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SASKATCHEWAN FARMERS MEET AT PRINCE ALBERT

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

Over four hundred delegates arrived in Prince Albert on Tuesday for the annual convention of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association. They found that the people of the northern city had made splendid arrangements for their accommodation. The convention is the largest in the history of the association.

President's Address To the members of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers Association: Gentlemen:-- This is the fourth time that it has been my privilege to submit to you the Annual Report of this Association.

But gentlemen, we live in a country where party politics prevail and our association was fearful that the provincial legislature would make this question, one that affected the whole commercial life of the province. When I saw by the public press that the leader of the Opposition had stretched forth their hands across the floor of the house and said, "We will approach this question as statesmen and not as politicians," I felt like thanking them on your behalf, for I know that if we had the united intellect of the farmers coupled with that of the grain growers of the province, working out a solution to the problem, we need not fear the result.

There is one more feature of our work that must be briefly touched upon, and it is one which homes most closely home to the farmers of this province. This feature is the question of local organization. I need scarcely point out to you the lack of permanency in our former mode of organization, and hence it was the policy of the association last year to enter upon a vigorous organization campaign. In this connection, your executive deemed it advisable, in order to facilitate the work, to unite the offices of secretary-treasurer and organizer. Mr. Green was persuaded to take this united office. Our association might have been compared in former years to a maple tree; it would die and it would become necessary for our secretary-treasurer to bring forth his pruning knife and remove the dead branches. But during the last six months, our worthy organizer has been going up and down the country injecting a little life-germ, so that the tree is fast becoming an evergreen.

During the year, our secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. C. Sanderson, who has served the association so well and faithfully for so many years, was compelled to resign owing to poor health. I am sorry to have to report that he and also Mr. Partridge (another member of last year's executive) have had to seek the sunny south in an endeavor to regain their lost health and strength. I am sure you will all join me in the hope that they will be speedily and fully restored and be able to return to us.

It is in closing, I should say a few words that might look like advice, I know that you will excuse me as this is the last time that I will address you in my present capacity. Ever since the organization of our association, the influences we have exerted with the government, both local and federal, have become stronger until today they are prepared to accept our principles even if they do not always see all the way. This has been due largely to the reasonable nature of our demands and the united front we have presented. But, if our influence is great, let us not forget that our responsibilities are correspondingly great. We believe that it is necessary and desirable to extend our organization, and I believe it is more necessary to educate our people on the lines of the proper solution of the problems affecting the industry with which we have to deal in a more direct way than formerly. With this end in view, I should say: "Look well after your local organizations for it is in those organizations that the thought is inspired which will lentle conventions like the present one to suggest solutions for the problems that confront us."

As a province, we are practically in our infancy, and as we are setting the pace to the whole world for pro-

operation of terminal and transfer elevators, before the Dominion parliament. Mr. Langley, who was sent on this mission, will submit his report before the close of this convention. We also resolved last year that the Inter-provincial Council should continue their negotiations with the three premiers to emphasize the necessity of the governments establishing a system of interior storage elevators. Your executive met in November last and decided that we were making haste all too slowly and that we would appeal to our legislature independently of the other provinces. Your secretary, Mr. F. W. Green, was appointed to present our case and I thing every one will admit that Mr. Green did so in a masterly manner.

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The association had started out with an active membership of five thousand and he hoped next year to see the membership number twenty thousand. "The great problem before Saskatchewan has been the wheat problem," said Mr. Fream, "but with us, our time has been devoted to the most pressing plant in any assured and within a year I expect will be in operation." "Elevators too, have been a problem with us. The chilled meat question was also a question before us. Up to the present Alberta had been shipping her beef on the hoof. This was a wasteful way and besides this they never knew when the market would be closed to them."

The presenting of the reports of the year was the first important work of the afternoon meeting. A. G. Hawkes gave a detailed report of the work of the executive during the year which was received with cheers and applause. The report was as follows: Your executive beg to submit the following report on the convention at Weyburn, the directors appointed F. W. Green, E. A. Partridge and A. G. Hawkes, as executive officers. R. C. Sanderson was appointed secretary. As you are aware this office carries with it the power of managing director, and in our opinion he should be one of those elected on the directors board, and not an appointee of the executive. This officer's salary was raised at the first meeting of the directors from two hundred and fifty dollars to five hundred dollars per year. He was also appointed to act as editor of the Saskatchewan section of the Guide. It was intimated by Mr. Partridge that this sub-editor would receive twenty-five dollars per month from the Guide for his work, but up to the present this has not been received.

