ed by commissioners: Mes-
ell, Millar, Tay, Sr., Breman,
y and Arthur Perly. That
ly be appointed a delegate
ociation to attend the farmers
Moosomin on January 4,
w to the meeting of farmers
n January 15. That secre-
rested to send a report of the
a copy of our constitution
ewspaper in the N.W.T.,
lar letter and constitution
ultural society in the N.W.T.
d Wednesday in March
the date of the 1st annual
Indian Head as the place.

❊ ❊ ❊

URN INSPIRATION

ent auto tour perhaps so
the line received us more
ly than Dundurn. We were
ly a bunch of Grain Growers
saw, and escorted to an
al farm house, where a
dinner was in progress.
s here are not only success-
ifully hospitable and thank-
We were treated right regal-
told we were expected to
for our keep, and so to a
were taken. Here a good
was in waiting. We were
the audience by one
optimistic, enthusiastic
wide-awake Grain Growers
(although there were many
t meeting) in the person
aumunk. On this occasion
us to work. But the next
things about grain growing
t us old-timers to shame.
bout breaking up whole
d; getting the railway to
right out into the wheat
s threshing machine along-
d running the grain direct
from the machine. Talk
operated by the Govern-
t: "Why, you are away
es." Then his plans for
ly staggered us.
ot our meeting. Well,
those people put up the
ip Fee of $12.00 each as
I write receipts, and since
ore have been sent in,
anch stand second in the
Members. At this point
"We owe more than
the association for all
done for us. I will take
one for my wife, and one
If the price was $50.00
just as quick." I should
nore of this place and the
ey gave us that night.
Dundurn is up-to-date,
umunk—well, he is an
g.

F. W. GREEN.

❊ ❊ ❊

ARE ENTHUSIASTIC

le Association of Grain
annual meeting at the
ol house on December
th several of the members
ly absent, there was a
ndance. Beaverdale is
ted on the enthusiastic
rs attend the meetings.
large number in the dis-
be members. Beaverdale
rnd a delegate this year
ion at Prince Albert.
ing being the choice of
following are the names
irectors: Mr. W. Skes,
I. B. Swallow, vice-
verest, sec-treas; Direc-
. Wilson, J. A. Clements,
Vm. Anderson, Philip
Jr.
VEREST, Sec.-Treas.

❊ ❊ ❊

LD PROGRESS

l meeting of the Mary-
e Saskatchewan G.G.A.
he Saskatchewan Grain
tion was held in the
January 8. The follow-
elected for the year
A. H. Veitler; Vice-
. F. Kay; Sec.-Treas.,
rectors, A. McCormick,
. Seaman, W. Toone,
A. Cunningham. The
ecretary-treasurer were
tes to the convention.
paid-up members for
double that in the near
ntroducing THE GUIDE
nity because it is the
in Growers.
STEPHEN, Sec.-Treas.

SOME NEW SLIGHT OF HAND

Interesting Correspondence with Regard to Manipulating Forms by Elevator Man.

George Powell of Earl Grey, Saskatchewan, writes to THE GUIDE as follows:

Enclosed is a copy of further correspondence about the car of wheat recently refused delivery here to farmer. I had a long letter from Mr. Castle dated December 6, but he evidently thought I had made an error in my statement and his reply contained what I already knew, so I wrote again (copy appended) stating clearly the facts and received his reply enclosed. To my mind the question is, can we in any way get at the company? The operator in this case was following their instructions and being new to the west and wheat buying, he quite thought he was doing what was lawful, and it seems to me that it would be hard to prosecute him and let the real offenders go scot free. They had never supplied him with "special bin" forms or storage receipts and it seems to me that it is a deliberate attempt on their part to get in grain as special binned and then by giving wrong tickets demand the grain to their own order or advice. In this case, the facts are perfectly clear; the operator told me that he had no other forms and that the wheat was special binned; I also saw the number of bin (6, I believe) on his stubs. The same was also told to my brother who hauled some of the grain and who told the operator that the tickets were wrong.

