

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

1. If you have not yet obtained the Petitions for Government Ownership which have been sent out for signature by the Grain Growers' and which are now being signed at all points of the three Provinces, don't fail to write to "The Guide" Offices at once and copies will be sent by return mail.

NOTE that there are two petitions of the same tenor—one for the Provincial Government and one for the Dominion House, and it is of the first importance that one should accompany the other at any point where a signature can be secured.

2. Let every man take off his coat—business man, wage earner, or farmer, and **KEEP BUSY** till you are satisfied that every man in your district who can sign has signed.

Let us show the Government what the feeling of the West is to-day on this, **THE MOST IMPORTANT** question that has ever come before us. The Premiers have said, in effect, that if the people want it, an act covering their demands must be put on the Statute Book. Let there be no uncertain sound or want of unanimity in our attitude on this vital matter. It would be unfair to expect the legislative chambers to act unless the public opinion and sentiment were so strongly in evidence on the point that they could not help themselves. **It is up to us to show them that our will with regard to Public Ownership at least is irresistible.**

IMPORTANT TO THE YOUNG FOLKS
AND ALL FOLKS

As announced last month, every boy who secures FIVE subscribers to "The Guide," will receive a handsome silver watch, made and guaranteed by D. R. Dingwall, Limited, Winnipeg.

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BOYS AND GIRLS—THIS IS WORTH YOUR WHILE. THE PREMIUMS WILL BE MAILED IMMEDIATELY ON RECEIPT OF NAMES AND MONEY ORDER.

Mr. John Kennedy, Vice-President of the Grain Growers' Grain Co., addressed a large meeting of farmers at Oak Lake on Dec. 3. The local branch of the Grain Growers Association held their annual meeting on the 11th. Mr. W. S. Crerar of Russell addressed the meeting at some length. The secretary writes that the farmers are taking a great interest in the association lately, quite a number of new members joined at the annual meeting. A farmer from Oak Lake writes: "When I commenced to haul my wheat this year I was getting 78c. 3 Nor. grade. I shipped a car and got 84½c. per bushel, 1½c. more than I was paid for One Northern here the same date. It graded 3 Nor."

TO EDUCATE OUR EUROPEAN
CUSTOMERS

Lyleton, Man., Dec. 16, 1908.

To the Editor Grain Growers' Guide:

Dear Sir,—As a member of the Grain Growers' Association, I have been very much interested in the move toward the emancipation of the Western farmers. No doubt the Association has done all that human agency can do to eliminate the irregularities that have been proved to exist re exporting of wheat and inferior grades.

I must confess the progress has been slow in this particular sense. A few days ago I noticed a despatch quoting a commercial article from Berlin, Germany, stating that the wheat delivered there could not be compared to the grades on the American market. Now as we are moving with a petition for government-owned elevators, I would suggest a foreign publicity fund, supported by the Grain Growers' Association for the purpose of informing importing countries just how the wheat is blended, and forward copies of the Grain Growers' Guide containing reports of such pertinent matter as the commission of inquiry into the operations of the Duluth and Fort William elevators to all important commercial papers, so that when the Government grants the prayer of the petition we shall already have got in touch with European countries whose interests must compel them to support us in abolishing the pelf system that has existed for years to the loss of both farmers and business men in this, the "Last West."

Yours truly,

A. E. VENTON.

WAPELLA MAKES A CLEAN SWEEP

Wapella, Jan. 11th, 1909.

Editor Grain Growers' Guide:

Sir,—The annual meeting of the Wapella G.G.A. was held on Jan. 9th. The attendance was small owing to the cold weather, but the weather did not check the enthusiasm of those who did attend. Resolutions were passed endorsing government owned and operated elevators, properly equipped sample market, reciprocal demurrage, recognizing the Grain Growers' Guide as the official paper of the S.G.G.A., government owned and operated telephones, Hudson's Bay Railway. The discussions on these resolutions were well brought out and shows that farmers are getting well in touch with the needs of the day. Much interest is taken in the Guide by all up-to-date farmers, and it fills a long felt want as a reference on almost anything pertaining to the grain trade. Wishing you success in your paper, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

J. A. MURRAY.

SWEET REVENGE

"I admit I've not got a ticket," said the old farmer, as the ticket-examiner visited his compartment in the corridor train. "But," he continued, "I beg you will not put me off. I'm a poor man, and I'm going to see my only daughter, who is seriously ill."

Tears welled up in his eyes, but the examiner had a hard heart.

"Look here," said a commercial traveller, "I'll pay for him."

"No, you won't," said the farmer, producing a fat purse, "here's the fare."

As the examiner passed on to the next carriage the farmer continued:

"I think I owe you an explanation, gentlemen. Five years ago a cow of mine was run down on this line, and they wouldn't give me the £20 compensation I asked for. Since then I've managed to best them out of £19 15s. of it, and it was the other five bob I was trying for now!"

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