



# MANITOBA SECTION

## SPRINGBROOK BANQUET

There was an attendance of 114 at the second annual banquet of the Springbrook association held Thursday, Feb. 24, and the event was a thorough success from start to finish. A sumptuous repast was prepared by Mrs. George Gray, and J. D. Hunt acted as toastmaster.

The toast to "The Grain Growers' Association" was coupled with the names of Mr. George Noon, vice-president, and the secretary, Mr. F. C. Berry. Both speakers had something to say regarding the need of the Grain Growers' Association as an organized unit to watch over and protect the interests of the producer.

"Our neighboring branches," brought Mr. Josiah Bennett to his feet as representative of the Pine Creek branch, and father of the Springbrook one. Mr. Bennett treated at some length the different monopolies as they affected the farmer, clinching his arguments with indisputable figures.

Mr. Love, president of the MacGregor Grain Growers', followed and gave a well delivered address. This speaker emphasized the need of more members as being the most urgent, pointing out that farmers who were merely giving the Grain Growers' their sympathy without financial support, were not wanting in some of that whole-souled generosity that serves to distinguish that beast of burden, the donkey.

Mr. Geo. Balover expressed himself very strongly along certain lines, hinting at what the farmers of the west could really do if they only thought so.

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## OYSTER SUPPER AT BLARIS

The oyster supper given in connection with Blaris Grain Growers' Association on Friday evening last at the home of Mr. Wm. Kowles was a decided success in every respect.

The large and commodious house afforded ample room and the good things served by the ladies were appreciated.

At the conclusion of the festivities a lengthy toast list was given which was varied by several vocal selections.

The provincial association was responded to by F. A. Campbell. He reviewed the work that had been done by the association and how from a small beginning it had grown to be the strongest organization in the province. He also urged the members to be loyal in their efforts to secure a government system of elevators.

In responding to the local association, H. A. Wilson showed that the farmers has secured some splendid legislation through the influence of the association.

"Our Sister Associations" was coupled with the name of E. Little, who explained how the marketing conditions had changed since the Grain Growers became organized.

"Our Host and Hostess" was responded to by D. J. Hill in a pleasant speech.

Vocal selections were rendered by Mrs. Hunkin and Lawrence Stevenson and Misses M. and C. Little, and Mr. McNab gave splendid recitations.

Eight new members joined the association.

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## FOXWARREN RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were passed unanimously at a crowded meeting held on Saturday, March 5:

"Resolved that we, the members of Foxwarren branch of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association do heartily endorse the terms of the elevator bill as proposed by the elevator committee of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, and we further heartily approve of the stand taken by the elevator committee and we pledge our support to them in insisting upon the management of the new system being vested in an independent commission."

"Resolved, that we endorse the action of the executive of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association in asking the Dominion government to control the terminal elevators, either by lease or purchase, as it is in the interest of the agricultural class in the whole of this western country."

## STILL MORE ELEVATOR RESOLUTIONS

The Grain Growers of Manitoba are clamoring for independent control of the system of elevators which the provincial government intend to establish. During the past week the 100 resolutions which were previously received by the central executive have been supplemented by many others from all parts of the province, the majority of them urging for the insertion of the independent commission clause, and the elevator committee now have the fullest support of the associations in the stand they have taken in the matter. The following are the more recent resolutions:

**Glenora:**—"Resolved, that we, the Grain Growers' Association of Glenora, take this opportunity of expressing our entire satisfaction with the work of the elevator committee appointed from the Grain Growers' Association on invitation of our provincial government to co-operate with said government in framing a bill for introduction at the present session of the provincial legislature, and embodying the principle of government ownership of elevators under independent control."

**Hamiota:**—"That this association regrets that the government cannot adopt the elevator bill as prepared by the elevator committee, and we hereby disapprove of government ownership of elevators, except under an independent commission, and free from political control."

**Shellmouth:**—"That the action of the central association on the elevator question be endorsed, and especially on the appointment of the commission being free from the control of either political party."

**Gilbert Plains:**—"That the Grain Growers of Gilbert Plains in meeting assembled beg to put on record our strongest condemnation of the elevator bill as proposed by the provincial government, and that we consider such bill the most vicious piece of legislation possible to conceive, binding as it does the farmers of this province to support and maintain said scheme, while allowing no voice whatever in the management of the same. And we believe that nothing less than the bill outlined by the directors of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association will meet the requirements of the farmers of the province."

**Durban:**—"Resolved, that we, the members of the Durban Grain Growers' Association, endorse the resolution handed to the provincial government by the elevator committee, and we further heartily endorse the stand taken by the elevator committee, and we pledge our support to them in insisting upon an independent commission."

**Huston:**—"We, the Grain Growers of the Huston district, having carefully considered the scheme submitted to the government by the Grain Growers' Association believe it to be feasible, and in the best interest of the province. We therefore give it our hearty approval. We also believe that the management must be vested in a non-partisan commission nominated by the Grain Growers. We also believe it would be to the interests of the country for the Dominion government to own the terminal elevators. We pledge the Grain Growers' executive our undivided support."

**Plumas:**—"This association, at a meeting held March 3, passed a resolution unanimously endorsing the memorandum to the provincial government."

**Neelin:**—"That this branch of the Grain Growers' Association endorse the action of the executive in insisting that the operating commission of the public system of elevators be nominated by the central association."

**Eden:**—"That we, the members of the Eden branch of the Grain Growers' Association, do hereby heartily endorse the Grain Growers' elevator bill as submitted to the Manitoba government by the elevator committee, and also that we send a hearty vote of thanks to the elevator committee for the good work they have done in the Grain Growers' interests."

