SASKATCHEWAN SECTION

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CO-OPERATIVE ELEVATOR NEWS

Organization of this company is proceeding steadily and surely. The foundation of a great permanent, commercial and educational institution is being laid, and laid well upon the firm rock of the greatest industry in the province of Saskatchewan, namely, agriculture. Doubters are becoming converts to the idea, now that it is taking practical shape, and are getting into line to help to secure the greatest benefits from co-operation. The fact of being able to secure the same advantages which corporations enjoy, and being prevented from allowing the evils which exist in modern corporations, is surely a step in the right direction. Thousands of our men on the land think so at any rate, as is evidenced by the number of requests for elevators. True, the ownership of the elevator building means little in itself, but the fact of being one of many who are equally interested in the solution of any and all of our problems is the great feature of the co-operative movement; not alone the storage and handling of our grain, but the most economical distribution of our supplies is the element which enlists the sympathy and financial support of the Grain Growers. The farming community in Saskatchewan have tasted the fruits of united effort in many ways through the Grain Growers' Association, but nothing this institution has ever advocated or accomplished is fraught with the possibilities which exist for this infant company, the most promising concern of its kind in the West.

CHAS. A. DUNNING.

Moose Jaw, Sask.

BOTTOM OF THE TROUBLE

A large farmer called at our office recently; we had given him a copy of the evidence taken before the senate committee on the new Grain Act. This man was not in favor of our elevator plan. He declared the solution was in the loading platform. Why, said he, just look here, and he pointed to the statements of Walter Douglas of Minneapolis to the Senate committee, and his showing how the big elevator companies are linked together. Then at the statement of Frank B. Wells, telling of his agreement with the Canadian Northern Railway. "Look at what this manager of the Peavey company says," he shouted, as he warmed up. "Then this Frank Heffelfinger; see how he admits being mixed up with so many elevator companies, both interior and terminal, as well as the railways. Notice the bargain with the G.T.P. railway. Don't you see through this thing?

"Why, man," he said, "you do not need to wonder why your car is shunted away from the loading platform, and why the platforms are placed in the most awkward out of the way places. Any fool could see without eyes why the railways make it as inconvenient as possible for farmers to load at platforms. Why, here they admit having entered into an agreement with railways to build the terminals and rent them to these capitalists, they (the capitalists) on their part agreeing to build line elevators along the railways. It is really an extension of the old monopoly agreement to all the elevators.

"Why, only just recently," said our friend, as he struck the desk with his clenched fist, "my men were loading a car at a platform. They had it partly filled when a freight came along and pushed it, leaving it about a quarter of a mile away, with several other cars between it and the platform. It took us half a day pulling those cars about with horses to get the one in question anywhere near the platform again. We had to load it with a pail and a rope, out of a ditch from our wagon to the car. The platforms never were loading platforms. At best they are only unloading platforms."

"Why didn't you put it through the elevator?" I asked.

"Not on your life," said the man. "That is what the railways are trying to compel us to do."

"Which railway are you on?" I asked.

"The C.P.R.," he said, "and just as soon as the C.N.R. gets near me, you bet I will do my best to get even."

"Are they not all alike? Why do not farmers build their own line of elevators?" I asked.

"Yes," he continued, "once they get our grain in an elevator they know they have got the haulage of it, and they know they can do as they like with you. No sir," he said; "get more railways, keep your grain under your own control till you get your car, and stop where you get a car first to suit you."

"Well," I said, "it is a big question."

"Yes," he said, as he slammed the door, "you have let the ——— scamps get control of the whole thing, and you have a contract to get rid of them."

"Why do you mean?" I said.

"Why, these elevator d———s," he cried.

I shouted out after him: "If you fellows will organize at every shipping point and refuse to put your grain into their elevators, you could clean the whole thing up. Don't you see it is all a question of organization? It sure is a big job. You ought to be a life member."

"I'll see you again," he answered, and tore off to see about a car of flax which had been standing on the side track several days since it was loaded, swearing there ought to be reciprocal demurrage.

Well, well, I thought, whenever will farmers get after this thing as if they meant business? If we had only fifty thousand life members what is there we could not do?

