SASKATCHEWAN FARMERS MEET AT PRINCE ALBERT

President Hopkins Retires---F. W. Gates, New President Sanderson, tendered his resignation. Interprovincial council to the three --- Farmers Declare for Government Hail Insurance---Motherwell Gets Hot Reception---Scott Writes Another Letter Which Causes Trouble --- Association dioned. Will Meet in Regina Next Year---Greatest Convention Ever Held in Saskatchewan---Prince Albert Royally Entertains Delegates.

rived in Prince Albert on Tuesday vators, before the Dominion parlia- also be in the forefront as an enlight-Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association. They found that the people of the northern city had made splendation. The convention is the larg-The meeting opened on Wednesday morning with President Hopkins' annual address:

wan Grain Growers Association:

been my privilege to submit to you the Annual Report of this Association. On former occasions we felt proud of our neritage and we rejoiced in the progress that was being our association was fearful that the the fact that they comprised the peotained in those years, we believed to bethrown into the arena of party or not the Dominion would become that the past year has been a record politics and be made a party football. great and mighty nation. year, not only on account of the tremendous area brought under cultivation for the first time, not only on tlers who have come to make Western Canada their home, not only for the unusually fruitful harvest, but all not as politicians," I felt like thankin agricultural organization to ensure

duction, the season of 1909 will go gentlemen, it is up to us as individual velopment. down in the history of the province that could be desired enabling us to derstanding. in amount or in quality by that of any previous year. When I announce the farmers of the any previous year. When I announce the farmers of the appearance of the appearance to see the request that the members support the request that the members that the members in the request that the mem ed to you three years ago that in province. This feature is the quessand. 1906 we produced 37,000,000 bushels tion of local organization. I need of wheat and that it represented 20.40 scarcely point out to you the lack of chewan has been the wheat problem," of wheat and that it represented 20.40 bushels per acre, you cheered, and bushels per acre, you cheered, and than that of the two previous years take this united office. Our associathan that of the two previous years combined. Yet, this year we raised tion might have been compared in a wasteful way and besides this they 90,315,000 bushels of wheat, (an average of 22,1 bushels to the acre), besides 105,465,000 bushels of oats and essary for our secretary-treasurer to 12,620,616 bushels of other kinds of bring forth his pruning knife and regrain, making a total production of move the dead branches. But during 218,310,616 bushels. Now gentlemen, the last six months, our worthy orthis is a record to be proud of, and ganizer has been going up and down it is when we think of what we did the country injecting a little life-germ, this year and when we remember that so that the tree is fast becoming an only 10 per cent. of our arable land evergreen. is under cultivation, that we began to realize the possibilities of our fair treasurer, Mr. R. C. Sanderson, who province from a grain-producing stand-

It wil linterest you, too, to know that the land and procure this year, only two states in the Amer. health. I am sorry to have to report F. W. Green, E. A. Partridge and A. premier of this province, and through agent to spy out the land and procure provinces and states on the continent;

to leed the world, if we fail to make cept our principles even it they do this has not been received.

The of the original grantee. The of the proposition in the present year to be at our service when we all motion carried unanimously. to feed the world, if we fail to make cept our principles even if they do this has not been received. bors? For ten years our association ness of our demands and the united Thompson and A. W. Irwin to the has labored to protect the interests front we have presented. But, if our positions of trustees of the Life fund. delegate one of your members to inof the farmers and a year ago, our influence is great, let us not forget Next was a meeting of the Interconvention emphasized the necessity that our responsibilities are correspondibilities are correspondib of a larger measure of protective leg- pondingly great. We believe that it tude of the three provincial premiers tention, rather than by letter. That time is fast passing away, and of the problems affecting the industry members over the province; also that ject.

