

### Manitoba Grain Grower's Convention.

The Manitoba organization having for its especial care the interests of the grain growers of Manitoba convened in Brandon at the same time as the live stock men and filled the Wheat City to overflowing. Despite all figures that the grain grower works at a loss, and has an annual deficit, the appearance of the sturdy yeoman belies such pessimistic utterances, and it is doubtful, judging by such appearances, if any of them dress or feed themselves on the meager allowance cited to the Tariff Commission. Editorial comment has been made in another column on some features of this year's convention. The delegates turned out in the hundreds and at the sessions, which were always crowded, left little space room in the opera house of the Brandon city hall. The gathering was honored by the presence of ex-president W. R. Motherwell, Minister of Agriculture for Saskatchewan, and president E. N. Hopkins, Moosejaw, from the sister association in the province to the west.

The following committee was appointed to strike the standing committees: J. W. Scallion, Virden; H. A. Fraser, Hamiota; A. L. Hamilton, Portage, R. C. Henders, Culross; Jas. Steadman, Deloraine; Jas. Lothian, Pipestone; W. G. Rogers, Carberry, and W. Nicholson, Dauphin. The delegates adjourned at noon until 4:30 to allow a visit to the stallion show.

As a result of their labors the following committees were struck.

Transportation—J. S. Woods, Oakville; J. H. Burgess, Pipestone; W. Wright, Roland; J. J. Musgrave, Boissevain; S. C. Doran, Brandon; J. Bennett, MacGregor; R. W. Glennie, Swan River.

Resolutions—R. W. Jackson, Hartney; J. J. McRae, Carberry; D. McVicar, Portage la Prairie; G. Carefoot, Virden; S. G. Brown, Hamiota; Jas. Riddell, Rosebank; S. Benson, Neepawa.

Grading and inspection of wheat and flour—C. E. M. Ivens, Virden; D. D. Campbell, Winnipeg; W. Reid, Sandford; A. Innis, Deloraine; E. A. Muir, High Bluff; J. Nicholson, Dauphin; J. Fortune, Letellier.

Coal—Chas. Thomas, Hartney; J. McConnell, Melita; R. Wilson, Pilot Mound; C. Stewart, Reston; W. Ellison, Elkhorn; J. Dunfield, Portage la Prairie, D. Moir, Hamiota.

Hail Insurance—P. McDonald, Virden; G. Grant, Carberry; W. Burdett, Foxwarren; W. Huffman, Brookdale; W. Iverach, Miniota; H. Graham, Culross; A. McCullum, Roland.

Legislative—J. W. Scallion, Virden; J. C. Henderson, Culross; A. L. Hamilton, Portage la Prairie; C. Stinson, Virden; G. Lyttle, High Bluff; W. G. Rogers, Carberry; H. A. Fraser, Hamiota.

The resolutions committee reported and it was resolved and carried:

That the executive of the Grain Growers' Association memorialize the Dominion government to take such steps as are necessary to protect the farmers against the sale of bluestone and formalin under recognized standards, by the appointment of duly qualified inspectors or others.

(The Dominion Government had already investigations under way, and the results are announced in another column; it is up to the users of the chemicals to do their part thoroughly. Ed.)

#### SUPERINTENDENT BEDFORD APPRECIATED.

R. C. Henders moved, seconded by J. W. Scallion and it was carried with vocal honors:

That the members of the Manitoba Grain Growers' association in convention now assembled, take the opportunity of placing on record our high appreciation of the valuable services that Mr. S. A. Bedford had rendered as manager of the Brandon experimental farm. His thoroughness in his work, his splendid executive ability and his fine social qualities have preeminently fitted him for the position and have greatly endeared him to us all. It is, therefore, with the deepest regret that we learn that he has seen fit to sever his connection with that institution and thus deprive us of his valuable services, and we express the hope that in his newly chosen field he may be able to be a benefit to the community in which he lives and the country at large by giving them the benefit of his experience and result of his investigations.

Re patents on wind power it was resolved and carried:

That the executive ask the Dominion government to enquire regarding the right

of the Farmers' Friend Stacker Co. in securing patents on machinery by wind power and also on the wind as a power for stacking purposes. We are of the opinion that wind may be used as a power in stacking from threshers without any infringement of the rights of the patentees of this section.