FRED. W. GREEN.

Moose Jaw, Sask.

KENSMITH HAS LOYAL SPIRIT

In reply to your resolution passed by your executive regarding the coronation of King George V., we, as the Kensmith Grain Growers' Association, would say that we are favorably disposed toward same. I here with enclose cheque for $2.55, being payment at fifteen cents per member. The following is a list of our members giving their nationalities: W. Clelland, American; J. T. Wilson, American; M. A. Cox, Canadian; O. Kegler, American; A. Lindgreen, American; Ole A. Olesen, Norwegian; Joe Lindgreen, American; H. Lindgreen, American; P. E. Lánberg, Norwegian; P. Lindgreen, American; F. Dprecy, American; W. Wright, Canadian; P. W. Kegler, American; E. H. Bluhn, American; A. E. Lewis, English; L. O. Fitch, American; H. Murphy, American. You will observe Kensmith, Sask.

OLE A. OLESON, Sec'y.

You will observe there are 12 Americans, 2 Canadians, 1 Englishman and 2 Norwegians on this list. But you should see the one from Owenstown.

AN ORGANIZED ATTEMPT TO DISORGANIZE

Every class interest in the country seems to have realized the benefits accruing from organized effort on its own behalf, and, while more or less rivalry exists between each of them, all are a unit in opposing and discrediting any attempt to organize farmers or agriculturists as a class. Railways, banks, political parties, and almost without exception every other business interest or organization, deprecate any movement aiming to consolidate agriculturists into a working unit. Let that movement be either political or economic, one or more of the classes or parties is bound to see in it something detrimental to their particular well-being, and immediately raise a hue and cry, when the rest all chime in like a pack of hounds in full cry after a fox. Let Grain Growers but wish to form a company to sell grain, beef, pork, or any other product which they have worked years to produce; let producers of grain but wish to form a company to erect elevators to handle their own grain, or a co-operative company to purchase material entering into production of their commodity. Let them get up a journal to advocate their own cause. Let them try to get their own representatives into the legislature. They are then immediately set upon by the whole bunch from Victoria to Halifax. A great deal is being said about single tax and land tax. Agriculturists ought to be able to see that all others seem bound to see to it that whatever else happens we shall have single tax and land tax. Farmers must pay the taxes in any event. What of it? We should let nothing divide us, whatever little differences of opinion we may have on methods of present procedure. One thing is certain, and more certain on account of the unity of our opposing forces. We must keep on organizing and educating if we would ultimately bring about the emancipation of our class. Shall organized capitalists control the government of this country? If any class is to rule, are not producers of food, the men on the land, entitled to take a prominent part in the game? Does this not necessitate having a permanent farmers' organization? Shall we not repudiate this manufactured, organized attempt to disorganize farmers?

FRED. W. GREEN.

Moose Jaw, Sask.

MONTHLY STATEMENT

Undernoted we give the amount of membership fees received at this office during the month of April from our local associations. We particularly desire that secretaries examine this list carefully, and if there is any error, notify us immediately so that any mistake may be rectified.

