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# Saskatchewan Grain Growers

## Ox Bow's Co-operative Effort

**A**NOTHER direct example of the benefits of co-operation amongst Grain Growers is to hand from Ox Bow. Early in July last it was apparent that the crop prospects in the south-eastern corner of the province were such that unless prompt action was taken there would be much suffering amongst the farmers by a depletion of their livestock. In addition to the loss of grain crops there was a serious shortage of feed and as nearly all the farmers in that district are interested in this industry it was necessary that quick action should be taken to save both farmers, as well as their stock.

Without waiting for assistance from the provincial or Dominion governments they immediately secured hay permits to cut 10,000 tons of hay at Swan Lake. Unfortunately, owing to the heavy rainfall immediately after their haying party commenced operations they were not able to secure the amount for which their permits called and with the arrival of the frost the task of securing the balance was out of the question.

The story of how this was accomplished, as told by W. Arnold Staples, of Ox Bow, president of the Ox Bow Grain Growers' Association, during a visit to the Central office during the early portion of the week, is an interesting one. Mr. Staples and John H. Noble, the secretary of the same local, were appointed as "spies" to search out the land, who made the 300-mile trip by auto and after locating their haylands immediately proceeded to secure the necessary permits.

During the latter part of July a special train, of 26 coaches was chartered, conveying 160 men (and 16 women to do the cooking) with a complete haying outfit to put up the whole of the

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10,000 tons of hay. It had been arranged that those men who desired to be free for the harvest when it commenced should be released and before the work was completed 75 per cent. of them had returned. Owing to the rainy weather those who remained were only able to put in three full days, although they were there for three weeks.

The costs of this undertaking were defrayed by the securing of a \$50,000 credit at the bank, which was guaranteed by a finance committee of four, who are again guaranteed by about 50 farmers of the Ox Bow district.

In securing the permit the applicants were required to give a guarantee that the hay would not be used for any other purpose than for their own needs and that only farmers actually requiring the same would be permitted to secure it. As a means of guaranteeing that this would be carried out, as the Grain Growers' Association had been the one in the first instance to apply for the permits, the Ox Bow Grain Growers having secured the further co-operation of the Alameda and Glen Ewen locals, it was arranged that only members of the Grain Growers' Association would be eligible. The immediate effect was that the membership rose from a dozen to about 50, with a reasonable prospect of increasing to 200 before the spring.

It is interesting to also place on record the fact that a considerable saving to the farmers has thereby been effected. Had it not been for the weather preventing the harvesting of the 10,000 tons of hay, Mr. Staples estimated that it would have been easily possible to lay the hay down at the

premises of the purchasers for \$12 per ton. As it was only possible to secure the smaller quantity the cost will be somewhat greater.

The cost of production to date figures out at from \$8.00 to \$10 per ton. As the cost of pressing and shipping the same will entail an additional cost of approximately \$10 per ton, it will readily be seen that the saving effected has been considerable, in view of the fact that hay is now being quoted all the way from \$20 to \$30 per ton and before the spring is likely to be considerably higher.

## The Long-headed Man

The long-headed man sees a long way ahead. That's why he is long headed. If he is a farmer, he looks beyond the current year and the conditions of the present and forms a judgment of next year's prices and the best crop to raise. If there is a prospect of hard times he prepares to meet them. He is not often caught napping. He is ready for the emergency as well as the favorable opportunity. Because his information is only partial at best, he sometimes miscalculates; but he is not often far wrong.

The long-headed man can see beyond the surface. He knows that nothing happens by chance, that certain effects require adequate causes. Therefore, he learns to estimate the probable conditions which will result from the forces he observes to be at work. While he does not know just when the war is going to end, he knows that it is going to end sometime and he concludes that it will be soon and undertakes to estimate the conditions which will then obtain.

The long-headed man has faith. He has faith in the universe; he has faith in God; he has faith in his fellow men, and he has faith in himself. He believes sincerely that bad conditions can be changed, if the right forces are set to work. He has faith in the triumph of mind over matter, of good over evil, of the many over the few. But he recognizes that the many must be organized, if they would triumph over the powerful few who are already in possession.

