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UNTRUTHFUL CHARGES ANSWERED

Our readers may have wondered at our silence in the face of the charges made by the Winnipeg Telegram. We were watching the Telegram, however, and giving it plenty of rope, and now we see its aim. The Telegram declares THE GUIDE to have been a Grit organ and that we "sank to the level of a partisan sheet." Thus the culmination of all the charges the Telegram has made is that THE GUIDE sank to the level of the Telegram and this, we admit, is the worst charge it could make. In regard to our attitude prior to the elections, we may say that we advocated the platform of the Grain Growers' of Manitoba as laid down by them at the Brandon convention last December. At that time the Grain Growers' unanimously demanded an independent commission to operate the elevator system and also that direct legislation be placed on the statute books. We told the Grain Growers of Manitoba that they could have these things if they wanted them and that the way to get them was to vote only for candidates who would support those measures. We never went beyond the platform as laid down by the Grain Growers and contrary to the Telegram's statement, we did not misrepresent a single fact. The Telegram has stamped THE GUIDE as the enemy of the Grain Growers. If the Grain Growers of Manitoba repudiate THE GUIDE they must first repudiate the platform they laid down at Brandon last December. THE GUIDE had never any intention of going into politics and for that reason we said absolutely nothing for or against the Manitoba Government. We did say that the attitude of the government in calling on the elections before the elevator act could be tested had not the appearance of good faith, and we repeat it now. Even though the government may go ahead and provide elevators all over the province entirely satisfactory to every Grain Grower, the fact remains that they had no reason for holding an election when they did. After the election was over the Telegram attacked us for saying that the government telephones, agricultural college and elevator policy were progressive and declares that we are "shameless in defeat." Yet the Telegram did not publish the statement we made saying that the elevator policy though progressive was subject to "legitimate criticism."

The Telegram untruthfully says that we attacked chairman McCuaig of the elevator commission. On the contrary we gave Mr. McCuaig full credit for his ability and his sincerity but we questioned the advisability of his holding both positions. The proof that we were right in our statements is shown by

the fact that Mr. McCuaig has already tendered his resignation and has given the very reason which we advanced in our article.

The Telegram has also accused The Grain Growers' Grain Company of being a partisan organization and although there is no truth in this statement, the Telegram has an object in view and in following out this object the Telegram has not hesitated to publish absolutely untruthful statements. It misrepresented the proceedings of the annual meeting of the Grain Growers' Grain Company to such an extent that the shareholders repudiated the Telegram by an unanimous resolution. Surely that is sufficient to explain the Telegram's capacity for the truth.

The Telegram is making a determined effort to injure the Grain Growers' organizations in Manitoba and is stopping at nothing to accomplish this end. A further proof of this is the way the Telegram reported the proceedings of the Saskatchewan elevator commission when it held a sitting in Winnipeg on July 21. John Kennedy, vice-president of The Grain Growers' Grain Company was giving evidence before the commission and the Telegram misrepresented his remarks to such an extent that the members of the commission condemned the Telegram next morning and refused to allow the Telegram to report the proceedings of the Commission because the paper would not publish them truthfully. The Tribune, on July 22 dealing with this subject, said:

"At this morning's session of the Saskatchewan Elevator Commission expressed their disapproval of the report of yesterday's proceedings published in the Winnipeg Telegram and their remarks were by no means flattering to the fairness of that newspaper."

We hardly think anything else is necessary to show the untruthfulness of the Telegram's attack. We expected the Telegram to criticize our attitude as that paper has the idea that no one has any right to disagree with it, but we submit that the Telegram has surpassed the bounds of truth and decency in the attack it has made upon THE GUIDE, The Grain Growers' Grain Co. and many of the leading Grain Growers. We shall not lower ourselves by adopting such language or such tactics but will tell the truth and leave the issue to our readers.

ONTARIO WILL HELP THE WEST

An article from the Toronto Sun is published in this issue, showing the need of pressing the tariff home even more strongly. The case which the Western farmers have presented to Sir Wilfrid Laurier has aroused intense interest throughout the English speaking world. Sir Wilfrid has received plainer facts than has ever been presented to him in his career. The farmers have not made their case from a political standpoint. Sir Wilfrid and leader Borden stand on the same platform as regards tariff. There is no hope of ousting one in the hope of securing aid from the other. The suggestion made by the Sun is for the farmers to join in a monster delegation to Ottawa this fall. Nothing could be of greater benefit. Ottawa is a long way from the West but Western farmers have always shown that they were full of vim and could fight to the finish for their rights. The Ontario farmers will support them and will present their case equally as well. The Dominion government must be given to understand that its policy of supporting special privilege must be stopped. Sir Wilfrid, like most political leaders, is an opportunist, and if he realizes that the forces of agriculture are united in demanding tariff reduction he will give it. We hope this subject of appearing in force at Ottawa will be taken up by every local branch. This is the last stand and if our political parties will not give the farmers their rights then we must send to Ottawa men who represent farmers and farmers only. The Western farmers have startled the world

