



SASKATCHEWAN SECTION

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THE BREAD BASKET OF THE EMPIRE

These photographs represent the memento and address to be presented by Mr. F. W. Green on behalf of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers to King George V. on the occasion of his coronation. Up to date about three thousand members have contributed towards

the fund, but further subscriptions are being received at the central office daily to swell the grand total. When one takes into consideration that our Association is composed of a most heterogeneous mass of men of every kindred and from every clime, this ought to silence the agitators' cry of annexation. The gift is a most beautiful one and is called the Bread Basket of the Empire, and as Saskatchewan is the great wheat field of Canada we think the name is very appropriate. The basket itself is one of the most beautiful pieces of silver ever produced in this country and the design is also unique. Inside and outside it is suitably ornamented with maple leaves, each leaf being hand made and beautifully finished. Another feature being that the seeds of the maple are shown among the leaves. The base and handle are beautifully decorated with gold wheat

which gives it a decidedly Western appearance. On one side is the Dominion coat of arms, while on the other is the Saskatchewan coat of arms with the Grain Growers' motto, "Fiat justitia ruat cælum." "Let justice be done though the heavens should fall." An inscription also appears on it which reads as follows:

"The Gift of the Grain Growers of Saskatchewan To His Imperial Majesty George V."

The Bread Basket of the Empire. The basket which is of sterling silver and gold weighs over 300 ounces.

Before presentation the basket will be filled with loaves of bread made with the famous Robin Hood flour manufactured by the Saskatchewan Flour Mills Co. Interspersed between the loaves will be wheat heads of Red Fife wheat supplied by Mr. Angus McKay, of the Experimental Farm, Indian Head.

The address also is a beautiful piece of art and was penned in our province.

Moose Jaw, Sask.

THE BRITISH PREFERENCE

"Give me liberty to know, to think, to believe, and to utter freely, according to conscience, above all other liberties."

This is a free country, why then have an artificial tariff wall between the Dominion and Great Britain? Why can't we have free trade within the Empire? Should we not try in a practical way to show our appreciation for the open door, and the splendid privileges we enjoy as citizens of the British Empire? Do we wish a burden to be placed upon our co-workers in the British Isles by even suggesting that the bread of the masses should be taxed for our benefit? One leading politician says that the British preference is sacred or inviolable and that it is being whittled away by the reciprocity agreement; while another prominent minister suggests that Great Britain ought to change her whole fiscal system and put a duty on foreign products, in order that she might give a preference

to Canada; so much for so little. The farmers of the West have declared time and again that they wish the British preference increased to 50 per cent, with ultimate free trade within the Empire, at least the resolution passed at our last convention states, "that we look to Parliament to make an increase

as to what would be best for the Dominion. Reciprocity is only the thin end of the wedge and will not in any way make us less loyal citizens of Canada. Let us trade where and with whomsoever we may, but always, as far as it lies in our power, show a preference to our Motherland. Our farmers are the mainstay of

the farmers let us have it by all means, free trade with the old land must not be lost sight of. The manufacturers will always claim to be the judges of tariff. They brought all their political machinery into effect when the British preference was first introduced. The time is coming, however, when the government will have to pay attention to our farmers' demands and when the manufacturers will have to adapt themselves to circumstances.

When capitalists combine, farmers must organize; otherwise they will fall one by one, an unpitied sacrifice in the great struggle. J. L. MIDDLETON, Asst. Sec. Moose Jaw, Sask.

To The King's Most Excellent Majesty

May it please Your Majesty

The Grain Growers Association of the Province of Saskatchewan in Your Majesty's Dominion of Canada desires to present its loyal and dutiful sentiments of satisfaction upon Your Majesty's coronation and its united prayer that Your Majesty may long be spared to occupy with grace and dignity the throne of Your Majesty's royal and illustrious predecessors, being mindful of Britain's priceless expenditure of blood and treasure, making possible the establishment of British ideals and law in Canada and its once great lone land, thus offering to settlers from every clime a free gift of land of unsurpassed fertility, a sacredness of home and property, and the widest liberty with the strongest protection.

The Association humbly requests that Your Majesty may be pleased to accept the accompanying memento emblematic of the industry in which its members are engaged, an industry which it is fondly hoped will, on account of its nature and extent, be found always to be a factor in the cementing of the various parts of the Empire over which God in His Wisdom has called upon Your Majesty to rule.

