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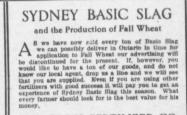


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Council of Agriculture Deals With Military Situation

Western Farmers Support Ontario Farmers in Important Problems. Will Con-sult With Government. Appoint New Secretary of Couucil.

H. Bronson Cowan, Editor-in-Chief of

ATTERS of great interest to the farmers of Canada were dealt meeting of the Canada are dealt meeting of the Canadian Council of Agricalture, in Winnipeg on Friday and Saturday, July 5 and 6. These included more especially conditions growing out of the Military Service Act as it is out of the Milliary Service Act as it is affected by the recent Order-in-Coun-cil cancelling the genemptions of young men, 20 to 22 years of ago; the famuus telegram by the executive of the United Farmers of Alberia to the Government at the time of the recent big delegation of farmers to Ottawa; tho threatened further heavy increase in freight rates, and the appelniment in freight rates, and the appointment of a new secretary of the council to fill the vacancy created by the election of the former secretary, Mr. Roderick McKenzie, to the vice-presidency.

### Those Present

The three prairie provinces and On-tario were represented at the meet-ing. Those present included Presi-dent H. W. Wood, of Alberta; J. Madent H. W. Wood, of Alberta; J. Me-barg, M.P., president of the Saskatche-wan Graha Growers' Association; R. C. Hinders, M.P., president of the Manthoba Grain Growers' Association; Hom. Geo. Langley, M.L.A., and J. B. Wunselman, Regima; -R. McKennio, Winnipeg; John Kannedy, Winnipeg; C. Rice-Jones, Calgary; F. Riddell, Regima; J. Reid, M.P., Arcadia, Sask; Peter Wright, Myrile, Man., and num-scens other memoanicalizes of the Sasta Sas Peter Wright, Myrtle, Man., and num-erons other representatives of the Yarmers' organizations of the three prairie provinces. The delegates from Ontario were Mesars. Col. J. Z. Fraser, Burford; C. W. Gurney, Paris; J. J. Morrison, of Torouto, and H. B. Cowan, of Farm and Dairy, Peter-ber'. Three sessions keys. Peter-ber'. both days.

The new secretary of the council is Mr. Norman Lambert, a trained news-paper man, who recently has been act-ing in an editorial capacity on the ing in an editorial capacity on the Grain Growers' Guide, and who is well posted in regard to the farmers' move-ment both in Western and Eastern Canada

#### Alberta Telegram.

Three members of the executive Alberta, who sent the famous tele-gram to Ottawa, were present. They made a full and satisfactory explanation of the circumstances surrounding the sending of the telegram, submitted a copy of the telegram, an official copy of the minutes of the meeting, and proved that there had been a lot of misunderstandings about the tele-gram. They were most anxious to set things right with the organized farmers of Ontario. We expect to deal with this matter fully in next week's issue of Farm and Dairy.

### Military Matters.

In all the discussions there was ap-In all the discussions there was ap-parent a desire to support the Domin-ion Government loyally in this time of national streas, although many mis-takes have been made that need to be rectified. Lack of space makes it im-possible to deal with these matters Taily. The following statement was discussed and adopted unantimoutry: "The Canadian Connell of Agriculture in meeting assembled, July Sth and eth, 1918, in the Otty of Winniper, places itsald on record as belleving that the supreme work of the Allied nations is the winning of the war, and that in this work Canada should con-tinue to bear its part in the most effoctive way. In this declaration the council believes that it volces the opinion of not only the several farm-ert' organizations, but also the great The following statement was fully. ers' organizations, but also the great body of the farming communities throughout Canada.

enizing that the Government.

because of the needs of the military because of the meds of the military situation at the front, deemed it no-cessary to cancel all military exemp-tions, as provided for in the Orderin-Connell of April 20th, and under-standing that the Governiant is pro-pared to hear the full responsibility for its actions, the counci, because of its infinate knowledge of the agricul-tural situation throughout Canada, deeme

desires to tain attention to the billion of the large "First-That because of the large number of voluntary enlistments from the farms of Canada and the extreme labor shortage due to this and other causes the action of the Government in cancelling exemptions has very seriously interfered with production, and will further materially reduce the production of 'ivestock, grain, and

production of 'ivestock, grain, and other products of the farm. "Second—That the indiscriminate calling of young men bears with ex-ceptional hardship upon the acricul-tural industry, inasmuch as the young people of our farms have been trained people of our farms have been trained for farm work almost from infancy, and, therefore, are qualified to under-take responsible tasks on the farms at a much earlier age than is the case with young mone who enter special ou-cupstions in urban centres; and, fur-ther, the older some having left the home farms, the responsibility for conducting the farm operations in many cases rests entirely on these a much earlier age than is the case young men. "Third-That the desire of the Gov

ernment that leave of absence should be granted in cases of extreme hard-ship has not been achieved in a large number of cases through the arbitrary, officials, which condition has led to officials, which condition has led to much unrest throughout the country, we would instruct our executive to lay the situation that has thus been created before the Government fully, with the object of preventing any further such miscarriages of justice in these matters as have occurred in connection with the drafting of the young men from 30 to 22 years of age, and of ensuring all entitled to receivo leave of absence, as provided for by the Government, receiving the same. "Fourth-That before making fur-ther chaffings in the Milliary Service the consultance no man of the 15-recei-

ther changes in the Military Service Act, or calling up men of the 19-year-old and 23 to 26-year-old classes, at present on leave of absence, thus af-fecting the labor supply of the country in essential industries, the represen-tatives of organized agriculture should tauves of organized agriculture should first be given an opportunity to lay full information before the Govern-ment in regard thereto.

"Pith—That young men who were granted exemption as long as they continued to be engaged in an essen-tial occupation and who got married after the date of their exemption and before the Government's action in cancelling such exemptions shall be treated as married men, and be granted ex-emeption until the married class is called. Carried.

called. Carried. "Sixth—That so far as possible pro-vision be made to continue military training in the military training de-pots of their respective provinces, in order that leave of absence may be granted to suitable men to assist with the harvest.

the harrest. "Seventh--That provision shall be made by the Government for the ap-pointment of a trustee or trustees in each province, with power to admis-ister the estates of men engaged in military service where application for such assistance is made."

## The Cross Case.

The Ontario delegates explained the circumstances connected with the reent prosecution of Mr. Cross, a farm-er of Brantford, Ont., who was prose-cuted for making seditious utterances (Continued on page 7.)

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