

Sixty-eight Associations Approve Memorandum To Government

Swan Lake:—"We hereby express our hearty appreciation of the work that the Grain Growers' Association have accomplished and is doing to obtain the public ownership of the interior elevators, convinced as we are of the great benefit this will be to all producers of grain. We are not in sympathy with the idea of taking a referendum on the subject and entirely endorse the action of the elevator committee, and pledge ourselves to give them our best support."

Eden:—"That we heartily endorse the action of the Grain Growers' Executive in the demand they have made on the government for government owned elevators and an independent commission, also as regards procuring a sample market."

Rapid City:—"That this association endorses the action taken by our executive in their demands as formulated in the memorandum to the Manitoba government, in connection with government ownership of elevators; and further that we are strenuously opposed to our executive agreeing to a referendum being submitted to the electorate of Manitoba on this question."

Howden:—"That whereas the elevator committee of the provincial Grain Growers' Association have drafted and presented to the Government of Manitoba a plan for the operation of terminal elevators in Manitoba for the benefit of farmers. Be it resolved that we heartily endorse and approve of same and the action of the elevator committee in presenting same to the government."

Benito:—"We, the Grain Growers' Association of Benito, believing that the best interest of all will be preserved and conserved by the appointing of an entirely independent commission responsible to, and yet apart from the government, and believing further that to insure that independence which is so essential, that the commission be appointed by the executive of the Grain Growers' Association and ratified by the government."

Sinclair:—"Resolved that the members of this association endorse the action of the committee in charge of the memorandum presented to the government for the operation and control of the interior elevators."

Altamont:—"At a meeting held here February 10, a resolution was passed strongly favoring government ownership of internal and terminal elevators."

Other Associations Which Have Passed Resolutions Of Approval:

Gilbert Plains	Shoal Lake	Gladstone	Salem	Belmont
Kenton	Minota	Dunrea	Valley River	Ashville
Rocky Coulee	Oak Lake	Kenville	Alexander	Cartwright
Beresford	Oak River	Somerset	Pretty Valley	Miami
Griswold	Killarney	Springfield	Lauder	Glenella
Rosehill	Kelroe	Delta	McAuley	Douglas
Darlingford	Minnedosa	Ninga	Hamiota	Austin
Arivona	Carroll	Minto	Brandon	Portage la P.
St. Claude	Berton	Golden Stream	Cordova	

SPERLING EMPHATIC FOR GOVERNMENT ELEVATORS

The February meeting of the Sperling branch of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association was held Thursday the third, ultimo, at 2 o'clock p.m. in Farmers Hall, Sperling. About 75 farmers were present. The resignation of Mr. E. A. August as president was read and sentiments of deep regret were expressed at losing such a valuable member and presiding officer, but Sperling's loss would be Carman's gain, so the resignation was accepted.

Mr. Edgar Ferris was then chosen president to fill the unexpired term made vacant by the resignation of E. A. August.

The report of the annual convention at Brandon was then presented by delegate D. H. McLean. The meeting greeted the announcement that the government had adopted the system of public ownership of internal elevators. The report was well received and the delegates were tendered a vote of thanks. The secretary then, in a few remarks, introduced Mr. Peter Wright, of Myrtle, director of the district, who was to address the meeting. This Mr. Wright did in a manner both creditable to himself and interesting to his hearers. His speech was attentively listened to and applauded to the echo. At the close of the speech Mr. Wright read a copy of the memorandum presented to the government by the Manitoba Grain Growers re government ownership of elevators. This memorandum met with the hearty approval of all members present and a resolution endorsing the same was passed unanimously.

At the close of the meeting twenty-two members advanced and enrolled their names upon the list of members for 1910.

JOHN F. GOLDEN,
Sec.-Treas.

FIRST RESOLUTION ENDORSING CO-OPERATIVE BILLS

Resolutions passed at the regular meeting of Franklin branch of Manitoba Grain Growers' Association held February 5:

Moved by T. Craig, seconded by E. H. Sharpe and carried unanimously: "That we contribute the sum of twenty dollars, being part of proceeds of banquet, to general funds of the provincial Grain Growers' Association."

Moved by G. H. Blackwell, seconded by W. Scott, and resolved: "That in the opinion of this association the bill now before the Dominion House of Commons having for its object the facilitating of the incorporation of co-operative societies is in the best interests of both producers and consumers and

we heartily endorse the measure and call upon our representatives in the Commons and in the Senate to give it their hearty support, and, further, that copies of this resolution be sent to the member in charge of the bill, to the representatives for McDonald and Marquette, Mr. Meighen and Dr. Roche, and to Senator Watson.

Moved by Thos. Craig, seconded by Geo. Kitson: "That we express our approval of the efforts that have been, and are being, put forth by the Grain Growers' Association to secure government ownership of the interior and terminal elevators and that we urge the association to continue its efforts until they have achieved the desired result, and that in so doing they will have the hearty support of this association."

Moved by E. H. Sharpe, seconded by Geo. Kitson: "That this association regrets that owing to the serious illness of his mother, the Hon. J. H. Howden was unable to be present at our banquet January 13, but we are gratified to learn that by the mercy of a kind Providence the loved and honored mother is being restored to health and it is our prayer that she may be long spared to cheer and comfort her children."

G. H. BLACKWELL,
Secretary.

MESSRS. KERR AND MOFFATT AT MINTO

A large and representative meeting of Grain Growers was held at Minto on January 29. Mr. Kerr, director, together with Mr. Moffatt, Mr. Gill and Mr. Aldrich, were the principal speakers. Mr. Kerr took up the different clauses of the memorandum that the executive of the Grain Growers' Association presented to the government in regard to government ownership of elevators, and gave a very thorough explanation of the terms of said memorandum which was very much appreciated by those present. The following resolution was moved by Peter McCuaig, seconded by John Scott, that this branch of the Grain Growers' Association fully endorse the terms of memorandum that executive of central association presented to government which was duly carried. After some very pleasant discussion the meeting was brought to a close.

PETER MCCUAIG,
Secretary.

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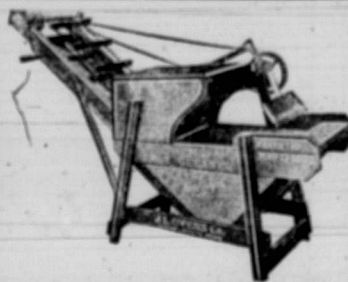
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