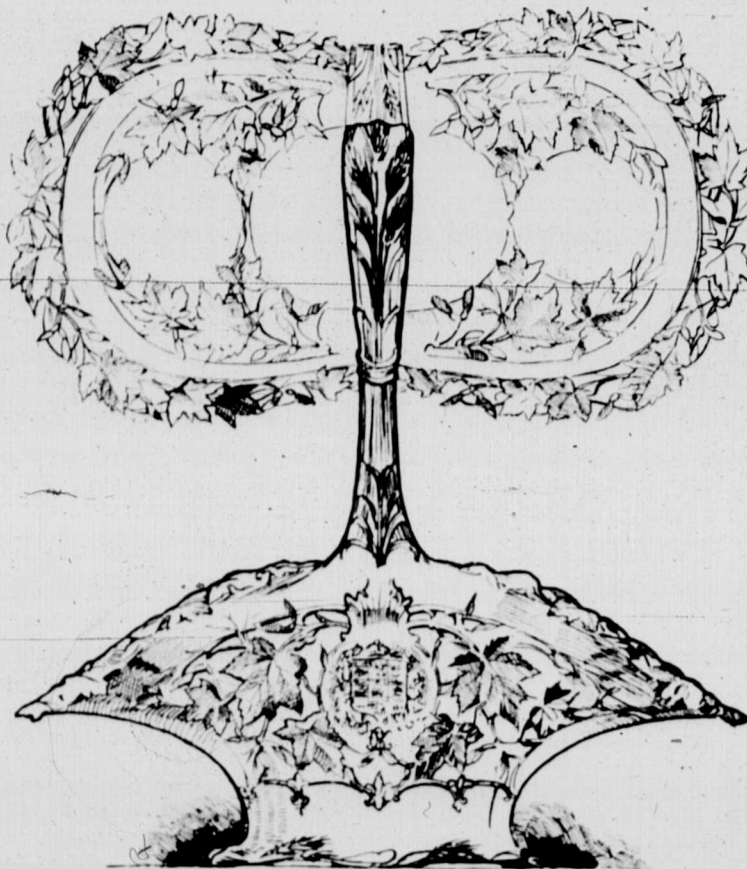
The Association further prays that the Divine Blessing may rest in large measure on Your Majesty's Royal Consort Our Gracious Queen, and that your joint reign may be marked as one in which the Empire was strengthened and consolidated, its influence for good widened and the people of all nations blessed through the influence of Your Majesty's lives on the world's destiny.

Signed on behalf of the Grain Growers Association of the Province of Saskatchewan in the Dominion of Canada on the twenty-second day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

J. A. Maharg
President

Fred W. Green
Secretary

Address to the King accompanying the Bread Basket



The Bread Basket of Empire

in the British preference to 50 per cent, during the coming session. When the farmers spoke in this strain it showed that they expressed the mind and conviction of the great consuming masses

the Dominion, when they are prosperous everyone else is doing well, therefore, let us put the agricultural community on a better basis so that trade all round will be better. If reciprocity is best for

Kerrobert. A. M. Carlisle writes stating that he thinks he will be able to organize a local at this point. An organization meeting has been called. We have forwarded all the necessary literature to help them on in the good work.

Edgeley is anxious to form a branch of our association. The necessary literature has been sent them and we hope they will be successful in forming a real live organization.

Fiske Grain Growers propose having a picnic at an early date. Secretary Walker informs us that they have a new school house to hold their meetings in.

Rutland sends us membership fees for the ensuing year, also a donation towards our coronation fund.

Information. A very interesting letter has been received at the central office from the secretary of one of the leading co-operative companies in the north of Scotland, explaining the system of working. Literature and various printed matter in this connection have also come to hand. The company in question is the Aberdeen Northern Co-operative Company. Mr. John Ferries winds up his letter with a very fitting quotation showing what the citizens in the Old Country think of Canada. The letter will be published at an early date.

Newberry. Mr. Thos. Conlan is doing yeoman work in the way of organizing. The Grain Growers in this district are very much alive and hold their annual picnic on the 1st July.

Togo wishes perfect unanimity to be between the central and the sub-associations. This is fine and shows the spirit we wish to cultivate.

Willow Hill send us their membership fees for 1911, and they hope to substantially increase their membership this year. We wish them luck.

Lanigan Grain Growers are getting ready to meet Mr. Borden and have several good men to present the views of the community before the leader of the Opposition.



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From letters of The Guide to we get a good idea of mixed farming has been written to convince the farmers to vary the advantage on the prairie. Men have been sustained by farmers themselves. Farmers will not produce to feed people who are vancement of the there are many these letters and for knowing about, and cred business, they v it is that the M go into mixed fa farm produce to Winnipeg. Just ments from per of the country.

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