The Grain Dealers Association came in for severe criticism and it was resolved:

That, whereas it is a matter of common opinion that the Manitoba and Northwest Grain Dealers' association of Winnipeg is an organization whose rules prevent free competition in the buying of grain, which is detrimental to the interests of the great bulk or the residents of this province, and even arrogates to itself the power of the courts in levying fines for the violation of its rules. We therefore hold that it is a combine or conspiracy for the restriction of trade, and we would ask the executive of the Grain Growers' association to direct the attention of the attorney-general's department to the matter, and that the methods of the Manitoba and Northwest Grain Dealers' association be investigated.

It will be remembered that the Carberry News went after this association last fall and drew attention to the famous red card. In answer to a question put to Mr. Robinson of the Standard Grain Co. member of the Grain Exchange as to who fixes the prices sent out to street buyers, the answer was the Grain Dealers' association. Some funny questions were asked and it was here that several tried to speak at once, and for several times, the chairman being far too lenient.

Mr. Robinson made it clear that a member of the Grain Exchange was liable to a fine if he violated the rule as to commission, but said he was not subject to penalties for paying what price he chose.

#### THE GRADES ARE LOOKED INTO.

The committee on grades recommended that the following changes be made, viz.:

That No. 1 extra Manitoba hard wheat shall be sound and well cleaned and weigh not less than sixty pounds to the bushel, and shall be composed of at least 75 per cent of hard red fife wheat; that No. 1 Manitoba hard wheat shall be sound, well cleaned, weighing not less than sixty pounds to the bushel and shall be composed of not less than 60 per cent of hard red fife wheat; that No. 1 Manitoba northern wheat shall be sound and reasonably clean, of good milling quality, weigh not less than fifty-eight pounds to the bushel and shall be composed of at least 45 per cent of hard red fife wheat; that No. 2 Manitoba northern wheat shall be reasonably sound and reasonably clean, and of good milling qualities and fit for warehousing, and weigh not less than fifty-seven pounds per bushel, and shall be composed of 35 per cent of red fife. Any wheat not good enough to be graded as No. 2 northern shall be graded as No. 3 Manitoba northern at the discretion of the inspector. Scoured wheat shall not be graded higher than No. 2 Manitoba northern.

We would also recommend that the inspector stamp each certificate issued, with the weight per bushel of the grain contained therein.

A lively discussion ensued on this matter and referred the matter back to the committee who reaffirmed their belief and added the following rider all of which was adopted:

We suggest that this convention adopt our recommendations, and that they form a basis for entering on a further consideration of the subject, in conjunction with certain delegates to be appointed by the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' association.

(Concluded Next Issue.)

#### THINGS TO REMEMBER.

- Entries close, Stallion and Foal Show, Calgary, Apr. 5
- " " Alberta Fat-stock Show, Apr. 5
- " " Saskatchewan Fat-stock Show, Apr. 16
- " " Horse Show, Apr. 16
- B. C. Pure-bred Sale, Mar. 21-22
- Alberta Stallion and Foal Show, May 7-8
- Pure-bred Cattle Show, Calgary, May 7-8
- Fat-stock Show, Calgary, May 8-10
- Horse-breeders' Association, Calgary, May 7
- Horse-breeders' Association, May 8
- Saskatchewan Pure-bred Cattle Sale, Horse and Fat-stock Show, May 16, 17-18
- Winnipeg Horse Show, May 23-25
- Inter-Western Exhibition, Calgary, July 10-12
- Birtle Fair, Aug. 9
- N. W. Agricultural A. Ass'n, Neepawa, July 4, 5-6
- Winnipeg Industrial, July 23-28
- W. Agricultural A. Ass'n, Brandon, July 31-Aug 3

## MARKETS

Manitoba wheat on the Winnipeg market has followed the course of the United States markets during the week. Demand is moderate and wheat is not pressed for sale; prices closed to-day at 1 Nor 73c., 2 Nor. 71c., 3 Nor. 69c., spot or March delivery. Wheat rejected for smut is scarcely in as good demand as it was, but the prices obtainable for it are only 1 1/2c. under top prices touched during the last two months. All prices are for in store Fort William and Port Arthur.

OATS.—The oat market is very dull and prices have declined 2c. from the top. No. 2 white oats Fort William is 31c., No. 1 white are worth 32c., and No. 3 white 30c.