Over four hundred delegates ar-joperation of terminal and transfer ele-j duction and rapid development, let us ment. Mr. Langley, who was sent on ened people so that we would have, this mission, will submit his report not in name only but in reality, govbefore the close of this convention. We also resolved last year that and for the people.

the Inter-provincial Council should Mayor Andrew Holmes was next ing a system of interior storage eles comed the delegates to the city and vators. Your executive met in Novem- assured them that the citizens were ber last and decided that we were doing all in their power to make making haste all too slowly and that their visit profitable. He announced To the members of the Saskatche- we would appeal to our legislature in that a banquet would be tendered dependently of the other provinces. them on Friday night and welcomed Your secretary, Mr. F. W. Green, was all to attend. appointed to present our case and I R. H. Hall gave a short address thing every one will admit that Mr. welcoming in the visitors to the city Green did so in a masterly manner.

But gentlemen, we live in a coun-semblage. He referred to the aims try where party politics prevail and of the organization and recognized the leader of the Government and the Manitoba Grain Growers' Associaleader of the Opposition had stretch- tion, expressed fraternal greetings ed forth their hands across the floor from the Manitoba association. so for the steps that have been taken that if we had the united intellect of work than Alberta but added that they the legislature coupled with that of were following close in her footsteps. the grain market and better faciliworking out a solution to the problem, sociations and with great optimism we need not fear the result. But,

E. J. Fream, of Innisfail, the sec it that our political friends in the retary of the Alberta Association, to the late fall, the weather was all legislature live strictly up to that un-

feature of our The association had started out with crop, which was not surpassed either wor kthat must be briefly touched an active membership of five thou-

ernment of the people, by the people,

and was glad to see such a large as-

Daniel McCuaig, president

"The great problem before Saskat-

the work of the executive during the low:

During the year, our secretary and lows: has served the association so well following report. and so faithfully for so many years,

that he and also Mr. Partridge (an- G. Hawkes, as executive officers. R. him with the premiers of Manitoba reliable data and information on lumican Union, Minnesota and North Da-kota, produced more wheat than did Saskatchewan, and that only two saskatchewan, and that only two an endeavor to regain their lost health carries with it the power of manage they are unable to take action as we rates, the whole grain trade; or any dary of the province—Dr. Hill. states, illinois and lowa, produced and strength. I am sure you will all ing director, and in our opinion he desire, and some further action seems other matters the executive may set more oats. Thus, as a producer of join me in the hope that they will should be one of those elected on the necessary on our part. speedily be fully restored and be directorate board, and not an appointant and speedily be fully restored and be directorate board, and not an appointant and speedily be staff will also be required in order issue and shows gratifying results of directorate board, and not an appointant and speedily be staff will also be required in order issue and shows gratifying results of directorate board, and not an appointant and speedily be staff will also be required in order issue and shows gratifying results of directorate board, and not an appointant and speedily be staff will also be required in order issue and shows gratifying results of directorate board, and not an appointant and speedily be staff will also be required in order issue and shows gratifying results of directorate board, and not an appointant and speedily be staff will also be required in order issue and shows gratifying results of directorate board, and not an appointant and speedily be staff will also be required in order issue and shows gratifying results of directorate board, and not an appointant and speedily be staff will also be required in order issue and shows gratifying results of directorate board, and not an appointant and speedily be staff will also be required in order issue and shows gratifying results of directorate board, and not an appointant and speedily be staff will be staff with the speedily and the speedily and the speedily appears are speedily and the speedily and the speedily appears are speedily appears. tee of the executive. This officer's debated at the coming session of the that our executive may be better the year's work. them all by 20 per cent., showing to If in closing, I should say a few salary was raised at the first meetthe world that we have the soil and words that might look like advice, ing of the directors from two hunthe climate, as well as the area for I know that you will excuse me as dred and fifty dollars to five hundred local representative. producing an abundant yield of the this is the last time that I will dollars per year. He was also ap-

Intions, and especially the one relating to the Government ownership and the pace to the whole world for pro-

rovince, without salary. The report ment, and request that since it is of this work will follow. rnment last August for the purpose of presenting the resolutions the government of Saskatchewan propassed at th elast convention, and vide such storage for our own provwhich fell under their jurisdiction. ince along the lines asked for in the

agement, and get the business of the that after drawing the attention af association centered at one point, the government to the petitions back Mr. Green was appointed, with head- ing up our demands for internal storquarters in Moose Jaw. This also age, that secretary place them in suitwas without any salary being men- able hands to be brought to the for-

