



MANITOBA SECTION

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WILL PETITION GOVERNMENT FOR AN ELEVATOR

A meeting of the Hilton branch of the Grain Growers' Association was held in the school on March 24 at 8 p.m. The president, Mr. James Hill, in the chair. The minutes of a previous meeting having been approved of, the members proceeded with the appointment of three additional directors, as follows: P. Q. R. Stone, I. Cheetham and H. Morrison. Messrs. Stone and Ward were the directors appointed to act on the executive committee. A discussion took place in regard to securing a government elevator for Hilton and it was agreed that the executive be empowered to petition the government

the first year, was 35; 1908, 40; 1909, 42; and 1910, 50.

Souris branch leads in Manitoba with a membership of 186, Nings second with 172, Killarney third with 108.

REMOVE THE TARIFF TO FIGHT THE CEMENT MERGER

The meeting of the Russell branch of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association to discuss the elevator question last Saturday afternoon was well attended. Mr. P. H. Spencer acted as chairman, and before calling on the speakers, a resolution was passed asking the Dominion government to remove the present duty

as to a farm crossing at Harrowby, and from the C. N. R. re that at Silverton and much satisfaction was expressed at this outcome.

J. H. FARTHING, Sec.

GRANTED REQUEST OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES

Bulletin to the Agricultural Societies of Manitoba

Gentlemen:—In response to the request of the Manitoba Agricultural Societies' Convention, that the direction of the Provincial Agricultural Societies be in charge of the agricultural college, and under the supervision of the principal of that

MANITOBA GRAIN GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

HONORARY PRESIDENT:

J. W. SCALLION - VIRDEN

PRESIDENT:

D. W. MCCUAIG, PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE

VICE-PRESIDENT:

R. C. HENDERS - CULROSS

SECRETARY-TREASURER:

R. McKENZIE - WINNIPEG

DIRECTORS:

Peter Wright, Myrtle; R. M. Wilson, Mar. inghurst; F. W. Kerr, Souris; G. H. Malcolm, Birtle; J. S. Woods, Oakville; R. J. Avison, Gilbert Plains.

of Solagirth branch of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, approve of the stand taken by the elevator committee of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association on the elevator question."

H. P. HAMILTON, Sec.

BIG SAVING BY CO-OPERATION

W. A. Rowe, secretary of the Springhurst association, writes as follows:

After considerable discussion on the various questions, not forgetting the elevator bill and the strong resolute stand our committee took in regard to the appointing of the commission, we extend to them the thanks of this entire community. We decided to order another carload of twine. Last year we enjoyed a net saving to our members of \$7 per hundred pounds, and this year we are offered the same twine 68c. per hundred-weight cheaper. Mr. Editor, this acts like a tonic or a nerve stimulation. Let me give you another hint—our apples and machinery are in the next car.

The following resolutions were passed:

1. Requesting the Dominion post office department to change the name of our present post office, "Springhurst," to the original name, "Springhill," and give us a tri-weekly service from the C.N.R. railway.

2. That the railway commission be petitioned to make an order forbidding the importation of dogs from Ontario until hydrophobia in dogs is stamped out.

3. It was moved and seconded that "Whereas the Dominion and provincial governments have largely subsidized the railway companies of Canada, we request the Dominion government through the railway commission to reduce all passenger rates to two cents per mile."

Mr. Avison was the speaker of the evening, and began by reviewing the history of the conditions that farmers had to contend with in regard to shipping their grain through the elevators. About \$1 per cent. of the farmers belong to the Grain Growers' Association, and these few have been the means of placing us in the position we stand in today. Mr. Avison reviewed the history of the elevator question and said an act of legislation failed to have the desired results for the Grain Growers and claimed that the only way that would be satisfactory to the farmers would be absolute control of the elevators. Mr. Avison impressed on the meeting the fact that the important offices of the association should be filled with men who were whole-hearted Grain Growers, so that our cause would be well carried out. The speaker reviewed the drafting of the elevator bill by the Grain Growers' committee and outlined the proceedings with the government throughout. The committee objected to the expropriation clause on the ground that it would create a monopoly and that this clause has been struck out of the bill.

