



SASKATCHEWAN SECTION

PROBLEMS OF WEALTH AND POVERTY

Speaking of the problems between wealth and poverty and reform of the land laws, does it not seem peculiar that people are advocating the purchase of the land by the government in order to re-distribute it under the same system of private ownership? Why, a free distribution of land in this country has not produced a panacea or the millennium. The same class who now hold the land in England will get possession of the wealth produced on the land in this country by means of the same spirit that prevails here as well as there. The accumulative power of money under our present system, and the power it places in the hands of those who have it will enable them to work out the same results, no matter who owns the land. The man who works the land will be compelled to pay for the keep of the idle rich and the pauper poor until the men who work the land take the reins of government in their own hands, and by their collective power form a force equal to the now dominant power of money. This is what we are trying to do through our Grain Growers' Association. If you men will get together and build up our trust fund, get an organized body of intelligent yeomen who will take on a spirit of manly courage and take in hand the establishment of a government of all the people, by all the people, and for all the people, instead of what now prevails—a government of the people, by some of the people, for some of the people.

That was a trite saying in an issue of a Winnipeg paper: "The people are without a voice in parliament today." The meaning is evident that both parties are controlled by the money power or special privilege party, and the secret of their power is that they have their emissaries in both parties, and no matter which party is in power the special privilege party is in control, and all try to keep the great governing body of farmers divided into Tory and Grit, while the special privilege party wears any kind of a coat to ride into power; and, as said by our above-mentioned authority, "Seventy-five per cent. of the newspapers in our land are controlled by the monied powers and the editors are merely their stenographers." If there is any truth in this, what is the duty of our Canadian yeomanry? Ought not all get into this Grain Growers' Association, and meet regularly and think these things out, and get to thoroughly understand our position, and how to bring about the condition that should prevail? This is a big contract, but if we do not do it, who will? What use to us is the franchise, unless we learn to co-operate in its use?

A greater man than your humble servant has said: "Justice does not yet reign. That which is best for all does not yet prevail." It is our duty to discover truth and maintain our rights. Certain rights are ours by inheritance, left to us by our ancestors. Others are God-given, which we have allowed others to usurp. We ought to be able to repress the selfish audacity of the powerful rich, and to see to it that the toiler gets his just due; not more, but all that rightfully belongs to him. This is your duty. Less than this ought not to be accepted from him that is called a man, particularly he who tills Canadian soil. You admire a man who will die for his country. I admire him who can and does defy and outwit these selfish schemers who live on the life blood of our fellows. I admire him who gives himself to see that all get that which his own right arm has created, and to maintain justice, equal right and equal opportunity.

F. W. GREEN

ADDED A BAKER'S DOZEN AT REDVERS SOCIAL

The Redvers Grain Growers' Association held a social gathering on Friday, February 25, President G. P. White filling the chair in a very suitable manner. Although the evening was rather stormy, the hall was filled to overflowing by the

farmers and townfolk with their families. After a short time spent in playing various games and a social chat, an excellent program was given by local talent. The speaker, Mr. W. C. Moffat, of Manor, was unable to come owing to the weather, which was a disappointment to all. The opportunity was taken throughout the evening of interesting as many as possible in the work of the Grain Growers' Association, with the result that 13 new members were procured to swell the ranks.

JOS. G. LEWTHWAITE, Sec.

ORGANIZED AT DRAKE

A local branch of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association was organized at Drake, February 22, with the following officers and directors: J. P. Steiner, President; Duncan Kennedy, Vice-President; J. R. Funk, Secretary-Treasurer; Directors, P. D. Schnoeder, V. B. Jantz, J. R. Langille, Duncan Kennedy and I. Clement.

On March 8th, our first meeting was held. The following farmers joined our association: A. Pelt, Tony Schoemaker, H. R. Funk, W. J. Stephenson, T. Smith, H. H. Gerbrandt, Andrew Delm, B. P. Jantz, J. R. Funk, J. P. Steiner, V. B. Jantz, William McLaren, I. Clement, Duncan Kennedy, J. R. Langille.

