SASKATCHEWAN SECTION

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ELEVATORS IN SASKATCHEWAN

The announcement published in the Leader on Saturday morning that the officers of the Grain Growers' Grain Company and the Saskatchewan Co-Operative Elevator Company had reached a basis of agreement by which both companies would work together to their mutual advantage, indicates that one of the last objections of opponents to the new Saskatchewan elevator scheme has been found to be without substantial foundation. While Saskatchewan's co-operative scheme is taking on definite form and sub-associations of the Grain Growers all over the province are taking steps to secure the formation of locals of the elevator company and the erection of elevators at their shipping points, the Manitoba government owned and operated system is also under way; official announcement has been made, however, that no more elevators will be built or purchased this year. In other words, only those points at which government elevators were established during the latter portion of last year will be operated this year. In Saskatchewan, on the other hand, the farmers have it entirely in their own hands to do as they please. If they are not satisfied with conditions at any point in the province they have been given a weapon to wield in their own defence. If they are satisfied all they need to do is, leave things as they are. As a preliminary step, two circulars have been sent out by the association central secretary in order to secure the views of Grain Growers. Scores of replies were received to the first one, endorsing the Co-operative Bill in principle. There were only four opposed to the proposition, two of these we publish (in part) as requested, one from Orbow, clipped from the Orbow Herald, where there is a farmers' elevator and trading company in operation which we wish every success. The other one comes from Fairlight and reads as follows: **"This association unqualifiedly reject the elevator commission report and also the Elevator Bill." Carried unanimously.**

I also quote from an accompanying letter signed by the secretary, Mr. C. W. Ayers (for The Guide) the following: "You will see we are standing pat on government ownership, the wind has failed to blow us over, money won't buy us. I think if you **head** men keep trying to shove such trash down the farmers' necks as you have been this winter that the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association will go **bust**, at least that is the feeling in our association here. You will find enclosed **$4.00** (four dollars) membership fees for eight more new members. This brings our membership up to forty-five."

The clipping from the Orbow Herald follows:

"A general meeting of the Orbow branch of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association was held last Saturday afternoon in the King Edward Hall, Orbow, for the discussion of the Elevator Bill and circulars sent out by F. W. Green, the provincial secretary for this association. After the discussion of the bill and other letters sent out by the central of this association, asking questions and making innuendoes which were deemed unworthy of attention the secretary was instructed to forward the following resolution to Mr. Green: "That the Orbow branch of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association is not in favor of the Elevator Bill as passed by the government of the Province of Saskatchewan, and we continue in favor of nothing but the government ownership of internal elevators. And this association declines to take any action whatever in the propagation of the scheme as outlined in the said bill."

A STRIKING CONTRAST

The following clipping from the Hanley paper shows a striking contrast and is typical in every particular of about sixty replies to our second circular received within the last few days. We would recommend the attitude of Hanley to those wishing to co-operate under this bill. To those who are opposed would say, why keep on knocking? To those whose views are opposed to ours and are in a candid way manly expressed, accept our thanks.

Grain Growers' Association

A meeting of the above association was held on March 28 in the Lawrence building, J. W. Cleary, president in the chair.

The following minutes were duly carried: "That minutes be adopted as read."

The following questions submitted by F. W. Green, secretary, Saskatchewan Grain Growers, were put to the meeting and answered as indicated:

"Would you advise an attempt to secure the whole of your trade? Yes, only a vanishing factor at each point? Not I think at each point."

"Should we build an entirely new unit at Hanley, or continue to purchase an old line elevator? Build a new elevator."

"Would you favor the securing of as many elevators as possible this year or only a few? As many as possible."

"Would you advise the handling of commodities other than grain? Handle then your only grain. We would then advise not to be interested at all this year in view of the fact that Partridge, Evans, Tate and Gates have, since the convention, declared against the proposition? That they go right ahead."

"Do you advise us to simply thoroughly organize at as many points as possible so as to be ready next year and not attempt doing business until then? No, go ahead."

"Do you wish to organize a co-operative elevator at your point this year? Yes."

"How many members had you last year? 34."

"How many have you paid up for 1911? 18."