## Believes in Co-operation

The long-headed man observes that the progress of the people depends entirely on the success with which they co-operate. He recognizes that it takes the co-operation of all the people to make conditions right. So, instead of being discouraged by bad conditions, he organizes his fellows for a united fight. He sees that in organization, and in organization alone, is there strength. He knows that the individual, working alone, can exert the strength of only one individual, while he can multiply his strength many fold by securing the co-operation of large numbers of his fellows.

Because the long-headed man has faith, he is a good fighter for what he believes in. He will never say die. His motto is: "Be sure you are right and then go ahead." Because he believes that the people should establish a real democracy, in which the principles of equity, equality and righteousness shall rule; he is a persistent fighter against special privilege, corrupt politics, inequitable tariffs and all methods by which the few exploit the many.

## Are You a Long-headed Man?

If you are a long-headed farmer, you believe that the farmers should co-operate. You believe in doing your buying through your own farmers' organization. You believe in getting as many other farmers as possible into your association and making it strong and efficient. If this is not your belief, it is because you have not thought very carefully about your biggest problems and how they can be solved. It is because you have never taken the trouble to find out what the organized farmers' movement has already done for you.

If you are a member of the S.G.G.A., please help secure other members. Send us the list of your neighbors who are not members, in order that we may send them our printed matter and urge them to join. If you know of any place where a local should be formed, please send us the names of farmers who would take the lead in organizing it.

This association has already done a

## The Saskatchewan G.G. and Victory Bonds

By J. B. Musselman

"It is ordained that we shall not reach the blessed era of peace save along a path of gold cemented with human blood."—Lloyd George.

In the past four years the members of our association have loyally contributed "human blood" as well as "gold" to bring about "this blessed era of peace," in the universal effort to "make the world safe for Democracy."

In spite of the whispers and dreams of peace emanating from Berlin the struggle is still in progress and there is no reason for relaxing our efforts in securing lasting peace, which is the only peace entitled to consideration.

In view of the obvious need in financing the securing of that victorious peace it is important that those in the "third line trenches" should continue to support our war activities by a loyal and liberal investment in the Victory Loan. In view of the manifest need and our obvious duty the following are submitted as some of the reasons why these members of our association who are able to purchase Victory Bonds should do so to the limit of their ability.

### Thirteen Reasons for Buying Victory Bonds

- 1.—Because the Grain Growers' Association exists for the establishment of a true Democracy.
- 2.—Because we cannot claim the privileges of Democracy without also assuming its responsibilities.
- 3.—Because our future influence in the councils of the nation will be gauged by the measure of our sense of responsibility for the national welfare shown by our investment in Victory Bonds.
- 4.—Because successful prosecution of the war has so increased the returns for our labor that we have more money to invest in Victory Bonds.
- 5.—Because the value of our produce would enormously shrink if the Victory Loan were not secured.
- 6.—Because, if the common people, in large numbers, do not invest in Victory Bonds the war will have been financed by the big interests.
- 7.—Because Victory Bonds are a profitable investment.
- 8.—Because Victory Bonds form an ideal reserve, which every wise grain grower should carry as an insurance against the unknowable conditions he will have to face after the war.
- 9.—Because, if we do not take our full share of Victory Bonds someone else must take it for us; which is not EQUITY.
- 10.—Because the Victory Bonds we purchase will feed and clothe our brave soldier boys; send wheat to England—that glorious old fighter for the "square deal"; help defeat the greatest peril humanity has ever known—the German idealization of conscience—less power; release 3,000,000 Belgians from German slavery—as innocent of offence to Germany as an infant child; a slavery more brutal than one would have believed possible, and because they will help make our children safe from the terrible scourge of the "Hellish Hun."
- 11.—Because we are Co-operators and will do our full share in providing the Victory Loan.
- 12.—Because we love right, righteousness and the square deal, and are prepared to fight for these principles by subscribing our full share for the Victory Loan.
- 13.—Because, in order to show our faith in the brave men at the front we will buy Victory Bonds at home.

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## Two Opinions

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