railway, later developments in the form of a totally inadequate appropriation for the carrying on of the work, make it necessary for us, on behalf of the many thousands of members of our Association to protest most vigorously against such a flagrant breach of faith in matter so vitally affecting the welfare of the whole population of Western

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Canada, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Dominion authorities and to the press."—Carried.

DELEGATES TO COMMISSION

I have pleasure in enclosing \$7.70 for membership fees, convention reports, membership cards, and for subscriptions to THE GRAIN GROWERS' GUIDE. Kindly send me by return mail, fifty more membership cards. Will you also say if the commission will hold a sitting at Waldeck, and how soon. This branch held a meeting on May 13th, and discussed your circular, and passed a resolution: also appointed the president and secretary to attend the commission as delegates.

SEC. WALDECK G. G. A.

Waldeck, Sask.

I am enclosing money for pamphlets re yours of April 22nd, also for THE GRAIN GROWERS' GUIDE to be sent to the enclosed names. When we all get THE GUIDE, better results can be expected. I intend writing soon in connection with the elevator question. We are for a great change. We have had to hand over our grain long enough. Now we intend to have some voice in the selling of it. It must also be handled for us by people paid to do so, not by people paid to squeeze as much as possible.

JOHN G. STEPHEN, Sec.

Orcadia, Sask.

ORGANIZED AT SWIFT CURRENT

We met to-day and organized a Grain Growers' Association, and I was instructed to inform you that it is the wish of the organization here to have a sitting of the elevator commission. Kindly inform us of the date so we can have it well advertised among the farmers.

LEWIS A. SACKETT, Sec.-treas. Swift Current, May 18.

SASKATCHEWAN COMMISSION MEETS AT MOOSE JAW.

The first meeting of the Saskatchewan elevator commission was held at Moose Jaw, Wednesday, May 18. After a morning spent in an informal discussion with the executive of the Grain Growers' Association, gathering their views as to the scope of the inquiry and mapping out future plans, the commission got down to serious business.

Considerable interesting evidence was gathered from four farmers heard. While some indefiniteness of opinion was expressed in replying to the questions put by the commission, there was a perfect unanimity of opinion in their condemnation of the present system of private-owned elevators and a need for a better system to take its place.

The witnesses were equally definite in their condemnation of any system of monopoly in shipping, whether at the hands of the government or of private companies. Thus each witness declared for the retention of the loading platform.

As one witness humorously put it, "When the Grits are in power the Tories can use the loading platforms and when the Tories are in control, why, the Grits can use the shovel."

The recognized value of the government system of elevators was making