"How many can you secure for 1911? Say ten more."

"How many life members have you? Do not know."

"Can you send us at least five new life members this year? Will try."

"Do you believe in keeping party politics out of this association? Yes."

"That the meeting resolves itself in favor of the Saskatchewan Co-Operative Co. adopting the recall as part of the constitution of this company and that the secretary forward resolution to F. W. Green."

A subscription list was then passed round, headed as follows: "We, the undersigned, hereby agree to take the amounts of stock set opposite our names for the purpose of building an elevator under the provisions of the Saskatchewan Elevator Act." It was signed by the following: M. Malcolm, $500; D. M. Dilley, $50; A. E. Wassick, $100; T. Lawrance, $100; W. Galloway, $100; G. D. Lawrance, $100; G. Gregg, $100; E. G. Ward, Saskatchewan Valley, $100; B. W. Dilley, $100. The secretary-treasurer was instructed to keep the subscription list in his office to secure subscriptions from members of the association.

The meeting then adjourned.

OBITUARY

We regret exceedingly to report the death of the late secretary of Lanigan Association, Mr. W. S. Carruthers. He was indeed a staunch member of the association. By his correspondence with the central office we particularly noticed he had a complete knowledge of his work as a secretary.

WADENA APPROVES ACTION

An interesting and well attended meeting of the Wadena branch of the Grain Growers' Association was held March 4 at Wadena. The action of the convention at Regina was reviewed and discussed with considerable interest. Among other things done the following resolution was adopted unanimously: "Resolved, that the action taken by our delegate, E. C. Watts, at the convention at Regina be approved; that the Wadena Association hereby express its absolute confidence in our delegate's judgment, believing that he acted in our best interests in voting for the adoption of the report of the elevator commission."

HANLEY FAVORS PACT

At a recent meeting of the Hanley Association a resolution was passed approving of the proposed reciprocity pact and sent to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, G. E. McCraney, M.P., and Dr. J. W. MacNeil, M.P.P. The secretary was instructed to order a number of pamphlets on Direct Legislation.

NEW ASSOCIATIONS FORMED

New branches have organized at the undermented points since the last quota we sent for publication. We also give the names of the earliest secretaries: Nanky, W. Affleck, Wallhow; J. G. Coles, Hanour; W. Vaughan, Lake Lake; P. Smith, Fisk; P. G. Walker, Tessrton; R. L. Messinger, Crown Hill; A. M. Teskey, Rex; S. Roberts, Phoenix Hill; J. L. Woods, Kilwanning; R. B. Bullie, Meadow Bank; T. L. Lloyd, Cooper Creek; G. Laycock.

RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT

Letters have been received from the undermented sub-associations endorsing the reciprocity agreement with the United States: Langavo, Lake Lake, Wadena, Bradford, Mount Hope, Oliver, Tantallon, Starview, Swartmore, Dale, Belle Plaine, Orangeville, Ituna, Mount Green, North Star, Star City, Semans, Redvers, Bethune, Woods, Welsys, Leofield, Leoda, Borden, Graham Hill, Fleming, Highfield, Tenold, Spyhill.

ELEVATOR SITUATION

Resolutions have been passed by the following branch associations endorsing the elevator commission's report. This makes a total of 130 locals who support the scheme: Northminster, Radisson, Bradwell, Milestone, North Battleford, Orangeville, Langavo, Hilldey, Hanley, Star City, Govan, Langham, Swanson, Cowlenan, Mount Green, Burger, Normington, Fertile Valley, Redvers, Leoda, Luxemburg, McTavish, Greenwood, Belbec.

HUDSON BAY RAILWAY

The following associations support the Hudson Bay Railway scheme: Lizard Lake, Tantallon, Belle Plaine, St. Benedict, Starview, Spy Hill, Redvers, Govan, Leofield.

