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OUR MUTUAL FOES

Take our mutual opponents, the manufacturers. When they organized they had far too much worldly sense to think of starting a separate or new party. They set to work and practically captured both parties, with the result that one of their officials boasted only a few months ago that they held the West in their grip and had power, if they wished to use it, to turn our cities into a desert. —Geo. Langley, M. L. A., Guide, Sept. 21.

I dare say that most people will agree (regarding the powerful organization so graphically described by Mr. Langley), that we, the Grain Growers, should be able to present to the government a front view of our ranks which will impress them as being fully as formidable as that of our foes.

Unless we can do this, the government will be most likely to coquette with our opponents, who boast that they hold the West in their grip. How can we best bring our united power to bear, so as to attract the government to us? Do you think one way is to show the government there is a body still more powerful than the manufacturers? One worthy of just as much consideration and just as much or more to be feared.

How can this best be done? In the meantime I suggest keep on getting them in. Get them in and go on with the education. Get them in on the life plan. A large number of intelligent men with a good large fund at their disposal, generating unity of purpose, aim, and object. Such a foe as above described, and so many other problems to solve, will ultimately bring out a leader that will coax us in some manner to act in concert, so as to make it impossible for manufacturers to give the word that will turn cities into a desert, or our farms either.

F. W. G.

OLIVER GETTING BUSY

At a well attended meeting of the Oliver Branch of the G. G. association, held at Cleland School house, September 22nd, the following resolution was passed after a lengthy discussion of the Hudson's Bay railway project.

"Resolved, that we the members of the Oliver branch of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' association strongly favor government ownership and operation of the Hudson's Bay railway, and that we endorse the plan of sending a delegate representing, if possible, each association in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba to press our views upon the Canadian Parliament at Ottawa."

R. J. KEATING,

Oliver, Sask. Acting Sec.

ORGANIZATION NEEDS

I just dropped in to see you while passing through Moose Jaw. I have just come from Willow branch and was much struck with the outlook for the future of that country, from a farming point of view. I sounded one or two homesteaders on the subject of the Grain Growers' association, and found they knew nothing about it. In the brief time at my disposal I managed to interest two people in the association and the company, R. Derby and Mr. Powell, both of Deanton. Derby says he knows of you. I promised him some sample copies of The Guide, likewise Powell.

My idea is that the country south of Moose Jaw, right to the neighborhood of the United States, is a splendid place for organization work. As yet very little land is broken, but railways are coming in, and next year many homesteaders will have crops to market. I think if there was a little mission work done amongst them the bulk of these crops could be secured for the Grain Growers' Grain Company, but I believe that the sooner something can be done the better, as farmers are, generally speaking, slow thinkers, and take time to make their minds up. My regular

address is Box 37 Willow Bunch, Sask., but for the next few weeks I shall be at Alanda.

K. L. JOHNSON.

Moose Jaw, Sept. 22.

NEITHER DEAD, NOR DOZING

I notice that my name appears among the secretaries who have not made proper returns as you desire. I know I sent the report promptly, but in case it got lost in the mail, as I fear often is the case, the following statement may be of use.

We met, and organized on the 28th of March of this year. Named our branch "Orcadia," which is our post office address. Our association was formed by ourselves at a regular meeting. Everything was done by motions, moved, seconded, and carried. We have thirty-six members all annual. We have met so far in Mr. Dodges' house at Orcadia, Sec. 26—Twp. 26—Rge. 5. Mr. Dodges kindly placed his house at our disposal, but when winter comes, stable room may not be available for our teams, and I cannot say if the arrangement will be continued or not. Our officers are: President, John F. Ried; vice-pres., Ferdinand Jonat; secretaries, John G. Stephens; directors, Jas. Sinclair, Orcadia; Frank Patterson, Yorkton; John Kiehl, Orcadia; Jas. Dodge, Orcadia; August Grumut, York-

ton; George Wiles, Orcadia. Please make notice of this letter in The Guide, and correct the item, which was noticed by many, that proper return was not made.

JOHN G. STEPHEN,

Orcadia, Sask. Secretary.

Note.—We are pleased to make corrections of this kind, and are anxiously awaiting the next letter from Orcadia.

GETTING INTERESTED

Will you kindly give me the name and address of coal companies from which we, as the Huronville G. G. A., could purchase coal by the car lot. I see in the columns of The Guide that there is an agitation among the farmers to send a delegation to Ottawa when parliament meets, to show the Dominion government that nothing short of government ownership of the Hudson Bay railway and terminal elevators and reduction in the tariff, will meet with the approval of the western farmers. This delegation may seem a large undertaking, but it would amply repay us in years to come if we succeeded in getting our requests granted.

