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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

L. I. D. Convention Pass Several Important Resolutions—Next Meeting at Saskatoon—Officers for the Ensuing Year.

Among the resolutions adopted at the L.I.D. convention held in the city last week were the following:

That the law relating to the boundary line roads be amended to mean, that if one district requires the road the other district must do half the work.

That the government grants for making roads should be expended by and at the discretion of the councilors of the district in which such grants are to be expended.

That this association request the government to continue giving a refund for cash spent in poisoning gophers, to a limit of \$20 per township.

That secretary treasurers shall be paid by the government for work done for the government by the secretary treasurers at the request of the several departments, and the rate of pay or compensation shall be stated by the department when requesting work done, but in no case shall it be less than \$5 per day and expenses.

That this association is strictly opposed to any exemption from taxation to any railway and that copies of this resolution be sent to both Dominion and provincial governments.

Whereas the banks of the province as a rule charge too high a rate of interest for the accommodation required by councils, the rate being 8 and 9 per cent. per annum, and usually one to three months notes; and whereas the security is exceptionally good. It is hereby resolved that the government be asked to provide for the purpose and advance money to councils at a lower rate.

That whereas, throughout the province of Saskatchewan, a great many small bridges of from 12 to 30 feet in length will be required to be built in the next few years;

And whereas the department of public works have proper equipment and experienced foremen to carry on this work;

And whereas the said department is in a position to purchase all material for such structures to better advantage than local improvement districts or municipalities;

Therefore be it resolved that this convention is of the opinion that the government should continue this work as heretofore, but on a more extensive scale.

Whereas the railroads are being properly enclosed and considering the fact that stock is being maimed or killed, from time to time, for which the owner of said stock received a very small, if any compensation, and

Whereas, a person owning stock accidentally maimed or killed and such person being of small means and unable to carry a lawsuit to a higher court of justice, the railway companies are the better prepared to carry such a claim and invariably win such a suit, therefore be it resolved, That the government pass legislation that any person having any stock maimed or killed on a railroad by a locomotive, valuation of said stock being \$400 or less, that said law suit must be settled at the local district courts of justice.

That this association respectfully call upon the government of the province to increase the remuneration of secretary treasurers for collecting the supplementary revenue tax from the present rate of 2 1/2 per cent. to at least 5 per cent. and such increase to date from January, 1908.

A resolution was passed recommending that the government be asked to give a small grant to each district towards paying the expenses of noxious weed inspectors, as the government had done away with direct government inspection.

Several resolutions were passed to amend the constitution of the association. One amending section 4 was that the fee shall not be less than \$5 nor more than \$10 for each L. I. D. or municipality, the executive to decide the amount.

Section 7 was amended so that the secretary treasurer will in future be elected by the executive and not at the convention.

It was also decided by the convention that all resolutions asking for legislation will require a two-thirds vote before they can be carried.

The financial statement presented by George S. Reid showed that the expenses of the association to be \$714.41, leaving a balance on hand of

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP

Provincial Rights Party Pledged to Public Ownership of Elevators—Mr. Haultain Makes Statement at Banquet at Nokomis.

Nokomis, Sask., March 25.—At a splendid banquet, tendered him here tonight Hon. F. W. G. Haultain, leader of the opposition, made an important statement in which he pledged his party to government ownership and control of internal elevators.

Five other members of the legislature were present, all of whom endorsed the pledge of their leader, as follows: T. A. Anderson, A. E. Whitmore, A. B. Gillis, P. P. Willway and A. Riddell. The banquet lasted until 3.15 a.m., and the Earl Grey brass band furnished music.

Mr. Haultain was in good form and spoke for over two hours, his speech being convincing and statesmanlike. It was punctuated with applause and held the attention of the audience till the close.

He pointed out that up to the end of last session of the legislative assembly, he and his friends in the House had not thought it advisable to do more than force the question on the consideration of the government. Their motion requiring the government of Saskatchewan to enquire into the question of government elevators and report to the House was voted down by the government on the plea that negotiations were then pending with the Grain Growers Association.