Since his appointment considerable ried.

sitate a separate report. Your executive also spent considerable time in looking into the life ture progress" which is as follows: membership proposition, and would mention that this fund, together with the large increase in local associations

those in the work, is causing very much more work at the central office a year or two ago, and no doubt much than has hitherto been undertaken different to what it will be a year or there. The work in connection with two hence. A little over a year ago the circulation of petitions in con-official reports gave 65,000 farmers in nection with the elevator quetion, pub- Saskatchewan. Now there are 100,000. three premiers to emphasize the necessity of the governments establish- a general air of optimism. He welwhat it was a year or two ago.

that in view of the fact that the queslooked forward to a tsill greater detaries, requesting them to call a spec-

lunch.

when the question of the circular was what about all these things we have again discussed, and it was moved by to buy? of Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Partridge,

and applause. The report was as fol- during the period which has elapsed gestion, they are only by way of a since the Weyburn convention, at start, because this work will continue ary-C. A. Dunning. Your executive beg to submit the which a resolution was passed instruct to grow in magnitude. It is up to us ting them to continue the struggle for to solve our own economic problems. Immediately after the convention government owned and operated eleva- I make the following suggestions. Davis. was compelled to resign owing to poor at Weyburn, the directors appointed tors, been in communication with the The appointment of a travelling trade

It was moved by Mr. Hawkes, sec- knows what it wants, why it wants ing platform was the only thing suit as secretary of the association, and concern that is animated with a spir-About April 1st Mr. Green was ap- on behalf of the executive, secure an it of moderation and fairness that cointed to act as organizer for the interview with the provincial govern- will command respect everywhere. sand dollars of an income this year impossible for the three premiers to

This may be reported on by Mr. Gates. demands previously addressed to the t In August, 1909, Secretary R. C. demands previously addressed by the

correspondence and discussion has This, with the presentation of the taken place as to the editorship and long list of resolutions to be presentcontrol of the Saskatchewan section ed to you, represents the important of the official organ, The Grain Grow- features of our work for the year ers' Guide, and which will also neces- All of which is respectfully submit Mr. Green read the report on "fu

and the incerased interest taken by port, the office of secretary-treasurer the position of secretary-treasurer, in hould know any more than how to Moose Jaw, at the central office; and produce? I the marketing of their prothe secretary asked for instructions ducts of any moment to them, or the

of the wealth they produce. Think of of the wealth they produce. Think of so much and could do so much more all the goods they purchase. If these if this one dollar were paid for the tive met for the first time since the people are all to get a fair deal on appointment of Mr. F. W. Green to the exchange is it necessary that they regarding the Provincial elevator pe- purchase of their commodities? What titions which were accumulating in the kind of an organization do we need office; and we append that portion of to meet the requirements of this one our minutes which relate to that mat- hundred thousand families on the land ter; which, with the report of the in Saskatchewan? Of course, there are made in the agricultural enterests of our province. But, while we were tion was broached, and it was fully caught on the Jericho road, robbed tude should be in the eyes of the pub- will act the good Samaritan to us and Scott was read, and quotations were and pay for our restoration and edugiven from our elevator pamphlets, cation? I think we must provide our large and small. It was moved by own good Samaritan and build our Mr. Gates, seconded by Mr. Hawkes, own inn. Priest and Levite are about tors at initial points will come up for as the inn. Our life fund is the twolegislature, that a circular be issued tan has been there and is likely to return. But we want an innkeeper, a ial meeting for the purpose of passing prowling around who care not for the a strong resolution on the question of red cross flag, wise and gentle he must initial elevators, and that such reso- train that they may not only keep lutions be immediately presented to clear of robbers in the future but be

embers representing their dis- a force in their capture. We do not the matter up are as follows: r blind Samson. Recent developments encourage us. H. Dorrell.

