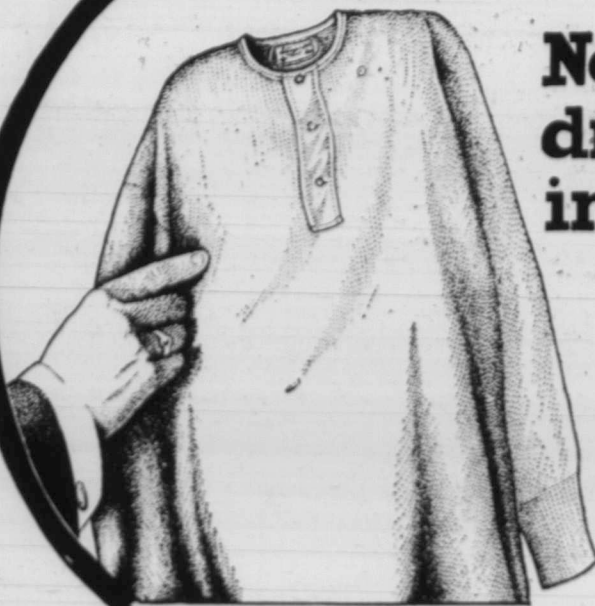


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heard of delegates getting anything from a government unless they had something to offer in exchange. Either money for the election fund, or votes, of which the Grain Growers have neither. So long as we divide at election time, we are out of success. The politicians are too shrewd—to be afraid of a shadow. Our united ballots would be a power. Let us use them. That is our only salvation.

Direct Legislation is an old thing. It has been advocated in Canada at least fifteen years ago. It is a delusion. Reference is made to its success where it is adopted. Well, friends, where you will find people able to get Direct Legislation on their statute books, you will find people ruling, i. e., they got Direct Legislation because they ruled. Direct Legislation did not give them the power, but they took Direct Legislation and other substantial reforms, because they had power. Direct Legislation is no means to give power to the people, but where adopted it is an indication that the people have power. The people will not get it till they are in control and when in control they can get all they want. To wit: Direct Legislation, when in force is an indication of power and not the cause of the power. Let us not be childish and mistake the symptom for the remedy. I am sorry, friends, that I have to oppose on these points, but if you will look deeper no doubt you will find me correct.

LEWIS GABRIEL.

Bangor, Sask.

Note.—It is the privilege of every reader to agree or disagree with the opinions expressed in The Guide. But we cannot agree with Mr. Gabriel and we believe that if action is taken by the farmers they will secure attention from Ottawa. All the farmers must stand together if they hope to succeed.—Ed.

HUDSON BAY ROAD

Editor, Guide:—Laurier has come and gone. We hope he has smelt a rat. The Hudson Bay route to the commercial world for the produce of the Western provinces has now become a neces-

sity for our development. We must admit, and the outside world knows it, that it is without a doubt the route that will place us in the front rank for feeding Europe from our vast resources, not only of grain, but other things as well. But why this slothful gait? Between the unfulfilled promises five years ago and the do-nothing and tell-nothing of Laurier's recent visit and pleasure trip through the West, a blind man could see that they are fooling us. Then listen to the Regina Leader saying: "I am not prepared to say that the government can run and operate the road judging from other roads they have tried." If we don't stand shoulder to shoulder at this time and demand with a united voice that the government hold, operate, and control railroads, wharves, docks, elevators, and everything else in connection with the Hudson's Bay railroad, we will be eulogized out of what is virtually our birthright, and they will do it if we don't stand to our guns, and let them see that we mean what we say. Open your ears and open them wide to the Regina Leader of a recent date: "More important than the ownership and operation of the road is the getting of the road built quickly." Now we farmers must kick over the traces and let the Leader know that we as farmers demand one thing, viz., absolute government control. The Leader has let us have a peep behind the curtain and it smells rotten. Now, farmers don't you think we ought to get more to the front. The Hudson's Bay is our right. Let us put in power only men who will guarantee their labors for government control. Let us have no dealings with men who will not vote for government control.

DONALD McANDREW.

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CENTRAL SHOULD HELP INDIVIDUALS

Editor, Guide:—I have noticed that several of your correspondents have expressed the desire that the Grain Growers' organization should take a more active interest in the rights of the individual members, when assailed by rail-

ways and other equally strong bodies. One man complained of the loss of cattle that had been killed at an unguarded point of the railway, another of the loss of crops by a prairie fire started by a locomotive, the company in each case repudiating liability and refusing to pay any compensation, or even to fence the track when their attention had been drawn to the matter. I suffered the same kind of experience at the hands of the C. N. R. twelve months ago, when one of the company's locomotives started a prairie fire that all but burnt me out, and had it not been for the valuable and energetic assistance rendered by about a score of neighbors and townspeople who saw the fire start, which was driven by a tremendous hurricane, it is certain that my barn and oat stacks would have been reduced to ashes, for the fire jumped the government road. After the disaster had been staved off, save the loss of six tons of hay that had been left in a coil a short distance away and some fire-wood bluffs, the section foreman who had been chief among the fire extinguishers, called for particulars of my loss, which, I understand, was duly reported to his superiors, but I was subsequently informed that after "due consideration" the company denied their liability and refused to recognize my claim. If such a glaring case of repudiation as this can happen, witnessed by neighbors, attested by the presence of the company's own servants, the number of the guilty locomotive secured, in short furnishing every detail required by the claim's department of the railway company, then it is extremely unlikely that the single unaided farmer can make any headway at all. Whether litigation would prove successful it is by no means certain, for a wealthy corporation would be sure to exert the whole of its power against the tiny efforts of a small farmer. But if in a clear case the cudgels could be taken up by the organized Grain Growers even a mighty railway company may think one, two or three times before they measured strength with the organized farmers, while the knowledge that such an eventuality might ensue, might

prompt an early settlement on equitable terms and at the same time give farmers generally a greater unity of interest and the Grain Growers Association a greater attraction than at present. If the organization is to attain its greatest usefulness it must exert its power to prevent the individual farmer being victimized by powerful and wealthy corporations or combines.

G. E. WAINWRIGHT.

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OTTAWA DELEGATION

Editor, Guide:—In your issue of 31st Sept., a letter appears from Mr. English of Harding, Man., in regard to the delegation to Ottawa, and my belief is as his; that we should send a large delegation now that we have the opportunity, as a small one would look like a half-hearted affair. But I would go further than Mr. English in regard to the fare to Ottawa. On such a large delegation to Ottawa I think the railways should take a delegate from any point in the West and return for the sum of \$10. On a delegation of 600 this would mean \$6,000, which would defray all expenses of the railway. Sir Wilfrid and his party travelled free through the West, and I understand that this system applied to all M.P.'s. Now, as you state, these men are our servants and if the railroads can carry them free surely they can carry the masters for \$10 each. In that event a delegate could easily be sent from every branch. However, if we could not get a consideration in this line from the railways do not let the expense of the affair stop one delegate, for remember, if the business men of the West were sending a delegation to Ottawa, they would not stop to think of the expense. Why should we? We have started this movement and we must see it to the end. I would like to hear some other Grain Growers' views on this point. Hoping the best of success will be made of this opportunity.

AN EYEBROW GRAIN GROWER.

The measure of a man's real character is what he would do if he knew it would never be found out.