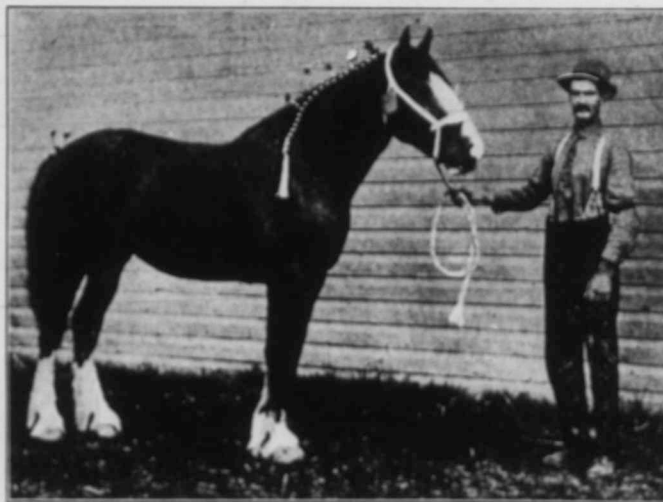
Could not the central associations of these provinces secure a special rate from the railway companies; getting

IS THE SHOUTING OVER?

"The shouting and the tumult die, the captains and the kings depart." And when the mist has cleared away, we find to our amusement that the world is not so interested in the impression Luairier made on the western farmers as it is in the impression the western farmers made on Luairier—Mercury.

"Yes," the manufacturers are no doubt wondering if the Grain Growers will back up their requests and deepen the impression they have made until it has the impress of a demand.

They are wondering, now that the tumult and shouting has died, what will be revealed when the mists are cleared away; wondering whether the captains and kings will really be there, truly revealed, a solid phalanx of determined Grain Growers, facing the manu-



Lady Madcap, two year old filly. Sire Everlasting
First Prize Winner in her class at Moose Jaw Fair, 1910. Owned by John Logan, Westview, Sask.

facturers, armed for the fray. Or will half the farmers and all the manufacturers be discovered entrenched on one side and half the farmers with the few hide bound partisans, on the other side? That is the question. Is the shouting over? Shall we forget, shall we forget? Shall it end in fog?

THIRSTING FOR INFORMATION

My father, myself, and brother, each farming here, and all reading The Guide, thirst for further knowledge of your excellent organization. The nearest meeting place is, I believe, at Lawson, some twelve miles from here, and too far for us to attend, and besides we have plenty of good farmers in this district, and we should be conducting our own meetings. We think perhaps we could help the association, and ourselves, if we knew how. Will you please tell us? What would you consider the smallest quantity of grain profitable to ship by car? Please give me full directions for shipping to the Grain Growers' Grain Company.

HARRY T. COULE, Jr.,
Maplebrush, Sask. Fairmead Farm.
Note.—We expect a branch to get to work at Maplebrush.

A RISE IN MILK

"Saskatoon, Sept. 27.—At a meeting of the milk dealers held here today it was decided to increase the price of milk from 10 cents a quart to 12 1/2 cents a quart and the price of cream from forty to fifty cents a quart."

Yes, milk dealers, fruit dealers, grain dealers, and every other dealer can organize but the farmers. What are these milk dealers kicking at any way? They measure their own milk, mix their own milk, skim their milk, put the price on their milk. What is the matter with them? But, Grain Growers, what do they do? Who measures their grain? Who grades it? Who sets the price on it? Who skims it? They kick, and kick, but do not know enough to get together and kick together. Where is our Gideon—our David? He will yet appear; and do valiantly. Then we shall raise a dust.

FAARMERS' LOAN COMPANY

According to Hon. W. R. Motherwell's figures, a million acres of Saskatchewan's crop this year was a total failure. The most of this, according to the same authority, was in the very recently settled districts. Taking an average of 100 acres per farmer for rough calculation, it means that ten thousand new settlers have nothing whatever from their year's work with which to meet present obligations and to carry them through the coming year till another crop comes in. The deputy-sheriffs will have a busy winter. If ten thousand western farmers will each subscribe for two \$100 shares in a loan company, formed to finance hard-hit new settlers, they will give a practical demonstration of co-operation that will help to weld western farmers into a unit. If ten thousand each subscribe for two \$100 shares, \$2,000,000.00 of subscribed capital will be the result. A call of \$10 per share would probably be all that is needed. That an inconvenience no one seriously. But with \$2,000,000.00 of subscribed capital it should be possible to borrow British capital at 4 per cent. almost up to the extent of the 2,000,000.00 subscribed capital, by giving the stock as security. This has been done by other loan companies without anything like the security of 20,000 \$100 shares subscribed for by farmers, and there is no good reason why it cannot be done in this case.

If the loans are confined primarily to new settlers, if only small amounts are loaned, say not more than \$500 to one man, and if the loans are made even when a man cannot give gilt-edged security, the relief to men in hard circumstances will be great. Co-operative farmers' banks are run on similar lines in Quebec. Bad debts are almost unknown among these banks.

Will not the executive promptly take the simple initial steps in the formation of the company, and urge farmers to subscribe for shares in order to help to bear the burdens of the men who have been hard-hit by crop failures? If the company is formed, I will pledge myself, God willing, to give three days in this district at once, to getting farmers to subscribe for shares. We have had excellent crops and I believe fifty shares would be subscribed for here.

DAVID ROSS

Strassburg, Sask.