THUNDER HILL ORGANIZED

The Thunder Hill branch of the Grain Growers' Association held a re-organization meeting on April 4. Several interesting subjects came up for consideration such as co-operation, Direct Legislation and the advisability of building a farmers' elevator. The association has taken a number of subscriptions to the capital stock of the company at $100 to $500. The result of this first interesting town meeting promises well for co-operation and causing them to think they might effect similar results along other lines of profit-sharing. The meeting was very well attended, and, in lieu of having an official report from our Ottawa delegate, D. Hope, the following officers were elected: President, J. B. Burke; vice-president, J. E. Hewson; secretary, W. J. Ford; directors, Moses Cotton, Richard Hope, Mr. McFarlane and Grouse. It was resolved that an organize membership cards and that the Executive Mr. D. Hope canvass the north part of the district and W. J. Ford the south part and make an effort to have every Farmer become a member of the association.

W. J. FORD, Sec'y.

Thunder Hill, Sask.

FLEMING RESCINDS MOTION

A meeting of the Fleming farmers and citizens of Fleming and district was called for Saturday, March 25, at 2 o'clock, and sixteen gathered accordingly. The following resolutions were put before the meeting and carried unanimously: Moved by Chas. Bowering, seconded by B. Wistrom and carried without a dissenting vote: "That we, the members of Fleming branch of the Grain Growers' Association and citizens of Fleming district, in meeting assembled, recognize that the proposed trade agreement between Canada and United States will be of great benefit to the people of Canada and we wish to put ourselves on record as being strongly favorable to an increase in the British Preference and ultimately to the establishment of free trade within the empire." Moved by John McQueen, seconded by John Burns, and carried unanimously: "That this meeting commends heartily the support that our local member, Mr. Geo. Smith, the Hon. Walter Scott and his supporters gave to the reciprocity pact in endorsing it in its entirety." Moved by Chas. Bowering, seconded by Jas. Clarke and carried unanimously: "That this meeting regrets that at a non-representative gathering held here on Feb. 25, at which right were not present, that the reciprocity pact was opposed and we take this opportunity of rescinding the action of that meeting." Moved by Chas. Bowering, seconded by Jas. Clarke and carried unanimously: "That copies of these resolutions be sent to our members, Mr. Lake, Mr. Smith, to Sir Wilfred Laurier and to W. Martin, of Regina, and to the local and Winnipeg Free Press with explanation of previous meeting." At further public meeting on Feb. 25, called for 8 o'clock, the officers, thought it best, refused to call the meeting until after 3 o'clock when the majority of members had gone home and at this late hour, with eight members present, read the resolutions passed by the reciprocity part which, on being put to the meeting, received four votes and was declared carried.

The present meeting of March 25, in rescinding the former motion, does so with the unanimous vote of the forty-seven farmers and citizens present.

Signed on behalf of the meeting
GEO. KING,
MYLES FEADER,
JOHN McQUEEN,
R. PERCY,
ALLAN McLEAN,
CHAS. BOWERING.

INTERESTING MEETING AT REDVERS

A special meeting was held here on March 17, when resolutions were passed endorsing the reciprocity agreement, the Saskatchewan elevator bill and the building of the Hudson Bay Railway. It was also resolved that the secretary write to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and our member, J. G. Turriff, assuring them of our unanimous approval of the reciprocity treaty and the building of the Hudson Bay Railway. O. R. Gould, of Manor, addressed the meeting on Our Association, the Grain Growers' Guide, and the Grain Growers' Grain Company. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered him for his helpful and instructive address. Our annual "At Home," which was held on March 1, was also a big success. With games, concert, supper and dancer, an enjoyable time was spent by all. Our Sammes were benefited by $51.50.

THOMAS REED, Sec'y.

Redvers, Sask.