by their presentations to Sir Wilfrid and if they go to Ottawa and meet the full government this fall they will secure redress. The other big problems could be laid before the government at the same time. The Canadian council of agriculture was organized for this purpose and should be tested.

A LETTER FROM SWAN RIVER

THE GUIDE has received the following letter signed by the names of forty residents of the Swan River Valley:

"During time of elections many statements pass as truth and there is a latitude of criticism and condemnation allowed which during ordinary times would not go unchallenged. We, as citizens of Swan River Valley cannot, however, let your article of July 6th go unanswered. The facts even as known to you are far different, for when Mr. Robson pleaded the cause of the Grain Growers' Grain Company so successfully on the floor of the House, in his speech dealing with the by-laws of the Winnipeg Grain and Produce Exchange you were well aware of the fact, for at that time he was very much in evidence at your councils. It was that speech which so influenced the government that the matter was transferred to the agricultural committee of the House which led directly to the reinstatement of the Grain Growers' Grain Company. You know he has been a constant advocate of government ownership and operation, and we, many of us members of the Grain Growers' Associations, think it a poor reward for his efforts in that direction, to lose his election through your baneful influence on behalf of his opposition. Far from your criticism being true, we have always found him fearless in expression, willing and able to condemn at all times what he saw wrong even in the administration which he supported, and applaud what he considered right. Attacked by you from the time he marked the government policy on the elevator question, he, regardless of consequences, told us the truth about association work, THE GUIDE, and the Grain Growers' Grain Company. The constituency is now wise, after the damage is done by you, and Mr. Robson defeated. You may have the satisfaction in his retirement. What about the cost? Grain Growers' Association, Grain Growers' Grain Company, as far as this valley is concerned, and THE GUIDE are all gone, and they stay that way unless you and until you tender to Mr. Robson a public apology not only in THE GUIDE, but in the Free Press, and Telegram, thereby making small amends for the attack upon him, which for imposture, ignorance and brutality has never been equalled in the public press of Manitoba.

Signed, Chas. B. Keighley, J. C. Scribner, A. C. Dykeman, W. J. Stewart, F. Hughes, J. F. Douglas, E. Henning, Wm. Fawcett, Jas. Harris, Dr. Baldwin, S. Kerr, A. Mazurek, C. W. Staples, F. R. Franklin, T. A. Thompson, Jas. McKenna, Thos. Woods, B. Skafko, D. Evans, Jas. Mill, Chas. Fure, A. S. McPeake, J. W. Wadmore, J. W. Bird, C. B. Perry, Thos. Black, O. E. Corbett, R. E. Johnston, F. Simpson, Geo. Melstrom, E. L. Hobbs, Wm. Taylor, J. Fultrock, W. F. Palmer, Wm. Robinson, C. H. Schneider, Will Findlay, C. F. Olmstead, H. Munson, W. H. Stewart.

The cause of our criticism of Mr. Robson was his nomination address and the platform on which he conducted his recent campaign. He knocked the Grain Growers' organizations at every opportunity and accused the Grain Growers' Grain Company, supported by THE GRAIN GROWERS' GUIDE, of not dealing squarely with the farmers, and could see no good in anything the Grain Growers had done. We have on our desk at the present moment a number of copies of a circular letter used in Mr. Robson's campaign. These are addressed "To the Electors of Swan River," and at the bottom of these circulars in big type are the words "Vote for Robson, the friend of the Grain Growers, who stands for a square deal to all." This circular letter which Mr. Robson used in his campaign is composed of several unsigned letters of the "Observer" type declaring that the Grain Growers' Grain Company was dealing crooked with the farmers.

The following is one of the letters in the circular:

"Dear Sir:
We enclose herewith two letters recently sent from our office re parties shipping their grain to the Grain Growers' Grain Company, which shipments were later turned over to us for adjustment. In these two letters we set forth in detail the manner in which this company is handling the business entrusted to them by the farmers. You are undoubtedly aware that this company is taking advantage of the opportunity given them to make large profits out of the volume of business which passes through