

discussion by both sides. Because under our existing laws we have legalized robbery by capital, still it does no good to be continually calling them robbers. I do not consider our agitation for free trade at all selfish. It is an agitation for the more honest and even adjustment of taxation which at present is beyond all question, too heavy on the laboring classes. I would ask Mr. Saunders if tariff is for the revenue, and those persons he mentioned, "doctors, lawyers, prominent men, civil servants, and the great class of people retired on £300 to £500 a year, military and naval officers, etc." are in favor of it, then does it not look as though there would be an increase in revenue from that source, and consequently a lowering of the income tax would be expected which at present the class of which he speaks has to pay? Whoever are the believers in protection in Britain, with the exception of Birmingham, it is certainly not the working classes, and surely you will give the ordinary British workman the credit for knowing what is best for himself over your list of the middle classes, who, apart from the doctors know little of the condition of the working classes. With regard to the position of Great Britain today, through free trade, no nation is so slowly affected by dull trade, and no nation recovers so rapidly after a depression of trade, as Great Britain. Mutrie, Sask. JAMES LINDSAY.

Directors' Report

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who presented the same uniform demand at each place, showing that there was no diversity of opinion in Saskatchewan. Those interviews have been published verbatim in the press throughout the country, so that it is not necessary to further dwell on them in this report.

Regarding The Guide, through the generosity of the Public Press Ltd., proprietors of the Grain Growers' Guide, your association was offered the sum of \$1000 worth of stock in the above company, which is to make us eligible to elect one director on the board of management of The Guide. This privilege is to enable us to have a voice in the paper. The above offer was accepted, but no definite arrangement has been completed.

Re relief asked for new settlers. In view of the fact that the southern portions of our province suffered from drought last season, and as the greater portion of the district suffering is occupied by new settlers, most of them having a very limited amount of capital, your executive requested Mr. Motherwell, minister of agriculture, to institute an enquiry to ascertain the exact conditions of the people and to alleviate any hardships that might be found to exist.

Re the Saskatoon conference. Your executive decided to hold a series of conferences in the different parts of the province at the conclusion of the busy season. Acting on this decision a meeting of the directors and district chairmen were called, and an invitation sent out to as many of the members as could attend to meet in Saskatoon for a general conference. This conference was considered by those present to be a success. Many valuable papers were given by the different members. These dealt with subjects of vital importance to our association, and the people of this country in general. These papers have all been published so that it is not necessary to further dwell upon them at this time. At the conclusion of this conference the directors, district chairmen, and as many of the members as could give the time divided themselves into small groups and held conferences at all the principle points in the province where it was thought it would be most convenient to the largest number of members. These conferences were a huge success in many instances, and on the whole we consider the time and money well spent. We might add that at this conference we were permitted to have the original report of the elevator commission of Saskatchewan laid before us, through the courtesy of Hon. Walter Scott. But owing to the voluminous nature of same, and the limited time at our disposal, and the fact that the recommendations of the report were somewhat unimpaired, it was decided that unless the printed reports were out in time for them to be properly understood before the convention time, that they be not considered by the directors but be left in the hands of the convention to be dealt with.

Ottawa Delegation

Owing to the business done in connection with the Ottawa delegation being

very clearly reported on by the Manitoba delegates at their convention in Brandon, and is now published in The Guide in full, we did not consider it necessary to have it in our report.