The executive then went into com- The walls will fall down if we will bushels per acre, you cheered, and justly so. When it was announced last justly so. When it was announced last year that we reached the 50,000,000 of the association last year to enter of the association last year to en year that we reached the 50,000,000 bushels mark in wheat production and bushels mark in wheat production are also below t bushels mark in wheat production and that our total grain yield for 1908 page. In this connection, your exeto facilitate the work, to unite the with us. The chilled meat question equally pleased. You would scarcely have believed then that in 1909 our have believed then that in 1909 our grain production would be greater grain the price of meat and bread is reduc-The meeting resumed at one-thirty, ed? If bread and meat are too dear

> Now to my mind our inn keeper is the year was the first important that Mr. Gates' circular, with Par- a good wide awake, up-to-date office work of the afternoon meeting. A. tridge's addition, be adopted. This staff or executive, who can devote we cannot do as idividuals for our- well. "Dear Sir,-Your executive have selves; and I make the following sug-

islation. There was a time in our hisis necessary and desirable to extend towards the elevator proposals was In the meantime, the executive will we have too much at stake to play islation. There was a time in our missing platforms with those things longer. I suggest been the cause of considerable dealy had remembered that there were a tory when our legislators were accuss our organization, and I believe it is discussed. It was decided to get tory when our legislators were accus- our organization, and I believe it is discussed. It was decided to get arrange for presenting the petitions with those things longer that we go out o na regular members in shipping grain, was proposed by large number of people having votes tomed to come around and tell us more necessary to educate our people out pamphlets setting forth the steps which have been signed, and use their what they were going to do for us. on the lines of the proper solution it is in accordance with the new orwith which we have t odeal in a more
the problems ancecting the industry members over the province; also that ject.

The executive feel this step to be men, members and ultimately life at all railway stations large enough it done. There are a large number men, members and ultimately life at all railway stations large enough it done. There are a large number with the new or-It is in accordance with the new or- with which we have to one in a more direct way than formerly. With this signatures, the petitions being adduer of things that we decided at our direct way than formerly. With this signatures, the petitions being add-necessary as a preliminary to a more annual membership fee from fifty platform be built at the centre of to pledge themselves to any party vigorous action to be taken later on, annual membership fee from fifty platform be built at the centre of to pledge themselves to any party vigorous action to be taken later on, annual membership fee from fifty platform be built at the centre of the provincial Government, vigorous action to be taken later on, annual membership fee from fifty platform be built at the centre of the provincial government, vigorous action to be taken later on, annual membership fee from fifty platform be built at the centre of the provincial government. last convention to do as we had done end in view, I should say: Look well ressed to the Provincial Government, vigorous action to be taken later on, and so to our government at lafter your local organizations for it in reference to interior elevators, and should this not prove effective. If Delore, and go to our government at latter your local organizations for it in reference to interior elevators, and should this not prove elective. In sociation. Give the Central Association. Give the Central Association. Give the Central Association. Give the majority of our present representations that the local organizations that the local organizations that the local organizations and the majority of our present representations. thought is inspired which wil lentble ference to terminal elevators. This tatives are not prepared to carry out our will in this matter, it will be fee will then be very much the cheap-unreasonable was moved. A delegate the people. At Ottawa we present-It was in this spirit that we deemed it advisable, almost immediately suggest solutions for the problems A delegation was sent to Ottawa

Our will in this matter, it will be realize the people. At Ottawa we present
our will in this matter, it will be realize the people. At Ottawa we present
our will in this matter, it will be ed our old arguments as strongly as
necessary at the next provincial elecfrom both the Manitoba and Alberta tion to take systematic steps to se- corporations will then realize that higher and wider. arter the convention to send a reputation and Alberta tion to take systematic steps to second a reputation to send a reputation and Alberta tion to take systematic steps to second a reputation to send a reputation and Alberta tion to take systematic steps to second a reputation and Alberta tion to take systematic steps to second a reputation and Alberta tion to take systematic steps to second a reputation and Alberta tion to take systematic steps to second a reputation and Alberta tion to take systematic steps to second a reputation and Alberta tion to take systematic steps to second a reputation and Alberta tion to take systematic steps to second a reputation and Alberta tion to take systematic steps to second a reputation and Alberta tion to take systematic steps to second a reputation and the reputation and

onded by Mr. Gates, that Mr. Green it and how to get it and withal a ed to them We should have at least ten thou- applause.