BARLEY.—There is a good demand for barley and it is scarce. No. 3 barley is wanted at 38c. in store Fort William, No. 4 at 36 1/2c. and Rejected 34c. to 35c.

FLAX.—The flax market is quiet and prices are lower. There is practically nothing doing in it and the entire crop seems to have been shipped out from country points. To-day No. 1 North Western is worth 105c. in store Fort William, and No. 1 Manitoba 103c.

HAY, per ton (cars on track),  
Winnipeg ..... 5 00 @ 5 50  
Loose loads ..... 5 00 @ 6 00

MILLFEED, per ton  
Bran ..... 15 00  
Shorts ..... 16 00

CHOPPED FEEDS—  
Oats and barley ..... 21 00  
Barley ..... 18 00  
Oats ..... 25 00

VEGETABLES—  
Potatoes, (farmers' loads), per bushel ..... 55 @ 57  
Carrots, per bushel ..... 90  
Beets, per bushel ..... 60  
Turnips, per bushel ..... 65  
Onions, per bushel ..... 1 50

BUTTER—  
Manitoba creamery bricks,  
Winnipeg ..... 27  
Creamery, in boxes ..... 24 @ 25

DAIRY BUTTER—  
Tubs, choicest ..... 21 @ 22  
Second grade, ground lots ..... 15 @ 17

CHEESE—  
Manitoba ..... 13  
Ontarios ..... 13 1/2

EGGS—  
Fresh gathered, Winnipeg ..... 30 @ 35  
Pickled eggs ..... 19 @ 20

DRESSED MEATS—  
Steers and heifers (abattoir killed) ..... 7  
Cows (good) ..... 6 1/2  
Hind quarters ..... 7 1/2 @ 9  
Front quarters ..... 4 1/2 @ 6

LIVE STOCK—  
(Off cars, Winnipeg)—  
Steers, tops ..... 3 1/2  
Heifers and cows ..... 2 1/2  
Veal calves ..... 4 @ 5  
Sheep ..... 5 1/2 @ 6  
Lambs ..... 5 1/2  
Hogs, 150 to 200 lbs. ..... 6 1/2  
Hogs, 250 to 300 lbs. ..... 5 1/2

HIDES—  
Green frozen hides ..... 8 @ 8 1/2

#### CHICAGO.

Cattle—Beef, \$3.90 to \$6.35; stockers and feeders, \$2.75 to \$4.75.  
Hogs—Good heavy, \$6.25 to \$6.35; light, \$6 to \$6.25; bulk of sales, \$6.20 to \$6.30.  
Sheep—\$3.40 to \$6.10; lambs, \$5 to \$6.80.

#### TORONTO.

Exporters \$4.40 to \$4.80; butchers' cattle \$3.25 to \$4.70; feeders \$4.30 to \$4.50. Hogs, f.o.b. country points \$6.75 to \$7.25 off cars or \$7.00 fed and watered off cars at the Junction.

#### BRITISH CATTLE MARKETS.

Cattle are quoted in London at 10 1/2c. to 11 1/2c. per lb.; refrigerator beef, 8 1/2c. per lb.

#### MINNEAPOLIS MARKETS.

WHEAT.—May 75 1/2c., July 77 1/2c., September 76 1/2c. 1 Hard 75 1/2c., 1 Northern 74 1/2c., 2 Northern 72 1/2c.

#### CHICAGO HOG MARKET PRICES.

Comparisons of extremes in prices.  
Mxd. and Butchers. Heavy. Light.  
195-245 lbs. 245 lbs. up. 135-195 lbs.  
1905 ..... 4 85-5 17 1/2 4 90-5 22 1/2 4 80-5 10  
1904 ..... 5 05-5 62 1/2 5 10-5 72 1/2 4 50-5 50  
1903 ..... 7 15-7 65 7 25-7 70 6 80-7 45  
1897 ..... 3 85-4 05 3 65-3 97 1/2 3 85-4 05

#### DATES CLAIMED FOR SALES.

Mani. Provincial, Winnipeg, Purebred cattle, May 30  
A. R. Ibbotson, Beresford, Man., Herefords, June 5  
R. McLennan, Holmfild, Man., Shorthorns, June 7  
Jno. G. Barron, Carberry, Shorthorns, June ..  
Hon. Thos. Greenway, Shorthorns, June ..