**Nesbitt:**—"That we, the Nesbitt branch of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association do fully approve of the plan presented to the government by the members of the elevator committee."—Passed unanimously.

**Roblin:**—"That this association endorse the policy of the elevator committee of the Grain Growers' Association regarding the government ownership of elevators."

**MacGregor:**—"Resolved, "That this association has full confidence in the committee of the Grain Growers' Association appointed to convene with the government on the elevator bill, and request them to hold out for the terms asked for in their memorial."

**Arizona:**—"At a meeting of this association held March 4, the members expressed themselves as thoroughly satisfied with the stand taken by the elevator committee on the elevator bill."

**Foxwarren:**—"Resolved, "That we, the members of Foxwarren branch of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, do heartily endorse the terms of the elevator bill as proposed by the elevator committee of the M.G.G.A., and we further heartily approve of the stand taken by the elevator committee, and we pledge our support to them in insisting upon the management of the new system being vested in an independent commission."

**Moore Park:**—"Resolved, "That we, the Moore Park branch of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, endorse the action of the elevator committee and assert that we want what we are asking for or nothing."—Passed unanimously.

Other Associations Which have Passed Resolutions Similar to the Above are as follows:

Alexander	Darlingford	Golden Stream	Miami	Rosehill
Altamont	Deloraine	Griswold	Miniota	Roseisle
Arden	Delta	Hamiota	Minnedosa	Rosburn
Arizona	Douglas	Harding	Minto	Rosser
Ashville	Dunrea	Howden	Moore Park	St. Claude
Austin	Eden	Huston	Neelin	St. Elizabeth
Belmont	Empire	Kellogg	Ninga	Salem
Beresford	Franklin	Kenton	Oak Lake	Sanford
Berton	Gilbert Plains	Kenville	Oak River	Seaburn
Benito	Gladstone	Killarney	Pipestone	Shoal Lake
Brandon	Glenboro	Lauder	Pretty Valley	Sinclair
Carroll	Glenella	Letellier	Port la Prairie	Somerses
Cartwright	Glenora	McAuley	Rapid City	Souris
Cordova	Goodlands	MacGregor	Rocky Coulee	Sperling
Culross	Grand View	Medora	Roland	Springfield
Dauphin	Graysville	Neepawa	St. Jean Bapt	Swan River
Boisvean	Birnie	Valley River	Waskada	Wellwood
Glenora	Hamiota	Shellmouth	Gilbert Plains	Durban
Huston	Plumas	Neelin	Eden	Dauphin
Nesbitt	Roblin	MacGregor	Arizona	Foxwarren
		Moore Park		

and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to our member, Dr. Roche, at Ottawa.

R. J. DONNELLY,  
Sec.-Treas.

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## ELEVEN NEW MEMBERS AT NEELIN

The monthly meeting of the Neelin branch of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association was held March 1. We had a good meeting, a large number of the most influential farmers of the district being present. We received eleven new members, making a total of 25 paid-up members with a good many more to come in yet.

We had the pleasure of listening to a very able address from Mr. F. W. Kerr, of Souris, after which the following business was transacted: Moved and seconded, "That we petition the railway company to extend our loading platform to four-car capacity."

Moved by R. Williams and seconded by P. Preston, "That this branch of the Grain Growers' Association endorse the action of the executive in insisting that operating commission of public system of the elevators be nominated by the central association."

A committee was also formed consisting of R. Williams, L. Williamson, T. East, G. Cooper, to look into the ordering of twine for this season.

W. A. COOPER,  
Sec.-Treas.

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## NINGA PRESENTED ADDRESS TO PRESIDENT

In spite of the bad roads on Friday, the 4th, a large and appreciative audience gathered in Ninga Town Hall to hear Mr. McCuaig, president of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association. Mr. John Fraser, president in the chair, who, after a few preliminary remarks called on the secretary to read an address of welcome to Mr. McCuaig as follows:

"Our honored president of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association:—We, the members of the Ninga sub-association, give you, sir, a hearty welcome. We, as grain growers, are met here on this occasion to listen to you in regard to the standing of our order, and any instruction pertaining to the further developments in connection with our provincial associations, knowing there is no one more able to instruct us than yourself. I am proud, sir, to be able to inform you that Ninga has the honor—up to the 24th February—of being the banner sub-association in the province of Manitoba."

"It is with pleasure we have read of the good work you, with your associates, have been doing in discussing with the provincial government the internal elevator questions and at the present crisis, sir, we, as grain growers, have every confidence that the executive of the central association are well able to guard our interests."

"We trust, sir, you will long be spared to advance the progressive work until Manitoba, with the sister provincial associations, shall attain to the position that rightfully belonged to us as grain growers years ago. As Ninga is not a city, we are unable to present you with the 'freedom of the city,' but we present you with the goodwill, confidence and fellowship of everyone of the members of the Ninga branch of Grain Growers. Trusting we may have your presence among us on many future occasions such as this."

"Signed on behalf of the Ninga branch of Grain Growers:

JOHN FRASER, President.  
HERB. T. JONES, Vice-pres."

Mr. McCuaig came forward amid applause. He said he was very much pleased to be present and also with the address of welcome, it being the first he had received from a sub-association, and especially as Ninga was the banner association of the province.

He referred to the increased interests in all parts of the province, the great demand for speakers to attend meetings, the prospect of an increased membership from 6,000 last year to 10,000 this year.

He reviewed the work done last year by the association, going into the elevator question. He discussed it very fully. He was listened to very attentively while describing the work proposed to be done in the new elevators, also the benefits of a sample market, the loss through dockage, etc., in the present system. He held the close attention of the audience