outation waited on the Provin- agree on joint action with respect to for the Central Association. We want: ed that the resolution be referred the creation of internal storage, that For manager Travelling expenses

> bers at one dollar each or twenty thousand members at fifty cents each, gister one section of land out of the \$1.000 From G. G. Co. ... 2,000

From Government From 12,000 a t50c each 6,000 There are three methods we should

be able to do any of them easily. The Grain Growers' Company is one with us. There is no reason why a portion of the profits reached why a portion of the pofits reaped from Saskatchewan should not be spent with assisting the old mother who gave its birth.

than spend a grant of one thousand public abattoris be established at cen dollars, in view of all the work this tral points. betterment of our class and general

Following this report was the life members' report by J. A. Maharg. It showed a membership of three hunof three thousand four hundred and eighty six dollars. It is estimated that Saskatchewan has one hundred thou

sand farmers. The organizer's report read by F. ings to go into the work of the as- Grain Growers' Association. He held sociation in certain territories, for that the convention had no reason to which he would arrange the securing discuss such a matter and would that

associations west and south of Moose Jaw and the main line from Regina-

District 3-Estevan line, from Es-

ler to Regina, including Stoughton, garding terminal elevators. He was

oundary-A. J. Hawkes.

associations, north to Lanigan- Mr. time. District 8-C.N.R. from Regina Saskatoon—J. Evans. District 9-G.T.P. from Saskatoon

G. Hawkes gave a detailed report of was carried. The circular appears betheir whole time to do fo rus what east to Manitoba boundary—Mr. Rod- You all remember the cartoon that

address you in my present capacity. pointed to act as editor of the Sas-Ever since the organization of our katchewan section of the Guide. It of your association, pass a strong resfit us as farmers enduring the heat and toil of the day, to have an alexerted with the government, both lomost unlimited agricultural area and cal and federal, have become stronger five dollars per month from the Guide present the same to the member repthe ability to produce enough wheat until today they are prepared to acrequire him, who shall make a special It was moved and seconded that our interview with Sir Richard Cart-

Ross Percy, of Doricke, again ask-

Mr. Boerma in proposing the resolution respecting hail insurance act. felt it a matter of great importance 1,000 The resolution favored the abolishing of a provincial hail insurance system. \$10,000 One speaker suggested an amendment There are various other methods of adding after the word assessment of raising it, namely, ten thousand mem- the resolution, "provided that any resident ratepayer be allowed to reassessment and participation in the henefits.

> Mr. Partridge, of Sintaluta, favored a system of mutual hail insurance The original resolution amended was put to vote and carried.

A resolution having more than passing interest, was one dealing with middlemen's profits. The resolution sets forth that the Saskatchewan associations work in conjunction with Manitoba and Alberta organized farmers for betterment of facilities in marketing of beef cattle, and that all meat coming into the province be subjected to a rigid inspection and that

This resolution was presented by Mr. Beasley, and an amendment was presented by James Bower, which carried in the following terms. "That this association work in conjunction with the Manitoba and Alberta organized farmers for the betterment of the facilities in the marketing of beef cattle, and, to do this we would recommend the establishment of a system of municipal abattoirs under government control."

THURSDAY MORNING

Naval Question

The session this morning was devoted practically to the discussion W. Green, dealt with the work of or- the matter of a contribution to the ganization throughout the province, navy. The navy question it was exand the different methods adopted. A pected would be the biggest topic of question had often been put regard- the entire convention, but to the dising the connection between this as- appointment of a great many it was sociation and the Grain Growers' thrown completely out. As soon as Grain Company. This company, it the resolution was announced, cries should be understood, is a develop- of "cut it out" and "it didn't concern ment of the association for the pur- us," were heard from every part of pose of carrying out certain functions the church and a motion that it not that were found necessary, and be dealt with was carried unanimously which the association could not un- and with great applause, and enthudertake. He would like to see an in- slasm. Vice-president Gates, of Fillterchange of men, and submitted a more, claimed that such a resolution scheme to lay out a series of meet- was foreign and not of interest to the

