

Borden at Moose Jaw and Regina

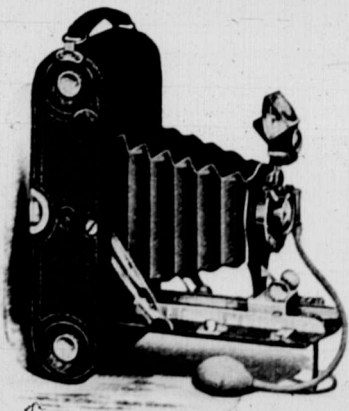
Previous to Mr. Borden's meeting, which was held at Moose Jaw on the evening of the 22nd inst., an influential delegation of Grain Growers met him and placed their views before him. Among those present representing the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association were Hon. Pres. E. N. Hopkins, Pres. J. A. Maharg, Vice-President Dunning and Mr. H. Dorrell. In all, fifteen sub-associations sent delegates to meet the leader of the Opposition. Mr. H. Dorrell, of Red Lake G. G. A. introduced the delegation and called upon our hon. president to address Mr. Borden. Mr. Hopkins' remarks were as follows:

"Allow me, Mr. Borden, on behalf of the Grain Growers of Saskatchewan to extend to you greetings, and to hope that your brief visit amongst us will be a pleasant one. I am sorry that our worthy secretary, Mr. Green, is not present tonight to join with us in extending a hearty welcome to you; he is in old London just now preparing to present on our behalf a memento called 'The Breadbasket of the Empire' to His Gracious Majesty King George V., and I fancy after you have passed through the length and breadth of our province and have seen our staple product growing, of at least 150 million bushels of wheat, with little more than 10 per cent. of our arable land under cultivation you will agree with us that this emblem is a fitting and appropriate one. Our association is strictly non-political. We approach governments, legislatures, and opposition alike for enactments which we consider in the interest of the producer. We have today 450 sub-associations located in different parts of the province. These hold meetings frequently, discussing the different problems from their own local viewpoint. They pass resolutions and send delegates to our convention; consequently, we believe that when we pass resolutions at our conventions they represent the views of the majority of the Grain Growers of the province. At our last convention a number of resolutions were passed which our president, Mr. Maharg will, submit to you, and I have not a doubt but that you will give them your best consideration."

President Maharg then submitted questions which had been previously agreed upon, in accordance with the resolutions passed at the last convention at Regina. Mr. Borden's replies were as follows:

1. **Hudson's Bay Railway.** The Conservative party is in favor of the immediate construction of this road, but it must be controlled as a government road and not handed over to any private corporation.
2. **Co-operative Legislation.** The Conservative party is strongly in favor of every form of co-operative legislation.
3. **Tariff.** The Conservative party would lend no encouragement to the reciprocity agreement or free trade policies.
5. **Terminal Elevators.** The Conservative party has taken a strong stand for the government control of terminal elevators.
6. **Chilled Meat Industry.** Strongly in favor of government support as an encouragement to this industry in Canada.

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7. **Railway Act.** In favor of a railway commission to control the questions concerning Eastern Canada and another to act in a similar capacity respecting the western provinces.

On the following evening the leader of the Opposition had to undergo a similar presentation at Regina, when Director F. C. Tate, M. L. A. and Vice-President Dunning, with delegates from eight associations, placed the Grain Growers' views prominently before him again. Mr. Tate in addressing Mr. Borden said that the Grain Growers were advocating something which the farmers of the West felt absolute need for. Besides being citizens of Saskatchewan they were citizens of Canada and the empire. As such, said Mr. Tate, we have to consider the interests of the empire. We approach you as a man in whose integrity we have absolute confidence. Mr. Tate then briefly referred to the various questions on our memorial. Dealing with the reciprocity question, Mr. Tate said: "No matter how Eastern people may not agree with our views, the people of Saskatchewan as a whole are in favor of reciprocity as is shown by the Saskatchewan legislature, and the Boards of Trade of Saskatchewan." The following was Mr. Borden's exact reply to our Moose Jaw deputation:

"So far as this reciprocity pact is concerned, I am opposed to it on conviction. If you offered the premiership to me if I would support it, I should refuse it."

These were the words which the leader of the Opposition used. They leave no doubt as to his stand on reciprocity. The only thing now for us to do is to watch and wait.

HOME BANK ANNUAL

The Home Bank of Canada has a noteworthy annual statement to submit for its fiscal year ending May 31, 1911. It has to report an increase of nearly one million dollars in deposit accounts, and the other features of the report show a proportionate increase in the amount of Home Bank bills in circulation and in the total assets of the Home Bank.

The Home Bank has an historic association in Toronto. Mr. O'Keefe stated at the annual meeting that he had known it for fifty-five years. He began his business career as a junior clerk in the institution, then called the Toronto Savings Bank, and he is today the president of the Home Bank. It is an institution in which is preserved the methods of the older school of finance. The general

manager, Colonel James Masor, was appointed to a position of responsibility in the institution by head masters of a school of finance past and gone in Toronto. As a young man, Colonel Masor was selected by Mr. Eugene O'Keefe and the late Sir Frank Smith to manage their interests in the institution which is now the Home Bank. In the past six years, from which time may date bank expansions in Canada, the Home Bank has increased its number of shareholders by more than four times, its circulation by between four and five times, its deposits by more than twice, and its assets by nearly three times.

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A CALL TO ARMS

Special to The Guide

Strassburg, Sask., July 3.

Notice to G. G. Association secretaries in Regina constituency. A picnic and enthusiastic mass meeting of Grain Growers was held at Glen Harbor, Sask., July 1. The object was to discuss the necessity of forming a Western party in the interests of agriculture. Without a dissenting vote the meeting decided that such a political party must be formed. The provisional committee appointed by the meeting was as follows: Wm. Tingey, A. F. Lavel, and John Robinson, of Marieton; Richard Fletcher, of Lake Centre; B. W. Greenfield, of Bullock; R. M. Douglas and D. Röss, of Strassburg. They now urge all Grain Growers' Associations in the Federal constituency of Regina to send delegates in the proportion of one to each ten paid up members to a nomination convention in Regina on August 2nd, for the purpose of nominating an independent farmer to contest the next Dominion election, pledged to support and fight for the demands of the Ottawa delegation of Grain Growers. Secretaries in Regina constituency are asked to call a meeting of their branch association at once to appoint delegates. A big fight is ahead of us. The strong interests behind both political parties fear to see a body of independent Western farmers elected to Parliament. Both party machines will spare no effort to crush us. Let us then stand together for the square deal to all in matters of trade and transportation and show the big interests that we in the West have quit being sheep to be fleeced.

DAVID ROSS,

Sec'y Provincial Committee.