

SEED GRAIN PURCHASING COMMISSION

This Commission, appointed, on the recommendation of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture, by the Federal Government of Canada, has for its aim the procuring of a supply of clean sound seed grain to meet the requirements of Municipalities, Farmers' Organizations and Farmers in districts affected by drought, frost and other causes.

All seed grain purchased and distributed by the Commission is handled at the Government Interior Terminal Elevators at Moose Jaw, Calgary and Saskatoon. It is all inspected by the Seed Inspection Staff of the Dominion Department of Agriculture on arrival at these Elevators and must conform to the following Standards after recleaning:—

WHEAT—Class No. 1 Marquis Seed Wheat

No. 1 Hard and No. 1 Northern Seed Wheat shall be composed of practically pure Marquis Wheat, sound, clean and free from other grains, and free from noxious weed seeds under the meaning of the Seed Control Act and weigh not less than 60 pounds to the bushel.

OATS—Class No. 1 Seed Oats

No. 1 Seed Oats shall be composed of grades No. 1 and 2 C.W. Oats, shall contain 95 per cent. of white oats, sound, of strong vitality, clean and free from other grains, free from noxious weed seeds within the meaning of the Seed Control Act and weigh not less than 34 pounds to the bushel.

BARLEY—Class No. 1 Seed Barley

Canada Western Seed Barley shall be composed of the six-rowed variety, sound, plump, clean and free from other grains, of good color and free from noxious weed seeds within the meaning of the Seed Control Act and weigh not less than 45 pounds to the bushel. ("Within the meaning of the Seed Control Act" means not more than one noxious weed seed per pound of grain).

The Government Seed Inspectors have been instructed to select and specially bin such cars of grain as can be cleaned, at reasonable cost, up to the above mentioned Standards.

The Commission will purchase No. 1 and 2 C.W. Oats, 3 C.W. Barley and No. 1 Hard and 1 Northern Marquis Wheat, subject to official grading and weighing, accepted as suitable for seed by the Seed Inspectors and stored in the Interior Terminal Elevators at Moose Jaw, Saskatoon and Calgary, and pay therefor a premium of 5 cents in advance of the closing cash price on the Winnipeg Grain Exchange on day of purchase; all purchases to be made on basis Ft. William. When requirements are nearly filled, the Commission will notify farmers and grain dealers, through the Agricultural Press, that no more grain will be purchased after a date specified in such notification, which will be given at least two weeks in advance. The Commission invites the co-operation of farmers and grain dealers in carrying out its objects, so that there will be no possible danger of any shortage of seed grain for next spring's seeding and the expectations of the Allies for a plentiful supply of foodstuffs from Canada will be fulfilled. In purchasing and inspecting seed grain the services of the Commission and the staff of the Dominion Seed Branch will be available free of charge and the grain will be sold to farmers at actual cost plus cleaning and other necessary charges.

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figure up to last night is one in 6.6; the final report will probably make it one in six. The same figuring gives a contribution up to date of \$63.50 per head of population, more than a \$50 bond for every man, woman and child in the province.

WAR LOAN SUBSCRIPTIONS

Toronto, December 3.—Official returns up to a late hour tonight show that \$401,530,100 have been subscribed to the Victory Loan, 627,723 people having filed applications for bonds.

Province	Objective	Subscription
Alberta	\$12,000,000	\$14,110,200
British Colum.	12,000,000	17,820,500
Manitoba	15,000,000	31,769,850
N. Brunswick	7,000,000	8,020,150
N. Scotia	15,000,000	15,384,600
Ontario	140,000,000	200,424,800
Quebec	90,000,000	92,000,000
Prince Ed. Is.	1,000,000	2,000,000
Saskatchewan	12,000,000	20,090,000

Totals \$304,000,000 \$401,530,100

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of them were not yet alive to the real meaning of democracy. The sense of responsibility for government was not highly developed.

The third essential of democracy was the power of expression on the part of those who constitute it. No man had attained the full stature of a man unless he was both able and willing to take his place, either from the floor or chair, in the deliberative councils of his fellows. The only reason they, as an association, did not have more of their members in parliament, was because the farmers had not learned to express themselves in public. They should be encouraged by the thought that the winning of the war would help to establish that democracy which constituted the ideal and objective of the association.

Mrs. T. M. Morgan, director of the women's section, urged all women to take their full responsibility as citizens of a democracy. They were glad to have attended the funeral of the party system and they hoped there would be no resurrection. They should be willing to show the same spirit of sacrifice which was exhibited by those at the front.

R. M. Johnson and Mr. McKinney gave most interesting short talks on the work of the association, the latter urging all delegates to go back with a new zeal and enthusiasm to make the association count for more in each community.

This brought to a close a most successful convention.

NEW LOCAL AT CONDIE

What promises to be a live local was organized at Condie on Saturday, November 3. On that date H. H. McKinney, superintendent of organization, W. T. Hall, director of district No. 16, and W. Bielechowsky of the central office staff, journeyed by auto in order to be present at the birth.

An accident occurred, however, when one-and-a-half miles from Condie, and Messrs. McKinney and Hall decided to brave all the terrors of the mud and finish the journey afoot. Unfortunately they set out on a wrong trail, and were obliged to return the same way they had come. Nothing daunted, however, they made a fresh attempt, and eventually reached the place of meeting, where they found a nice little gathering of farmers patiently awaiting their advent.

A short address was given by each of the visitors, after which the new local was brought into being. George Cushing was appointed secretary pro. tem., and about 20 farmers were enrolled as members. We welcome this our newest local and hope it will have a prosperous future. S. W. YATES.

SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

No. 13.—Directors Lillwall, Sales, Johnson, at Wilkie; Dec. 12.
No. 8.—Directors Orchard, Maharg, Musselman, Johnson, at Regina; Dec. 19.
No. 5.—Directors Bateman, Maharg, Hawkes, at Wolsley; Dec. 19.
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