> it be left alone. The resolution which is printed else-

The territories and delegates to take where in this issue stated: "The naval motion set forth that the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' conrecord that in consideration of the through the agency of the British Drinkwater to North Portal-Mr. navy, that Canada donate a most modern ship for service in the Imperial

Terminal Elevators George Langley, M. L. A., of Red

Berry, brought up the resolution rereceived with much applause and his District 7-Kirkella and nearby and the feeling of the people at that "We had," he continued, "an idea

that we were hammering against the three governments all of which would be a great deal too strong for us. District 10-C.P.R. Yorkton line where the three premiers were refrom Saskatoon to Manitoba bound- presented as looking out of an elevator and the Grain Growers' Associa-District 11-C.N.R. east, from Lloyd- tion were represented in the form of minster to Manitoba boundary—Mr. artillery and had just fired a shot into it. I think it was my good District 12-Warman north to Prince friend Mr. Scott looked out and said Albert and east to Valparaiso-A. Another shot like that will settle us.' We did give them another crack

The financial report submitted by tion with this matter. "We had," him at. An addition to the office Mr. Green appears elsewhere in this he said, "a number of railway offi-The convention then took up the res- ills were imaginary. After the first The resolution in reference to S. with Mr. McKenzie, o fthe Manitoba ence in the knowledge of the minister The resolution respecting the pres- in connection with the matter. He ent loading platforms which have had thought it over. Probably they

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Wednesday, February 16, 1910.

P. McAra Again Pres the Capital -- Rep Rates, Railway cussed--H. C. L

To show the progress Regin of the Regina Board of Trade with their annual report. amount of \$7,242.10 has ceived by the Board of Trad the year. Of this amount, \$5 the city grant, and an amoun 645.35 was received from the special grants. Sale of amounted to \$19.25; refund way tickets (Indian Head) \$1 membership dues \$565.

Expenditure

In addition to the salaries tary (\$1,800) and stenograp the office expenditure, include ing, stationery, postage grams, amounted to \$636.36. dustries committee expended freight rates committee \$250; advertising committee 81, and reception committee of which latter amount \$1.3 refunded by the city coun way of a special grant and refunded by the Winnipeg entertaining the British for the Advancement of Sci

At the beginning of the committee was appropriated sum for expenditure. The tion for the advertising was \$2,000, and the sum exp \$2,388.81. There are no con standing for advertising.

One regrettable feature port shows that only \$568 lected for membership \$595 remains outstanding ous letters requesting pa dues have been sent to but the response has not isfactory. This is a matter have to be dealt with vig the council for 1910.

The books of the board examined by Mr. G. S. C ditor, and found correct, a ed report of the audit has ed to every member of th

Transportation A matter that has enga

siderable amount of the the transportation comm early last spring is the se the railway companies tion of Regina as a carr This is a matter Having secured full from Calgary and ognized as cartage point methods adopted, taken up with the C. P. who agreed to put int cartage system provided stantial company was or the purpose. In acco this promise the Regina was organized, but up to time the railway compa to put the system into advantage to Regina ship ing cartage charges at I out along with the frei on outward shipments portance as to in following up the m it is put into effect by

> In May a deputation burn consisting of Dr. chell, M.L.A., and Mr. I dent of the Weyburn b met your transportatio seeking the co-operation in urging upon the prov ment the necessity of burn in more direct with Regina, and endea tain that object by urg Grand Trunk Pacific Company to deflect their southeast from Regina burn. After consultati president, a delegation government and was a J. F. Bole, M.L.A., and Your deputation did no more encouragement ernment, the premie that there were many struction of which w more urgent necessity advised the deputation matter up woth the Grand Trunk Pacific Company. Your Weyburn board of tre would be prepared to gate to meet Mr. Cha junction with a Weyburn, but they upon to do so.

Three resolutions t referred to the co year for endorsation ing with the Hudson the Georgian Bay Welland Canal.

The endorsation ject admits of no ar been the policy of ern Canada for some The other two pr with by the full b to insufficient infor nite action was tak

The new bill of ly approved by the