

letting the members subscribe \$5.00 or \$10.00 shares, each branch a society by itself, making the present executive of the association into a buying commission. Take machinery, for instance, the farmers are paying about fifty per cent. more than they ought. Let each branch send in a list of machinery required, and the make of machine wanted, and the buying commission could make their own terms with the manufacturers and dealers in machinery and sell to the farmer at a reasonable price, instead of having four or five agents in each town. We could appoint one to look after the selling part of the business and collecting, any profits at the end of the year to be paid out to the members of a co-operative store, as in the Old Country to holders of one-pound shares. They audit their books every three months and hold a shareholders' meeting, paying the profits to each member; it usually runs about three-eighths or three-tenths to each pound's worth of business. That is, for every \$5.00 you had spent you received 88 or 92 cents in the dividends. You could let this remain and draw three per cent. interest, as this money is used to loan out to members on mortgages at four per cent. The manager and executive are elected at the yearly meeting. They run a news room and lending library free to members. This is the system the farmers ought to go in for and kick a large number of the drones out of the hive. Let them go and do as we are doing, earn their living out of the earth. Wishing you and THE GUIDE every success.

WILLIAM GRANGES.

St. Claude, Man.

APPLY THE PAINT BRUSH

Editor, GUIDE:—Enclosed please find my dollar for THE GUIDE for another year. From your circular at hand you give me the impression that you cannot well get along without me. Gentlemen, my opinion is that I need THE GUIDE a hundred times more than THE GUIDE needs me, it being the only journal of its kind that I ever read. I must admit that I have been sort of curious to know whether THE GUIDE will take me and after reading it for a year I feel like asking

every farmer to clear his throat and shout, "Long Live our GUIDE!" It is a healthy infant. As a farmer's eye opener and elevator THE GUIDE is No. 1.

Get a paint brush and paint well over the old Liberal and Conservative parties and make the new representative "a farmer, by the farmers, to represent the farmers," in framing laws that will give the farmer equal rights with other citizens and make him a good citizen, not in name only, but in reality. I believe it would be well to educate the farmers along these lines from now until next provincial and Dominion elections.

Thanking you for this space, I beg to remain,

A friend of yours,

LOUIS O. DALE.

Estevan, Sask., R.R.1.

TO AID THE FARMERS

Editor, GUIDE:—I have been instructed to write and advertise the fact that the Borden board of trade is determined to work in harmony with the Grain Growers' Association in their endeavor to secure a better state of conditions for the farmers generally, and further, to strive to procure those items which are eminently essential for the comfort and convenience of the farmer, but might yet be considered of too local a nature to be seriously handled by the larger association.

With every good wish, on behalf of the Borden board of trade,

WM. H. TALLIS, Sec.

Borden, Sask.

RECEIVED MORE THAN MARKET PRICE

The following letter has been addressed to the Grain Growers' Grain Company: "I received returns of carload wheat shipped you a short time ago, and must say with reference to same the outcome was beyond my expectations, both weight and price. I thought I was getting a good offer when one of the buyers here offered me 93 cents per bushel, which was beyond the market price, but you were able to sell same wheat to same company 134 cents above market price in Winnipeg."

JOHN L. GORDON.

Deleau, Man.

ANOTHER FALSEHOOD NIPPED

Editor, GUIDE:—When organizing a short time ago at Kelliber, Mr. W. L. Lawler made a statement in public to the effect that the Grain Growers' Grain Co. Ltd., of Winnipeg, had been speculating through their manager in oats, and had been "hipped." I wrote the Company, and the following is their reply:

Winnipeg, Feb. 23rd, 1910.

MR. C. LUNN,
Ituna, Sask.

Dear Sir:—Your favor of the 19th inst. is at hand this morning. We are very much obliged to you for calling our attention to the statement made by the grain buyer at your point, to the effect that the Grain Growers' Grain Co. had been speculating in oats, or rather, that their manager had been, on their account.

This statement is absolutely wrong, as the Company never speculates in the way of going either long or short on the market. This statement has been frequently made by the representatives of the elevator people, who would like nothing better than to know that it was true. It has been done for the purpose of creating distrust in the minds of the farmers in respect to the Company and its work, and should you be at Kelliber again, you can, undoubtedly tell this buyer in question, that he does not know what he is talking about.

Over two years ago a rumor was circulated in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, that the Company had lost \$75,000 in speculating in oats. It came back to us from several quarters. This one is on a par, so far as I can judge, with that.

Wishing you every success in your work of organization, I am,

Yours faithfully,

GRAIN GROWERS' GRAIN CO. LTD.
T. A. Cregar, President.

Please post your members with this information, as these lies travel 1,000 miles before the truth has got its boots on.

Yours Sincerely,

C. LUNN.

HORSES KILLED ON RAILWAY—CLAIM TURNED DOWN

Editor, GUIDE:—On October 6th, 1908, I had five horses out of seven killed on the

C. P. R. track. The horses got onto the company's land and went through an open gate that had been given by the company for the convenience of one man. However, everyone used it and no one ever was responsible for closing it. The engineer saw and chased the horses about 600 yards before they were killed and after killing them, stopped the train at the next station and reported his deed to the conductor, of which I have proof. I reported to the C. P. R. agent and section foreman about the horses after the accident. They sent to Saskatoon for Claims Agent who came and had two men value the horses. These men valued the horses within \$30 of our claim. After writing three different times to the company they wrote and told me that they were not responsible for the loss, but that the man who had the gate for his convenience was the man to look to. The company also had the horses buried on their land.

What I want to know is what steps I can take to recover damages. Hoping that you can fully understand this case, and that it may be published in THE GUIDE.

HERMAN D. HOUSON.

Lockwood, Sask., March 15, 1910.

[Note.—Many farmers have faced the same difficulty. What is needed is a change in the railway act that will make the railways more careful.—Ed.]

BANKING PROBLEM IMPORTANT

Editors of the Real Farmers' Paper:—Please allow me to compliment the farmers of these three western provinces upon having established the greatest paper ever published in Canada, as far as the real interests of the people are concerned. Your editorials are able and have the true ring, and your "Mail Bag" department is interesting and educative. Let me say, brother farmers of Manitoba, in regard to government elevators: "Hold the fort, we are coming." Don't give an inch.

I am glad to learn, through THE GUIDE, that many farmers are studying the banking and money system, which is of more importance to us and the people in general than any other economic question. It is also the simplest, if we just give it a little study.

Independence, Alta. REFORMER

The Wives and Daughters of the Grain Growers

Are finding out how to buy their Millinery to best advantage, as the Husbands and Sons did how to sell their crops. Our advertisement in The Grain Growers' Guide of March 23rd showed twelve of our popular Trimmed Hats. Here are a few more.



Look for the name McCALL in the Lining



Note We do a strictly Wholesale business. Order through your dealer



There is hardly a town where there is not a store that carries McCALL Hats. Should there be one near you that shows them you owe it to yourself to look them over.

The D. McCALL CO. LIMITED Manufacturers and Importers 375 Hargrave St., WINNIPEG, Man.

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