The next important action was the appointment of J. A. Maharg, Ben Thompson and A. W. Irwin to the positions of trustees of the Life Fund. Next was a meeting of the Inter-provincial council at which the attitude of the three provincial premiers towards the elevator proposals was discussed. It was decided to get out pamphlets setting forth the steps taken so far and send them to our members over the province; also that petitions be printed and sent out for signatures, the petitions being addressed to the Provincial Government, in reference to interior elevators, and to the Dominion Government in reference to terminal elevators. This was done as per copy attached. A delegation was sent to Ottawa from both the Manitoba and Alberta associations, and who will be able to report to you. A further delegation is at present pressing this terminal

elelevator question on the Dominion Government and may also report progress here. About April 1st Mr. Green was appointed to be organizer for the province, without salary. The report of this work will follow. A deputation waited on the Provincial Government last August for the purpose of presenting the resolutions passed at the last convention, and which fell under their jurisdiction. This may be reported on by Mr. Gates. In August, 1909, Secretary R. C. Sanderson, tendered his resignation, and in order to consolidate the management, and get the business of the association centered at one point, Mr. Green was appointed, with headquarters in Moose Jaw. This also was without any salary being mentioned. Since his appointment, considerable correspondence and discussion has taken place in the Saskatchewan section of the official organ, The Grain Growers' Guide, and which will also necessitate a separate report.

Your executive also spent considerable time in looking into the life membership proposition, and would mention that this fund, together with the large increase in local associations and the increased interest shown by those in the work, is causing very much more work at the central office than has hitherto been undertaken there. The work in connection with the circulation of petitions in connection with the elevator question, publishing of pamphlets, ending out circulars, and work in connection with the Guide, makes the office of secretary-treasurer altogether different to what it was a year or two ago. On November 9th, 1909, the executive met for the first time since the appointment of Mr. F. W. Green to the position of secretary-treasurer, in Moose Jaw, at the central office; and the secretary asked for instructions regarding the Provincial elevator plan, and we append that portion of our minutes which relate to that matter; which, with the report of the secretary will give you full information to date on this great question.

In the morning the elevator question was broached, and it was fully discussed as to what our future attitude should be in the eyes of the public. Correspondence from Premier Scott was read, and quotations were given from our elevator pamphlets, large and small. It was moved by Mr. Gates, seconded by Mr. Hawkes, that in view of the fact that the question of Government ownership of elevators will come up for discussion at the next session of the legislature, that a circular be issued by the secretary to the local secretaries, requesting them to call a special meeting for the purpose of passing a strong resolution on the question of Provincial ownership and operation of initial elevators, and that such resolutions be immediately presented to the members representing their district in the provincial legislature, with the request that the members support the proposition in the legislature at the coming session.--Carried.

The executive then went into committee to draft a circular. One was drafted by Mr. Partridge, and one by Mr. Gates. Moved by Mr. Gates, seconded by Mr. Hawkes, that the circular drafted by Mr. Gates with the addition of the last paragraph of Mr. Partridge's circular be adopted. After considerable discussion, the meeting adjourned for lunch. The meeting resumed at one-thirty, when the question of the circular was again discussed, and it was moved by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Partridge, that Mr. Gates' circular, with Partridge's addition, be adopted. This was carried. The circular appears below:

"Dear Sir--Your executive have during the period which has elapsed since the Weyburn convention, at which a resolution was passed instructing them to continue the struggle for government owned and operated elevators, been in communication with the premier of this province, and through him with the premiers of Manitoba and Alberta. The premiers still maintain that they are unable to take action as we petition, rather than by letter. In the meantime, the executive will arrange for presenting the petitions which have been signed, and use their utmost endeavors to further the project. The executive feel this step to be necessary as a preliminary to a more vigorous action to be taken later on, should this not prove effective. It is the majority of our present representatives are not prepared to carry out our will in this matter, it will be necessary at the next provincial election to take systematic steps to secure the election. In both parties, of only such men as are willing to accede to our demands in this respect."

It was moved by Mr. Hawkes, seconded by Mr. Gates, that Mr. Green be secretary of the association, and on behalf of the executive, secure an interview with the provincial government, and request that since it is impossible for the three premiers to agree on joint action with respect to the creation of interior storage elevators, that the government of Saskatchewan provide along the lines asked for in the demands previously addressed to the three premiers. Be it further resolved, that after drawing the attention of the government to the petitions backing up our demands for interior storage, that secretary place them in suitable hands to be brought to the formal attention of the legislature.--Carried.

There are various other methods of raising it, namely, ten thousand members at one dollar each or twenty thousand members at fifty cents each, or: From the life fund \$1,000 From G. G. Co. 2,000 From Government 1,000 From 12,000 a 50c each 6,000 \$10,000

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