ORGANIZATION WORK

This is one of the most paramount questions of the present period, not confined to America alone, but to the entire world. The farming community has, of late years, awakened to the full realization of its power and already it is beginning to revolutionize the industrial system. The force of combination is wonderful. No people who have loyalty and love of country at heart would permit a neighboring country to organize an invading army without themselves organizing an army to protect their land, their country and their home. It is this invading army of organized capital that makes organized labor and organized producers inevitable. Either one could not exist without the other springing up to self defence. No power this side of heaven can stop it now. Inconvenient as this may be to have one part of humanity rising up and battling against another for their rights, we nevertheless glad it has come to pass. As one has said, "It is another step in the evolution of the world." Organization as we are striving for, means a higher order of things, fair wages, and a more economical and scientific method of conducting business. Everything rests on a solid foundation of cause and object. Had capital always been fair and generous with the handling of our produce, we producers would never need to organize. It is the abuse of capital that compels producers to organize, to organize in self defence and with a manly regard for rational dignity and fairness. As aforesaid, the country is facing great and important questions today, most of which directly or indirectly affect the farmers of the country. Therefore it behooves us to become educated on these vital questions, we cannot expect politicians to do the work for us. Organization among the producers of our country is not an impossibility, those especially who have taken upon themselves the name of Grain Growers already are proving themselves to be a power. Almost the whole attention of the Dominion and local governments at the present sessions has been devoted to their interests, two thirds of the business portion of the newspapers are discussing their affairs. This is a healthy state. This, I believe, is the Premium Age for the producers of the soil. I am only believe that the time is within the reach of the present generation when the name "farmer" will have but any rhyme that may have belonged to it in former past and will be clothed in the highest robe of intelligence and respect. The Grain Growers' Association has already spread up a sphere of influence which the originators themselves hardly anticipated. That this matchless strife may not be checked, I believe it is the duty of every grain producer on this land to identify himself with this association, to become educated in its constitution and its working, to become better in touch with the existing laws and existing tariffs needed as they concern his interests, and to become a man among men. I am arguing for the principle of organization among grain growers and farmers in general. I believe it is right and it suits the customs of their schemes which sooner or later, be brought about. Organized producers need no apology for their existence. They were forced to organize and most advance. "There is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune omitted all the voyage of their lives. In bounded in shallows and in misery of such a sea we are now afloat and we must take the current when it comes or lose our venture."

E. C. MONRO

Venn, Sask.

NEWSY BRIEFLETS

North Moffat has got a new set of officers.

Star City branch endorses elevator bill, reciprocity agreement and government ownership and operation of terminal elevators, also the Hudson Bay Railway scheme.

Fisk. A new branch has been organized, twenty-one joining the association out of an audience of thirty.

Newlands advises us to strike while the iron is hot. Good.

St. Gregor branch advises, forget politics and co-operate. Thanks us for our efforts.

Sunset. Mathematic, ready to co-operate.

Kinley is going into trading in connection with the farmers' elevator but cannot get the site for warehouse.

Mr. Gabriel, of Bangor, district No. 9, is busy organizing local associations.

Hamar has formed a branch with twenty members as a start.

Mr. Holmes, of Mickle, is busy organizing associations around the Soo line. They are pleased there with the elevator bill.

Girvan Association is fully alive to the possibilities of the Co-operative Elevator Co.'s Bill and anxious to get in the swim.

R. D. Kirkham, of Saltcoats, wants to get in touch with all new associations in organization district No. 10.

Zetna branch had splendid gathering on March 18, when practically the executive stand on the Ottawa delegation, reciprocity and increase of British Preference, also terminal elevators were endorsed.

Audrey had a big banquet which is to be an annual affair. Speeches were made, resolutions passed with great gusto, reciprocity endorsed, but want implements free, British Preference increased.

A great meeting was recently held at Bridgeford branch, splendid social time with good literary program, stirring addresses on dry farming and conservation, after which came cake and coffee prepared by the ladies.

Organization. We have received some splendid papers on this question lately. Sorry we have not room for them all. We quote from one by Mr. E. C. Monro, Venn, this week.

AN ENGLISH VIEW

London, April 13.—Truth, Labouchere's famous weekly, at the invitation of the Canadian emigration authorities, has been conducting an independent investigation into the department's methods. The first article this week covers several pages, and is entirely favorable regarding the methods and honesty of the department dealing with intending emigrants. Perhaps the most significant comment is as follows: "If the conditions of life and prospects for the future in the Canadian northwest are sufficient to induce American farmers in ever-increasing numbers to sell up their homesteads and cut themselves off from kith and kin to make themselves new homes in a new country, it is not likely that starvation and destitution will await the British emigrant when exactly the same chance is offered him."