Mr. Avison explained the difficulty between the elevator committee and the government in appointing of a commission. The committee stood firm for an independent commission, free from party influence, but the committee were forced to select four men from which the government would appoint the commission.

Mr. Avison explained a number of advantages that would accrue by having cleaning machinery in our government elevators. The farmers of the three western provinces would be saving the freight on a two per cent. average dockage.



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for an elevator. It was also agreed that the executive petition the railway commissioner to have a station agent here. Various matters of interest to Grain Growers were discussed, among them the matter of binder twine, but no decision was come to concerning same. Five new members were enrolled. It was agreed to have a meeting after seeding.

JOHN KENNEDY'S ADDRESS TO MIAMI GRAIN GROWERS

Mr. Kennedy, vice-president of the G. G. Co. and a member of the G. G. elevator committee addressed a well attended meeting at Miami, last Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Kennedy spoke for about an hour and a half on the elevator question and marketing of grain. He pointed out the advantages to be gained by an independent commission in charge, showed how impossible it would be for the committee to concede this point even had they so desired without going beyond the authority given them by the Brandon convention and over one hundred resolutions by local branches. He also gave reasons why there should be no expropriation which means arbitration and would be almost sure to add unnecessary charges to the system. He outlined the advantages of a sample market. The manner in which the wheat markets are manipulated to the disadvantage of the producer was shown and the speaker claimed this was possible on account of the manipulators holding the storage capacity of the three western provinces.

Mr. Kennedy referred to Secretary McKenzie's trip to Ottawa in connection with the terminal elevators and considered prospects bright in that quarter. A number of questions was asked by those present and satisfactorily answered, while the hearty applause in tendering the vote of thanks proved to the speaker his address had been appreciated.

The Miami branch is moving its membership upwards as the following figures will show: The membership in 1907,

of 20c. a bag on cement and put it on the free list.

Mr. R. J. Avison was the first speaker called on and in a fair and impartial way handled the elevator question from a grain growers standpoint. He explained how the association was first started at Indian Head, and the work it has done since that time, but he devoted most of his time to the new elevator bill, and the saving it would mean to grain growers if successfully carried out.

Mr. A. L. Bonnycastle, M.P.P. for Russell, followed and took up the question from the government side and explained that the bill had been amended to meet the demands of the grain growers, with the exception to the control of the commission, and he claimed that no government could allow that privilege to pass from their control. The question was ably discussed by both speakers and those present left with a better idea of the work done and the stand taken by the elevator committee, and also the position the government took in regard to the question.

The secretary was able to report satisfactory answers from the C. P. R.

institution, arrangements have been made accordingly.

Steps have already been taken to secure adequate assistance for carrying on this work. The services of Mr. W. W. Thompson, who has now completed his fourth year at the Manitoba Agricultural College, have been secured.

Mr. Thompson was born on a Manitoba farm, and has been identified with agriculture all his life. He has already done very acceptable service as a judge of grain and live stock at fairs, and rendered valuable assistance in the management of Virden exhibition. He will be directed by Principal Black, managing director of agricultural extension work, and will have the advice, assistance and co-operation of the members of the Manitoba Agricultural College faculty. Trusting that we may continue to enjoy your co-operation and loyal support, Sincerely yours, Manitoba Agricultural College, Winnipeg, Man.

A POST-RESOLUTION

Copy of resolution passed at Solagirth, Man.: "Resolved, that we, the members

AN INTERESTING BUDGET FROM CORDOVA

Generous Grant of \$30 to Central Association

At the last regular meeting of the Lornedale Grain Growers' Association held in the school house, March 22, a motion was passed expressing our disapproval of any further extension of time being granted to holders of South African veterans scrip, and that a copy be forwarded to the Hon. the Minister of the Interior and also to our member W. J. Roche.

A motion was passed that our association forward to you three months' subscription for all our members who are not now subscribers to THE GUIDE.

A motion was passed granting ladies the privilege of membership to our association free of charge and that the usual fee of 30 cents be forwarded to the secretary of the central out of the funds of the association.

We also decided to join with the Franklin Association to purchase binder twine for coming season.

A motion was carried unanimously that we forward to the secretary of the Central Association the sum of thirty dollars to assist in furthering the interest of the association. The meeting then adjourned to meet on Tuesday, the 20th of April.

JOHN ALLEN, Sec.