Re the terminal elevators. Conditions in connection with the operating of the terminal elevators seem to show no improvement whatever, despite the fact that there are about as many men employed watching the operators as there are operators themselves. The disclosures made early in the past year in regard to mixing and loosing only go to show that we have been right and just in our demands that they be taken entirely out of the hands of private operation. We consider the fines imposed on these companies convicted for illegal tampering with the grain in the terminals was nothing in comparison to the amount of money they were enabled to fleck from the farmers of this country by their nefarious practices. But we are pleased to note that it is the intention of the department to show but

severe leniency in future to parties convicted of illegal manipulation at the terminals. Armed with this further proof that we were right, your executive decided to make a more urgent demand for government intervention. The result was that when Sir Wilfrid Laurier was touring the West we received the promise from him that before anything in connection with the terminals was done, he would hold a conference with representatives of the Western Grain Growers (and by the way we are pleased to report that he has at least fulfilled this one promise he made while in the West, which is, to say the least, encouraging to us). This conference was held in connection with the Ottawa delegation, and although we did not get what we asked for, we believe it is a step in the right direction, as machinery will be set in force so that if the plan they are adopting does not prove satisfactory, the government can immediately acquire and take complete control of the terminals themselves.

Life Membership Report

The following report of the Life Membership fund was presented at the Regina convention by F. M. Gates, for J. A. Maharg, trustee of the fund:

I have pleasure in handing you herewith a statement of accounts for the trustees of the Life Membership fund of this association. During the year we have enrolled 353 new members, bringing the total number to 692. This gives the association a trust fund of \$6,920 for investment in first mortgages, earning a yearly revenue for all time to come. Of this amount \$4,700 has already been invested, and an application for \$1,500 accepted, payable as soon as mortgage papers are completed and satisfactory solicitor's report obtained as to title. The statement of receipts and disbursements, and of assets and liabilities, which I attach herewith, has been audited by Mr. John T. Newton, of Moose Jaw, and shows the present standing of the trust fund, and the cash accounts from date of my last statement.

A. W. IRWIN, Secretary-treasurer,
of the Life Membership fund of the Sask. Grain Growers' Ass'n.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

of the

Life Membership Fund of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association.

RECEIPTS

Feb. 5-10, To Cash in bank	\$926.06	
Feb. 4-10, " Cash on hand	60.00	
Feb. 6-11, " Membership fees, 353 at \$12.00	4,236.00	
Feb. 6-11, " Interest collected on mortgages	265.86	
Feb. 6-11, " Bank interest received on deposit	18.69	\$5,506.61

DISBURSEMENTS

Feb. 5-10, By Walter Hillson mortgage	\$1,200.00	
Dec. 8-10, " Theodore Goetz mortgage	1,000.00	
Dec. 13-10, " Memb. \$2.00 fee and interest on mortgages, paid Sec'y. of the Grain Growers' Assn. ..	927.86	
Feb. 6-11, " Cash on hand	72.00	
Feb. 6-11, " Cash in bank	2,306.75	\$5,506.61

ASSETS

Cash on hand	\$ 72.00	
Cash in bank	2,306.75	
Invested in first mortgages	4,700.00	\$7,078.75

LIABILITIES

Due Sask. Grain Growers' Assn., re \$2.00 fee and interest	\$158.75	
Balance, being net capital of trust fund	6,920.00	\$7,078.75

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. IRWIN, Secretary-treasurer.

Audited and found correct, February 6, '11.

JOHN THORP NEWTON.

Language Report

The following report was presented to the Regina convention by H. Dorrell and James C. Hunter:

Your committee of enquiry into the advisability of printing THE GUIDE and our literature in the German language beg to report as follows:—

That we find that there are between ten thousand and twelve thousand German farmers in the province of Saskatchewan, or as many as our total membership at present, many of whom are anxious to have our literature.

That the system of giving our matter to the German papers for publication has not been successful, probably because of the party patronage enjoyed by these papers.

That it might be practical for the Western provinces to unite, or the Canadian Council of Agriculture, to undertake the production of a monthly in the

German language, simultaneously with which a special campaign should be organized in every German settlement.

That, while there is among the Canadian Mennonite Germans some prejudices to be overcome, generally speaking we shall find in our German brothers a very receptive soil in which to sow the seeds of our principles.

We would recommend therefore, that this association endeavor to co-operate with our sister provinces in the publication of a monthly in German.

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