Would it be advisable to try and get the Grain Act altered so as to make it compulsory for an elevator to grant special bins? They seem to be refusing them so as to try and get the grain themselves:

Letter to Warehouse Commissioner

Dear Sir:—Your careful and full reply to my letter of the 3rd inst. to hand, for which I thank you; but in the case in point I think you do not quite recognize that the grain was handled as special binned grain. I will try and make this case clearer, as it seems to me to be an attempt to evade the act. The case summarized is as follows:

Farmer applies for special bin, was allotted one. Farmer inspected bin previous to unloading his grain from wagon; grain taken in and put into said bin; storage tickets issued in Form B, stamped on face "subject to inspector's grades and dockage" (grade, of course, not filled in, nor number of bin) attention of operator drawn to storage tickets and told should be in Form C (special bin). Operator states that Form B was all he had and he had seen no others. That the words stamped on face covered the special bin, or gave same effect as form C. After grain was all hauled in, grain was loaded into car in presence of farmer who saw said bin was quite empty. Farmer tendered tickets and storage fees, was refused shipping bill. Elevator claims right to ship all grain to their order Fort William. On communication with elevator company they state "that the reason that we use the ordinary storage tickets with the words "subject to inspector's grades and dockage" on the face is because we insist on shipping all wheat that goes through our elevator to our order Fort William. Under the above circumstances should not storage tickets have been in Form C. There is no dispute as to dockage or any other matter, it being distinctly understood by both parties that grain was taken in as "special binned grain." Can the elevator insist that all grain passing through must be shipped to their own order by merely stamping "inspector's grades and dockage" on the tickets issued?

GEORGE POWELL.

❊ ❊ ❊

Reply from Warehouse Commissioner

George Powell, Earl Grey, Sask.

Dear Sir:—Your further favor of the 10th inst. to hand and carefully noted. There can be no question in my mind that, save only where othrewise consented to by the owner, all stored grain, whether graded or special binned should be shipped to the order of the owner of the grain. The elevator operator, however, would have have the right of retaining the bill of lading if the storage tickets had not been surrendered and charges paid at time of shipment. Notwithstanding the fact that the elevator operator may have agreed with you to special bin the grain, the fact that a graded storage receipt was issued shows that it was not special binned—that is to say, that the contract entered into by the warehouseman was not a special binned contract, but a graded contract. If the elevator operator actually did agree with you to special bin your grain, then he did not carry out his agreement. Apart from that however, you had the right of having your car billed to your own order; but as a graded storage receipt was issued, the warehouseman would have the right of billing the car to your order—that is to say to your order and his advice—as by this means he could obtain the original certificate of weight and grade, seeing that his contract read "wrights and grades guaranteed by this warehouse." The courts have already held that where a graded form of storage receipt is issued, the grain is not special binned even although the words "special bin" may be written across the face of the ticket. To make it special binned grain, a contract in accordance with schedule "C" of the act must be issued by the warehouseman. There is this point however, that the law requires the warehouseman to issue each of the forms prescribed by the act in every case in which it is applicable. The use of any other form constituting an offence punishable by fine of forfeiture of license, so that if you can get a letter from the buyer corroborating your statement that he special binned your grain and that he issued the graded form of storage receipt as he had no other form, it will be an admission by him that he has broken the law and rendered himself liable to a fine, and in that case after hearing his side, I might feel it my duty to prosecute him.

I am, Sir,
Yours truly,
(Sgd.) CHAS. C. CASTLE.
Warehouse Commissioner.

❊ ❊ ❊

NEW BRANCH AT KELSO

Mr. Robert Hicks, of Rosetti, Sask., writes that a branch of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association was organized at Kelso, on January 7, with A. F. Salmon, of Rigs, as president; Robert Hicks, vice-president, and H. O. Hambleton as secretary. The claims of THE GUIDE were placed before the new organization and a number of subscriptions were secured. The branch looks forward to a successful year.

