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stockyard capacity and proper abattoir facilities for the handling of stock is necessary to encourage the stockraising branch of agricultural industry.

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Whereas provision is made for the government of Manitoba and Alberta to have representation on the board governing the said stockyards, so as to protect the interests of the producers.

And whereas it is alleged that the abattoirs in Winnipeg took action to discredit the establishing of a public market in the Union Stockyards by refusing to send buyers, in that way removing competition, causing loss to shippers and producers at the commencement of the heavy shipping season last year

Therefore be it resolved that we heartily approve of the action of the government and railways in constructing these yards and protecting the interest of producers as set forth above, and urge shippers to patronize said Union stockyards, so as to encourage the cheaper marketing of live stock.

We further urge the government of Manitoba, with the least possible delay, to proceed to build a public abattoir in connection with the Union stockyards, so as to give the necessary competition to the abattoirs in Winnipeg.

And be it further resolved that this convention instruct our executive to approach the government and the council of the city of Winnipeg with a view to devising some means of causing the C.P.R. to close their stockyards, in this way concentrating stock business in the Union stockyards.

And further, that we authorize our board of directors to co-operate with the city of Winnipeg and the Manitobagovernment bringing the necessary pres sure to bear to concentrate the stock business in the Union stockyards.

Whereas it has been brought to the notice of this convention that it is the intention of the Board of Grain Commissioners to establish a bureau for testing the milling values of wheat. Be it resolved that the action of the board in this regard be endorsed and that the executive of this Association be instructed to take any steps necessary to assist in bringing the bureau into effective opera-

tion at the earliest possible moment.

That this convention reaffirm the position taken at former conventions in reference to amendments to the Railway Act to enable stock owners to recover damages for stock destroyed by railways, as presented to the Dominion government by representatives of the Canadian Council of Agriculture.

Be it resolved that this convention request the executive to take up the case of James Sipley, who had two horses killed on crossing at Elkhorn on May 30, 1913, and has not been able to get any settlement of claim from C.P.R.

That this convention ask the executive to take up with the government the question of financing the farmers.

Whereas we believe that errors occur in the taking of samples from cars and by the interchanging of the sample of one car to another. Therefore, be it resolved that the government be asked to establish a duplicate sample system to protect the shipper, similar to that which obtains in Minneapolis.

That the members of this convention

express their satisfaction at the despatch with which the crop of 1913 has been handled by the C.P.R.

That the Manitoba legislature be requested to pass an act which will pro-hibit the indiscriminate selling of ma-chinery thru the statements made by agents of machinery or otherwise by providing that any contract entered into between any machinery company and a farmer can be taken into court and if found by the judge, upon investigation, that any clause of such agreement or contract is unreasonable, then such agreement or contract shall be declared null and void and the purchaser be absolved from the performance of the contents of such contract. Further, that any statement or warranties made by the agents of such companies, whether made verbally or given in writing, shall, when proof of same is established, be binding upon the company.

Resolved: That this convention re-

affirms its faith in the principle of Direct Legislation, consisting of the Initiative and Referendum, and respectfully urge the Manitoba legislature to grant the prayer of the petition for a referendum



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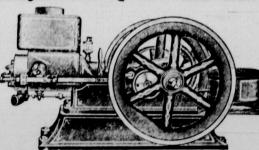
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