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Pushing The Guide

The local branch associations in Saskatchewan have decided it is to their advantage to have every member a subscriber to THE GUIDE and have started a campaign for that purpose. The following are some of the letters received:

Short and Sweet
Enclosed please find cash for twenty subscriptions to THE GUIDE; also for twenty-five copies of the Prince Albert Convention Report.
FRANK E. ADAMS, Sec. Cupar.

Encouraging Words From Lakeview
Re yours of the 31st of March. I am pleased to say that my association has already taken action with regard to subscriptions to THE GUIDE. I have also persuaded Wadena association to take action along the same lines. Shall be pleased to have the convention reports.
J. W. S. CHILD, Sec.

Message From Orangeville
In reply to your letter of March 31, enclosed please find order for money for subscriptions to THE GUIDE, to be sent to the names and addresses as given below. Also \$1.25 for twenty-five copies of the Prince Albert Convention Report, and ten cents for postage.
I think that is a good idea about pushing THE GUIDE. I don't know what other way better there is of seeing for themselves what some people are doing for the betterment of the farmers than by reading THE GRAIN GROWERS' GUIDE. I think the majority will continue taking it. There are quite a few around that I tried hard to get to subscribe a couple of years ago that are taking it now and wouldn't be without it.
W. L. WELLS, Sec. Orangeville G. G. A.

Brownlee Growing
Enclosed please find cheque for \$15.00. We have twenty-six members. \$15.00 is from this source and \$2.00 is for the GRAIN GROWERS' GUIDE. Send one to H. F. Boyd, Brownlee, and the other to Hector MacDonald, Brownlee. I am also enclosing names for ten trial subscriptions.
H. A. LILLY, Sec.-Treas. Brownlee.

PROMPT ACTION
Oh! That They Would With One Accord Act Like This
In reply to yours of March 31, please find \$1.25 for package of twenty-five copies of the Convention Report and ten subscriptions to THE GUIDE.
Wishing you and the association every success, I remain,
GEO. H. BARBER, Sec. Newberry G. G. A.

MR. MAHARG'S URGENT APPEAL FOR ORGANIZATION
A very enthusiastic meeting of the Grain Growers' Association was held in Eyebrow on Friday evening, when addresses were delivered by Messrs Maharg and Smith, prominent farmers of Moose Jaw.

Mr. Maharg dwelt upon the necessity of farmers combining to protect their interests. The Grain Growers' Association is endeavoring to remedy some of the abuses which affected the grain growers of the prairie provinces. At present every effort is being put forth to improve the grain handling system. The association has for some time advocated strongly the government ownership of elevators. The governments of Manitoba and Saskatchewan are now making arrangements to bring about the system desired by the farmers. Mr. Maharg called upon the farmers and members of the association to fight together shoulder to shoulder until they have made the government concede their demands.

Mr. Maharg also drew attention to the fact that other abuses exist. Machinery is much too high. A coal monopoly exists. Lumber can be sold much cheaper. These and other abuses must be remedied and the farmers through their organization must start the investigations.

Following the address by Mr. Maharg, the officers of the Eyebrow Grain Growers' Association were elected: President, W. Pennington; vice-president, H. Scales; secretary-treasurer, F. Riggall. A board of directors consisting of Messrs. Bulman, Compton and Taylor was also appointed.

Mr. Smith then gave an outline of the manner in which the organizations are usually conducted.

WHAT ORGANIZATION IS DOING FOR NORMANTON

The president took the chair at 8 p.m. and the "Maple Leaf" having been sung, the minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The secretary read correspondence. Satisfaction was expressed at the concession of time on machine notes by the local implement dealers and an acknowledgment from the



Farm Home, Thos. E. Gallagher, Summerside, Sask.

Goose Lake Mills was read, in which they thanked the association for promise of support.

The correspondence from F. W. Green was read and his action in refusing to read the correspondence at the convention justified by the perusal of the letters in question.

The correspondence regarding the navy resolution passed some five weeks ago was read and the matter was left in abeyance for the present. Mr. Woodcock's motion to write further THE GRAIN GROWER'S GUIDE if necessary, was carried.

After much delay a final letter was read from W. D. Scott, Supt. of Immigration, Ottawa, re seed grain, in which after thanking the Normanton Association for bringing the matter so prominently before the department, he assures us of greater care in the future. A short talk on hail insurance, followed, the

subject being introduced by C. J. Lawless and taken up generally by the meeting. A deal of routine work having been accomplished the next meeting was fixed for April 6th at 7.30 p.m. and the meeting adjourned after singing the National Anthem.

WHO IS TO CONTROL THE ELEVATORS?

A prominent Winnipeg agricultural paper this month says, in reference to Manitoba elevator commission, that it should be constituted so that it will serve the whole people. If it is only designed to serve the producer of wheat it would be no better than a railroad commission committed to secure higher prices for the railroads.

"Government elevators," says this paper, "are required to guarantee to the producer just and proper treatment—that and that only—and the farmer asks no more. Consequently the farmer demands a management that is responsible to the elevators of the province."