❊ ❊ ❊

WINDTHORST SEED FAIR

Tuesday, January 4, was a red letter day for Windthorst, Saskatchewan, when the annual seed fair was held, and proved a signal success despite the severe weather that prevailed. The entries were numerous, and the quality of the exhibits in every class was of the highest order. Grain, roots and vegetables were shown in profusion, and even a call for entries in the class for tobacco leaf brought a response. In the evening a thoroughly enjoyable banquet was held at which several brief addresses were given, followed by a musical entertainment. In the regretable absence of the judges, Messrs. Angus McKay and R. H. Carter, who missed making railway connections, the exhibits were judged and prizes awarded by Dr. W. Elliott, M.L.A., A. F. Mantle, of the Department of Agriculture, T. W. Wright, of Grenfell, and D. Morrison.

Mr. F. W. Green, general secretary of the Grain Growers' Association, sent the following telegram worded in his characteristic manner: "Chairman Agricultural Banquet. Missed train; disappointed. Pure Seed, Pure Breads, Subdue Weeds. Discover relative value between things bought and sold. Organize, educate, legislate."

❊ ❊ ❊

FARMERS' MEETINGS

Meetings for the discussion of dairying and poultry raising have been arranged to be held at the following points on the dates specified:

Paynton, Feb. 1; Lashburn, Feb. 2; Marshall, Feb. 3; Northminster, Feb. 4; Lloydminster, Feb. 5; Stony Creek, Feb. 7; Mount Forest, Feb. 8; Clapton, Feb. 9; Birch Hills, Feb. 10; Spry, Feb. 11; Yorkton, Feb. 12; Rathwell, Feb. 14; Central Park, Feb. 15; Naisberry, Feb. 16; Goldburn Valley, Feb. 17; Willow Hill, Feb. 18; Hanover, Feb. 19; Valparaiso, Feb. 21; Norwood, Feb. 22; Campbellville, Feb. 23.

All of the above meetings will be held at 2 p.m.

The speakers at these meetings will be Mr. W. A. Wilson, superintendent of dairying, who has supervision of Government creameries and poultry fattening stations in Saskatchewan, and Mr. William Newman, another practical man of several years' experience in Eastern Canada and thoroughly familiar with conditions in Saskatchewan.

Questions affecting poultry raising and dairying will be fully and clearly presented by these speakers and fullest opportunity for the audience to take part in the discussion will be given. These are profitable meetings for both women and men to attend.

❊ ❊ ❊

SASKATCHEWAN'S MIGHTY YIELDS

The final returns of the field crops in Saskatchewan as compiled by the Bureau of Information and Statistics in the Department of Agriculture are as follows:

	Total Acreage	Total Yield	Aver. Yield
Wheat..	4,085,000	90,255,000	22.1
Oats...	2,240,000	105,465,000	47.1
Barley..	244,000	7,833,000	32.1
Flax...	319,000	4,448,700	13.9

These figures both of acreage and yield are somewhat in excess of the estimate made last September at the close of cutting, with the single exception of barley, the average yield of which fell two bushels per acre below the estimate.

The total area in grain crops for 1909 was 6,898,559 acres and the average acreage of grain crops per farm for the province was 7,016,272. The area in grain crops, 6,898,559 acres, compares with 5,881,802 acres last year.

These crop yields place Saskatchewan in the third rank among the provinces of the Dominion and States of the Union as a producer of wheat and oats, Minnesota with 94,000,000, and North Dakota with 90,700,000 bushels, are the only states that produced more wheat in 1909 than did Saskatchewan. After Saskatchewan comes Kansas, with 87,000,000 bushels. Minnesota's average yield was 16.8, North Dakota's was 13.7, Saskatchewan's 22.1, Kansas', 14.1, United States 15.8.

