

SASKATCHEWAN CO-OPERATIVE ELEVATOR CO.

The Annual Meeting—Shareholders Enthusiastic

The annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Co., Ltd., was held at Regina on Wednesday the 11th of November. There was a full attendance of delegates, only three locals being unrepresented at the meeting.

The company's balance sheet was submitted and received with enthusiasm, the good standing of the company appearing to be a matter of very special satisfaction. As previously made public, the directors had paid a dividend of 8 per cent. on the paid-up capital and the balance amounting to \$257,320.73 was still to be disposed of. In accordance with the Incorporating Act of the company one half of the amount was transferred to the Elevator Reserve account. The directors submitted a suggestion to the meeting that \$3 per share on all shares allotted previous to April of the current year should be credited to the shareholders as paid-up capital, and certificates issued to that effect. This suggestion was cordially accepted by the meeting, leaving only a balance of the net profit of \$27,632.37, which was carried forward to credit of profit and loss.

The by-laws of the company received a general revision, and after some discussion were approved and endorsed by the meeting.

Executive Re-elected

According to the requirements of the Incorporating Act, three of the directors went out of office, and their places were filled by the meeting. This event was of more than usual importance this year, because the three directors who had acted as the executive or governing board of the company, Mr. Maharg, the president; Mr. Langley, the vice-president, and Mr. Dunning, the general manager, were the three whose terms of office expired, and the delegates seemed to recognize that their vote in filling the places vacated by these directors would be more or less a vote of confidence or otherwise in the policy the company had pursued during the three years of its existence. All three gentlemen were re-nominated and the delegates refused to place any one in nomination against them. They were consequently re-elected by acclamation.

The Banquet

The meeting thruout was very enthusiastic, and when after the general business was completed, it was thrown open for the purpose of ventilating complaints from all quarters, the most complete good humor prevailed, and no serious grievance was brought forward. In the evening a banquet was held at the King's Hotel, and a program of short speeches and music was provided. Some three hundred delegates and visitors sat down to dinner, a number of ladies being present. Mr. Langley, presided, in the absence of the president, and a number of toasts were proposed and responded to. The toast of "The King" was received with great enthusiasm, the National Anthem being sung with great heartiness. Mr. Langley responded to the toast of "The Empire." Mr. Dunning, in a brief and effective speech, responded to the toast of "The Company." Mr. Musselman, the secretary of The Grain Growers' Association, responded for that organization, while Mr. Paynter, the chairman of the Hail Insurance Commission, answered for "Kindred Co-operative Organizations." The legal advisers of the company were represented by Mr. Hugg, and The Union Bank of Canada, the institution thru which the company is financed, was represented by F. W. S. Crispo, the chief inspector of the bank. Perhaps the most successful toast of the evening was that to "The Ladies," proposed by Dr. Barrick, the oldest member of the board of directors. The company also listened with great interest to remarks from the head of the Commission Staff at Winnipeg, Mr. McLaren, also the company's general superintendent, Mr. Thordarson; the construction engineer, Mr. Knudtsen, and the chief of the head office staff, Mr. Riddell. The

A Heart to Heart Chat

In response to our request we have received a large number of letters from our readers suggesting articles and information they would like to see published in The Guide. We are very pleased at the frank and friendly manner in which our readers have co-operated with us in this matter. We are not yet satisfied with the number of suggestions we have received, however, and hope that we will yet hear from several hundred readers. We want every reader to feel that he or she has a personal interest in The Guide and that we are asking for these suggestions in good faith.

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Plans for country houses has been suggested as a subject that would be of great value to our readers, many of whom will be building new houses in the future. Several lady readers have asked us to give special attention to home conveniences because they feel that many country homes are lacking in conveniences and appliances that would save a great deal of labor to the woman.

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Another suggestion is that we should publish articles showing the best means of heating country houses, and several have asked us to publish articles showing the most convenient layout for farm buildings in order that the work around the farm may be done with the least expenditure of time.

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Several suggestions have been received that we devote space to Sunday School lessons or a course of Bible study. Several have suggested that more time and attention be given to co-operative development, both in Western Canada and in other countries.

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The value of shade trees around the prairie farm home has been clearly set forth by some of our readers, and it has been suggested that we could help very much by publishing reliable instructions as to the best variety of trees and the best method of planting and caring for them to provide wind-breaks, shelter belts and ornaments for the rural homes. It has also been suggested that we publish articles on farm management written by successful farmers in Western Canada. By this means it is suggested that those who are not progressing so favorably would get hints to help them on their way.

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We would be glad if our readers would let us know what they think about these suggestions, which are only a few of those we have received, and also give us any other suggestions. Are there any new departments which would be of real help and value to our readers? Let us have your ideas as to the best method of making The Guide just what the farmers would like it to be. We are paying \$5 for the best letter, \$4 for the second best, \$3 for the third, \$2 for the fourth, and \$1 for the fifth. We have decided to extend the time for receiving these letters until December 15, and we hope to receive another five hundred letters by that time.

THE GRAIN GROWERS' GUIDE.

musical part of the evening was entrusted to the orchestra, S. B. Musselman, of Morse, and Allan Hawkes, of Broadview.

DRESSED POULTRY SHIPMENTS

A consignment of dressed poultry was received from the country during the past week by one of the Winnipeg wholesalers. Most of the chickens were sent in good condition, nicely plucked and dressed in a manner that showed that the shipper recognized the appearance and fit required for the best market birds. But there were two chickens included in this shipment which were quite different from the rest. They were well fleshed, but their bodies were covered all over with red discolorations such as might arise from plucking the birds before they were killed. The inclusion of two birds in this condition changed the value from a selling standpoint of the whole shipment from that of first-class dressed poultry to a much lower market price. Poultry dealers are no better able to dispose of inferior dressed poultry at first-class prices than are farmers to obtain No. 1 Northern prices for No. 3 Northern wheat. This fact should be kept in mind when sending in farm produce to market. Send in a uniform sample. If some of the chickens are in better shape than others send them separately. If there are not enough to make a separate consignment, don't mix them in with the first-class birds, keep them separate and make a note to that effect when notifying your dealer. If farmers would only do this, and if they would only realize that their dealers are doing the best they possibly can for the shipper in order to keep their trade, the marketing of farm produce would be carried on much more satisfactorily for both shipper and dealer alike.



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