

ROMANCE OF THE GRAIN GROWERS OF SASKATCHEWAN

CHAPTER II.

Great Good Accomplished.

The Association has accomplished so much, so very much, during the eighteen years of its existence, that in this article only a few points may be enumerated.

1. From that small beginning at Indian Head it has built up the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association with forty thousand members, the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, and the United Farmers of Alberta. In trading bodies it has created the Grain Growers' Grain Co., with head office at Winnipeg (now the United Grain Growers, Ltd.), the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Co. with head office at Regina, and 270 elevators throughout the province, The Municipal Hail Insurance Association, Regina, and the Co-operative Wholesale Department of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association. The Grain Growers' Guide, published in Winnipeg, with forty thousand subscribers, is also a product of this movement.

2. The Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association, alone, has now (April, 1918) fully fifteen hundred organized local bodies within the province, all of which are carrying on valuable social and educational work, and most of which are engaged more or less in co-operative trading through their own Central office at Regina. This combined business during 1917 amounted to over \$1,643,000.

3. It has taught the farmers to realize that they are a factor of real importance in the affairs of the nation.

4. It has taught them to know and to trust each other, and that they can act in common where their common interests are concerned. It has taught them, also, that co-operation for their common good is the surest road to individual success, and that no farmer can fully succeed while his district fails.