Speaking on the subject during the debate on that occasion he had expressed himself as strongly in sympathy with the demands of the Grain Growers, and more than ready to be convinced of the feasibility of their proposed plan. The negotiations had for some reason been delayed, and it was not until after the close of the late session that the answers of the premiers of the three provinces were made public. That answer was, in his opinion, entirely unsatisfactory, and altogether eroded the real question. He was now free to take definite ground without the fear of interfering with any negotiations.

The declared policy of the Provincial Rights party had from the beginning been in favor of government ownership and control of public utilities. There might be some question as to how far the elevator business came within the general term "public utilities," but the conditions existing in the western provinces would warrant the intervention of the government. "There was no doubt that owing to causes which he need not elaborate upon, the storage facilities in this province were practically in the hands of a monopoly. The effect of this monopoly was to prevent competition and thereby reduce prices. It had the further effect of depriving the farmer of proper means of storing and shipping his grain and also forced the small producer to sell his wagon load for a small price, on a low grading, with a large dockage. Light weights, low grades, excessive dockage and loss of identity of his product were the evils universally complained of, and there must be some foundation for so generally expressed complaints. It was further stated on good authority that by the culling process the millers were enabled to make large profits out of what intrinsically valuable but graded low, and that a portion at least of these profits would be obtained by the producer if he were enabled to make proper storage and shipping facilities to sell his own wheat by sample.

Another effect attributed to this culling process was the lowering of the quality of export wheat, and thus reducing the price of wheat while still in the hands of the farmer. The monopoly of the elevators also was said to enable the elevator owners to practically control street buyers and commission men.

It might be urged that all these evils would be removed by competition and that they should be left to be remedied by the ordinary processes of trade. That undoubtedly would be a sound position in the case of any ordinary business. But this was a business which affected the whole province, and upon the success of which the general welfare of the province depended.

What was the remedy? Competition? How could that be provided? Apparently not by ordinary means. That being the case, did the circumstances justify the intervention of the

MYTHICAL FARM

Rosthern, Sask., March 26.—Word has just reached here from Liverpool that H. S. Percival, formerly here, swindled an Englishman out of over \$1,000 by selling him a farm which turned out to be a myth which he arrived in western Canada with his family. Percival escaped from England for the States. A few years ago Percival who carried on a business here, mysteriously disappeared leaving behind him several hundreds in debts. Warrants were then sworn out for his arrest but were never served, though he was seen in the west two years ago.

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government? In his opinion there was only one answer, and that was that they did. He was in favor of the government taking some steps for the establishment of fully equipped elevators at competing points, so as to provide proper facilities for cleaning, storing and shipping grain. The establishment at any point of a government elevator of sufficient capacity, which would furnish facilities for cleaning and shipping the actual wheat of the shipper, would very soon force all other elevators at that point to come up to the government standard.

The capacity to be supplied by the government, and the point at which elevators should be established, were a matter of detail which could be easily settled if the general policy were adopted. His own opinion was that a resolute policy on the part of the government, followed up by practical action at a comparatively few points would soon force the elevator owners to supply equal facilities. In any event he was prepared to advocate such a policy without regard to the number of elevators involved. It would, in his opinion, have to be carried out by an independent commission, who ought to be able to look for the active co-operation of the Grain Growers' associations. The government would not be looking for large dividends, and there was no reason to suppose that an elevator system such as had been described would not easily pay for itself. The farmers would not object to reasonable charges if they secured reasonable treatment. The advantages of the system were manifest. Cleaning apparatus would do away with the dockage system and give the farmer his own screenings. The government would not be in the grain business so there would be no question of grades. A proper complement of special bins would preserve the identity of the grain, and would enable the farmer to obtain the actual value of his grain by selling on sample in the open market.

There were necessarily a great many matters of detail which would have to be worked out, but he was convinced that such a policy was feasible, and was undoubtedly necessary. This was a matter of such supreme importance to the main industry of the country, that it should be considered independently of party divisions and he was prepared not only to urge its consideration upon the government, but to lend them every assistance in framing some measure that would adequately meet the necessities of the case.

THE WORLD'S MONEY LENDER

Canada Indebted to Britain for Money for Financing Her Great Undertakings, Both Provincial and Dominion.

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Borrowed in England	250,000,000
Provincial governments	50,000,000
Can. railways on bonds	500,000,000
Can. other purposes	200,000,000
Total	\$1,000,000,000

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