Antler, $1; Augustine, $10; Ada, $12; Astwood, $3.50; Asquith, $18; Belbec, $2; Blue Hills, $3; Birkdsell, $8; Brownlee, $12.50; Beaverdale, $1.50; Bangor, $4; Bank end Ladstock, $17; Big Arm, $5; Cooper Creek, $13.50; Clapton, $7; Carnduff, $3.50; Cobleaz, $6; Crown Hill, $14; Dubuc, $2.50; Dolke, $11; Dowd Hill, $11; Elmore, $11; Excelsior, $4.50; Fairleigh, $5; Forest Hall, $5.50; Fortune, $4.50; Farfield, $8; Graham Hill, $2; Glenavon, $22; Goodwater, $16.50; Guernsey, $1; Goodlands, $12; Hillsley, $5; Hillsley, $1; Huna, $20.50; Invermay, $3; Kamsastha, $3; Kempton, $10; Kelso, $2.50; Lockwood, $21; Lanseland, $7; Laird, $3; Lanigan, $17; Lion's Head, $10; Milestone, $2; Meadow Bank, $7.50; Mountain Dew, $15.50; Meadow Bank, $2; Mozart, $3; Mount Hope, $13.50; Newland, $6.50; Neewin, $9; Nut Mountain, $3.50; Normanton, $19; Narrow Lake, $17.50; Netherhill, $3.50; Orcadia, $2.50; Poplar Park, $2; Phippen, $11.25; Phone Hill, $7.50; Poplar Park, $2; Passwgin, $3; Pangman, $11.50; Park, $10.50; Plymouth, $6.50; Perley, $6.50; Retford, $7; Ruddell, $5; Rex, $4; Rosworth, $16; Quinton, $14; Rosetown, $8.50; Rosilee, $3; Ryerson, $4.50; Sunny Hill, $3; Sequin, $13; Southminster, $4.50; Sylvania, $2; St. Gregor, $7.50; St. Benedict, $8.50; Springside, $5.50; Skipton, $11; Salteoats, $45; St. Meinrad, $5; Sunset, $7.75; Tugaske, $1; Tisdale, $13.50; Tupper, $10; Vanscoy, $2; Victoria Plains, $6; Wild Rose, $8.50; Willcox, $6; Waldron, 50c; Wesefe, $1; Wolverine, $17; Walter, $4; Weir Hill, $16; Waldeck, $12; Waldhjem, $8; Zelma, $1.50.

Moose Jaw, Sask.

OUR FEDERAL DIVISIONS

It would be a splendid move if every one of our local associations would get a suitable letter head, on which would be stated the exact location of their association, federal and provincial constituency, date of regular meetings and names of officers, also suitable motto. In the province of Saskatchewan there are at present ten federal constituencies. Herewith we give the number of associations in good standing in each on our books at present. In the next issue we will give the number in the provincial electoral districts. Battleford, 73; Prince Albert, 33; Moose Jaw, 44; Regina, 38; Assiniboia, 49; Qu'Appelle, 35; Saltcoats, 22; McKenzie, 23; Humboldt, 56; Saskatoon, 49.

It will be seen that Battleford is an easy winner in numbers, with Humboldt running neck and neck. Moose Jaw and Regina are putting up a spectacular contest, with Regina, as usual, just a little behind, while Qu'Appelle is trying to show them both a thing or two. Saltcoats, McKenzie and Prince Albert are going in for more complete organization. Study the clauses in the new constitutions we sent you regarding these divisions.

F.W.G.

Moose Jaw, Sask.

NEWSY BRIEFLETS

Information Wanted — Mr. R. Sampard, Watson, Sask., wishes to form a branch of our association at his point. The necessary particulars have been supplied, and we hope he will be successful in his endeavors.

En Passant.—We have now 450 associations working in conjunction with the central. What a vast assemblage of organized units, each engaged in the work of a great Empire. Organize, organize, but always remember the key to the position, namely, permanency. Life membership firmly established, then our good ship, the Association, will sail on to victory.

Fiat Justitia, Ruat Coelum.—Let justice be done, though the heavens should fall. This is the inscription, or motto, to be placed on the casket to be presented to the Empire's King on his coronation. One would have to go a long way to get a better inspiration. What think you?

Coblenz is after more constitutions. Good.

Ada, recently formed, wishes us to send more literature. This looks like business. At any rate it shows that they are very much alive.

Sunset wants more membership cards. On the 13th of June they are to have a big meeting and wish the central to furnish a speaker. Alright.

Wadena. — The following resolution was passed at a meeting held on the 6th inst: "Resolved that this association declares itself unequivocally in favor of reciprocity with the United States and free entry of farm implements, and that this association respectfully urges our member, Dr. Neely, to use his best efforts in the Dominion House to bring about the ratification of the proposed pact now pending at Ottawa."

Glenrose Branch is in favor of the reciprocity pact and getting new members.

Dundurn is pleased with Mr. Dunning's visit and has organized a people's elevator.

Salvador members are not all British born, but are going in to make a unified farmers' movement and up-to-date Cana-

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