Illinois and Iowa were the only states in the Union that produced more oats than did Saskatchewan in 1909, their production being 159,000,000 and 116,000,000 respectively as against Saskatchewan's 105,564,000 bushels. Illionis' average yield was 36.6, Iowa's 27.0, Saskatchewan's 47.1, Minnesota's 33.00, and United States' 30.3 bushels per acre. Saskatchewan produced very nearly one-eighth as much wheat as did the United States and more than one-tenth as much oats.

The average price on the farm for the wheat crop of all grades was 84c. per bushel, which means that the wheat crop was worth $75,780,600 to the producers.

The oat crop at an average price of 26c. per bushel, was worth $27,420,900, and the total value on the farm for all grain, roots and fodder crops raised in Saskatchewan in 1909, together with that of milk and its products was $132,539,242.

There were in Saskatchewan, on July 1, 1909:

429,766 horses valued at $21,488,800.
234,458 milch cows valued at $8,637,946
594,632 head of other cattle valued at $11,892,640.
152,601 sheep valued at $839,305.
352,385 swine valued at $1,938,117.

Poultry valued at $1,058,911, making a total of agricultural assets in the province of Saskatchewan valued at $178,421,961, owned by 81,303 farmers, and grown on less than 12 per cent. of the estimated arable acreage in the province south of parallel 55.

In harvesting this immense crop, the farmers of Saskatchewan received aid from 12,500 harvesters brought from the east on seven excursions and distributed throughout the province. This province received over 65 per cent. of the harvesters who came west this year.

There are in the province at the present time 1,758,000 acres of new land and 1,772,000 acres of summerfallow, together with a large area of fall plowing ready for the crop of 1910.

The above figures, both of acreage yield and numbers of live stock, were compiled from the reports of 20,000 individual farmers and the average yield was verified from the reports of several thousands of threshermen.

There are in the province at the present time, 842 grain elevators, having a total capacity of 21,279,000 bushels.

Famous Comic Recitations

This is an entirely new book, just published, and it contains one hundred of the very best humorous recitations, as recited by the most famous elocutionists of the day. These embrace recitations in the Negro, Yankee, Irish and Dutch dialects, both in prose and verse, as well as humorous compositions of every kind and character. The contents of this have been selected with great care, the aim being to include only the best, hence it contains the cream of fifty of the ordinary recitation books, and is without doubt the best collection of comic recitations and readings ever published. A book of 64 large double-column pages, neatly bound in attractive paper covers. It will be sent by mail post-paid upon receipt of only 15 cents.

REMARKABLE OFFER—We also issue The Model Book of Dialogues; Famous Dramatic Recitations; Humorous Recitations; Humorous Dialogues.

The price of these books is 15 cents each, or we will send the whole set of five post-paid for 50 cents. This offer is for a limited time only. Address all orders:

The Wholesale Book Co.
WINNIPEG, CANADA DEPT. 22

Imperial Hotel

Corner Main St. and Alexander Ave.
The Farmers' Hotel of Winnipeg.
Centrally located. Good meals and warm, comfortable rooms.

Rates, $1.50 per day

ANGUS McLEOD
JAMES MORTON } Proprietors

FREE BUS

Switches by Mail

Our Mail Order system enables you to purchase just as easily as if you lived in the city. Just send a sample hair (full length) and $1.25 and we will send you a beautiful Switch, which will match your hair perfectly.

SEAMAN & PETERSEN
New York Hair Store 276 Portage Ave. WINNIPEG

WHEN WRITING TO ADVERTISERS PLEASE MENTION THE GUIDE

SAVED HIM $60

F. R. Collins, of Maymont, Sask., writes the Grain Growers' Grain Co. as follows: "I wish to thank you for the manner in which you looked after and sold the car of wheat I consigned to your care. I consider that I have made a saving of about $60 over what I could get at local elevators.