

Canadian Council of Agriculture Canadian Grain Company Advocated---\$2.24 1/2 for One Northern Recommended---Important Resolutions

THE Canadian Council of Agriculture met on Monday morning, August 19, in the board room of the United Grain Growers, Winnipeg, and continued in session until Thursday night, portions of Monday and Tuesday being taken up in attending public sittings of the Dominion Board of Grain Supervisors in the council room of the Grain Exchange, Winnipeg.

H. W. Wood (Alberta) presided, and the others present were: Messrs. R. McKenzie, vice-president; R. C. Henderson, M.P., John Kennedy, J. H. Murray (Manitoba); J. F. Reid, M.P., P. J. Collier, Hon. G. Langley, Thomas Sales, A. G. Hawkes, R. E. Johnson, F. W. Biddell (Saskatchewan); J. R. McLeod, R. A. Parker, Rice Sheppard, and P. Baker (Alberta); and W. J. Healy, representing The Grain Growers' Guide.

The absence from the meeting of J. A. Maharg, M.P., was the occasion of the passing of a resolution expressing the deep sympathy of the council with Mr. and Mrs. Maharg during their time of anxiety arising out of the suffering of their son wounded in action at the front, and expressing also the earnest hope that he may be restored speedily to health and strength. A copy of this resolution was telegraphed to Mr. Maharg.

The council had a busy time of it during the entire four days of its sittings, and the following resolutions embodied the conclusion arrived at as the result of the council's deliberations:

For a Canadian Grain Company

Whereas in the interests of the Allies and at the most urgent request of the government of Canada the farmers of Canada have increased their crop acreage, in many cases, even contrary to the better methods of farming,

And whereas the farmers of the United States have been assured a guaranteed minimum price for their wheat of the 1918 crop,

Therefore be it resolved:

That the Canadian Council of Agriculture make strong representations to the government of Canada for a guaranteed price for the 1918 Canadian wheat crop.

And further, that this council strongly urges the Canadian government to create in Canada a grain company similar to the United States Grain Corporation, such company to be at all times ready to accept delivery of the wheat at the guaranteed price, should the millers and Wheat Export Company, for any reason, be unable to do so.

And that we send a deputation consisting of Messrs. Maharg, Henderson, Reid and the secretary to present the resolution re guaranteeing the price for the 1918 wheat crop.

Wheat at \$2.24 1/2

Resolved, that this Council of Agriculture, having given careful consideration to the matter of fixing a price for the 1918 wheat crop, is of the opinion that a price of \$2.24 1/2 for number one wheat at Fort William would be satisfactory to the farmers of Western Canada, that being the minimum price guaranteed by the United States authorities for wheat of a similar quality at Duluth.

And further, in view of the fact that the farmers of the Dominion were urged, in many cases against their better judgment, to seed every available acre with wheat, this council is strongly of the opinion that the Dominion government should guarantee the above price for the entire wheat crop of 1918.

The foregoing resolution, when presented at the public hearing of the Dominion Board of Grain Supervisors, at which all sections of the grain trade were represented, received the unanimous concurrence of the assemblage.

Embargo Resolution

Resolved, that the Board of Grain Supervisors be requested to place an

embargo on all grains from the province of Alberta, and such districts of Saskatchewan where the situation is similar, and control the movement of same by permit.

A Maximum Spread

Resolved, that the Council of Agriculture is entirely opposed to the setting of a fixed spread between street and track prices for wheat by the Board of Grain Supervisors. We consider the principle that should be followed is the setting of a maximum spread between street and track prices.

Further, that for the 1918 crop we consider a maximum spread of five cents on 1, 2 and 3 Northern is sufficient, and concerning lower grades of wheat we are not prepared to recommend any maximum spread until we know more definitely the character of the crop.

The Forthcoming Victory Loan

Resolved, that the secretary be instructed to write to the Minister of Finance offering the co-operation of the Canadian Council of Agriculture in the flotation of the next Victory Loan.

Fixed Price on Oats and Barley

Resolved, that this council go on record as being in favor of a fixed price on oats and barley.

And further, that we are entirely opposed to the principle of setting a maximum price on any grain that does not at the same time carry a guaranteed minimum.

In presenting the foregoing resolution to the Board of Grain Supervisors, Hon. Geo. Langley explained that it spoke for the West, and that a telegram had been received from the United Farmers of Ontario expressing opposition to price fixing of any kind.

Premium on Seed Wheat

Resolved, that in the opinion of the Canadian Council of Agriculture, the Board of Grain Supervisors should allow a premium on seed wheat supplied by any public body, not to exceed five cents a bushel, this not to apply to registered wheat and wheat supplied by regular seed houses.

Seed Grain Assistance

Resolved, that the Council of Agriculture, believing that the Board of Grain Supervisors are fully acquainted with the seriousness of the seed grain situation in many sections of the West and also the absolute necessity of many farmers receiving financial assistance for the purchase of seed grain, request the Board of Grain Supervisors to advise the Dominion government of the urgent need for the government to take immediate steps to provide the necessary means for farmers needing seed grain.

To Confer with Bankers

Resolved, that this council appoint a committee to meet a committee of the Western Bankers' Association at an early date to confer with them on the subject of creditors for the western farmers. The secretary to arrange with the secretary of the Bankers' association for said meeting, and that the committee be composed of Messrs. Henderson, Maharg, McKenzie and the secretary.

To Steady Hog Market

Whereas the producers of hogs have responded generously to the call for an increased output during the present year, many of them at such cost, that in view of the apparent overproduction, they are now threatened with serious loss.

Therefore be it resolved, that the government take steps to exercise a steady influence on the hog market in Canada during the next few months.

Government-Controlled Meat Trade

Resolved, that in view of the serious conditions in the meat trade in Canada in regard to the consuming public, this

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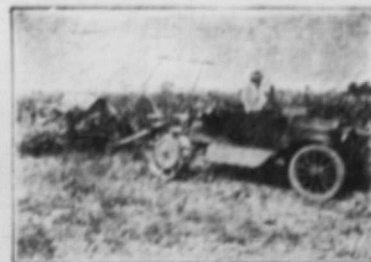
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