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Now, of course, this may be exactly what the people of Manitoba want; it may be what the Grain Growers of Manitoba want; and it may be what the farmers of Saskatchewan want, but we do not think they will admit all this. It is doubtful if the Saskatchewan Grain Growers are satisfied that they would get just and fair treatment if they gave all the electors of Saskatchewan a hand in the management of their product, unless all the electors of Saskatchewan are willing to let the farmers of Saskatchewan have an equal share in the management of the product of the rest of the electors.

It is open to question if the Manitoba farmers will be satisfied to take all Winnipeg business men and artisans into partnership in the management of their elevators and their wheat, and to share with them the price fixing power of the commodity the farmer has to sell,

ASSOCIATIONS SHOULD SUBMIT VIEWS

The elevator commission is likely to hold sittings at several country points for the purpose of receiving the views of Grain Growers' and others in reference to the proposed elevator system, and although the itinerary is not permanently settled, it seems to me that our local associations should lose no time in appointing a committee to lay the views of their association before the commission.

I am informed that the commission wishes to give every man who desires to make a statement, offer evidence or present ideas, an opportunity of doing so, bearing upon the questions as to whether you would advise a government monopoly of all the elevator system, or a line of elevators, one at each shipping point; or would you suggest a line of elevators at only such points as the people shall especially petition for; or would you suggest a system of elevators, each controlled by a local board and amalgamated under one central management; or would you favor a complete system with all the necessary equipment to handle our grain from the initial shipping point to the ultimate market, able to hold its own in open competition with any other trust or combination whatsoever.

Re management. Do you desire the central management to be a commission of three with equal authority? How would you appoint them? Would you desire a board of directors with one business manager as head, or would you prefer the whole system to be under the direct control of the Minister of Agriculture; or a board consisting of the Minister of Agriculture and two nominees of the Grain Growers' Association, one of the latter to seek re-appointment every third or fourth year, or have you any other ideas or suggestions to present that would aid the commission in the selection of the most suitable solution.

If you do not appoint someone to do this work, your ideas might be sent direct to this office.
An early reply as to your intentions will oblige.
FRED W. GREEN, Secretary.

while he remains just as helpless as ever in helping to fix the price of the things he buys. It would be well for Saskatchewan farmers to ring out in clear tones whether they want their commission to be controlled by the electors of the province, or by the producers of the wheat. It will be well for them to say whether they are willing to allow the consumers of wheat to say what the price of wheat shall be and consequently direct how many hours and how fast the farmer shall work. Is there to be any uncertainty what this commission is for and who it is to serve?

Why, Saskatchewan farmers have been fondly expecting that this little job of taking a hand in price fixing at least within the limits of the world's market was the very thing they were trying to adjust. And so now the Manitoba commission is not to be for the farmers' service. But for the electors. What about the cheap food supplies, and shorter hours for all trades and artisans? Why not let farmers take a hand in all trades unions; labor unions; lumber and coal combines; retail merchants' associations; grain exchanges; stockyard companies; steamship and railroad companies and tariff fixing conferences?

"The farmer asks no more and will be content with no less." Of course then we will be willing to allow all to help run our elevators. But until there is an agreement arranged on a basis of relative values so that each worker gets justice, perhaps farmers better manage the elevator business.
F. W. GREEN.

UNITED STRENGTH

Contributed
As farmers we're gathering from every known land,
Our ranks ever growing a strong mighty band,
And gladly we turn the rich sod at our feet,
And garner the bright golden No. 1 wheat.

British farmers are we,
And we'll let the world see,
That we're standing together, ready,
Ah ready,
To fight for our rights, yes, again and again.

His toil may be hard but a farmer can smile,
When he views the bright grain waving mile upon mile,
But he frowns when he thinks that it's mighty unjust
To be robbed of his grain by some combine or trust.

CHORUS
Let us face then, my lads, the stern work we've ahead,
To get fair returns for our work raising bread.
If we stand well together as farmers can do,
We can ask a fair price, and by jove, get it, too.
[Tune, Hearts of Oak.]

ONE SCORE MEMBERS IN NEW ASSOCIATION

I am pleased to inform you that a branch of the Grain Growers' Association was formed at Oradiah on Monday, the 28th of March, with the following officers: President, John F. Reid; vice-president, Ferdinand Jonat; secretary-treasurer, John G. Stephen. Directors: Jas. Sinclair, Frank Patterson, John Keilo, Jas. L. Dodge, August Gounett and Geo. S. Wiles. We received twenty members, and I am enclosing you ten dollars, being half the money received. I expect to hear from you, and I should like to get as much information as possible. We are new to this work, but should like to start on a good foundation, and keep on growing. We call our branch the Oradiah G. G. A. We feel certain of many more members.
JOHN G. STEPHEN, Sec.-Treas.

AUTO TRIP

Dear Sir:—With regard to yours of the 15th inst., we will be very pleased if you will favor us with a call during your tour of the province, and will pay the \$20. I will write you again re the definite place, which will probably be Wadena. I am arranging a committee of the local associations to handle the matter.
J. W. L. CHILD.