Mr. Waldron, of Lockwood, gave us some good pointers and explained quite thoroughly what the aim of the Grain Growers' Association was and what they

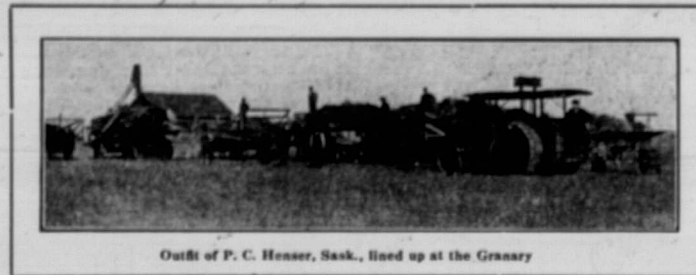
F. W. GREEN, Editor

members for the association and also to push the life membership scheme, that the association might have permanency and backbone, which would give it much greater power and weight in dealing with the problems that confront it, thereby insuring it a greater degree of success in bettering the conditions of the farmers it represents.

Before the meeting adjourned a resolution was carried to the effect that the local buy a carload of binder twine, and that the secretary advertise for tenders of prices of binder twine in carload lots and report at the next meeting.

FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY ORGANIZED AT GIRVIN

A co-operative company has been organized at Girvin, Sask., called the Girvin Co-Operative Co., Ltd., and is incorporated to handle any line of business, from coal, wood and lumber to building and running elevators, or even manufacturing. The company is composed absolutely of farmers, no one else being received as stockholders. The officers are: President, W. A. Hazelton; Temporary Secretary-Treasurer, W. Geier Switzer; Directors, F. Story, A. E. Spratt, J. W. Switzer, W. W. Tyke, Geo. Spence. Managing committee: President, W. A. Hazelton, Jno. Blakley, F. I. Reber; Manager, T. E. Townsend.



Outfit of P. C. Hesser, Sask., lined up at the Granary

already had done for the farmers of Saskatchewan. We are looking forward for a prosperous year and expect to get a good many more members yet in the near future.

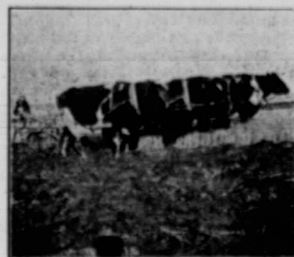
J. R. FUNK, Sec.-Treas.

THEY RETAINED ENTHUSIASM

Tugaska Grain Growers met February 19. A report of the Central Grain Growers' convention at Prince Albert was given by delegates Wilson and Prebble.

Mr. Prebble spoke of the great increase in the number of local associations represented at the convention for the first time, and also said there was a very evident advance in education among the farmers, which was shown very clearly by the able and intelligent way the resolutions which came before the convention were debated.

Notwithstanding the fact, said Mr. Prebble, that some six hundred delegates were assembled from all parts of the province, to give their voice and influence to the betterment of their conditions, the impression was felt by all who attended the convention that it was necessary for every member to do his utmost to recruit



"Two Pair"

On the Farm of F. W. Hunt, Young, Sask.

Concerning it, W. Geier Switzer, the secretary, of the Grain Growers' Association, writes:

"While we have been successful in organizing the co-operative company we, as members and officers of the Grain Growers' Association, are having a hard time in making a great many farmers realize that this company should not in the least conflict with the association.

"Just as many find it hard to distinguish the Grain Growers' Grain Co. from the Grain Growers' Association, so we find many of our farmers refusing to join the association as they think this co-operative company will answer and grant all their earthly prayers.

"We want the farmers, not only of Girvin, but of all Saskatchewan, to understand that while co-operative farmers' companies may save many dollars they do not, in the least, help the farmer to demand his own legislation as the Grain Growers' Association is doing.

"We want the farmers of Girvin to join with us in establishing one of the most intelligent associations in Saskatchewan and while the co-operative company might find it necessary to build an elevator at this point, we want the farmers to live up in the association and get educated on the government elevator scheme.

"Our business as a company is purely local, while the business of every association is local, provincial and also Dominion in its scope.

"While you may not see the dollar bill hanging for you to grasp in the association, still it will be quietly put in your pocket unseen.

"Farmers, join the Grain Growers' Association and help your neighbor and incidentally yourself. Every member of this co-operative company is a member of the Grain Growers' Association."

URGED DELIBERATION AND MODERATION

A meeting of the Springside branch was

held Saturday, March 5, when Mr. T. H. Garry, our member of the Legislative Assembly, gave some good advice on questions agitating the minds of farmers at the present time, urging "deliberation" and "moderation." Our district organizer, Mr. C. Dunning, gave pointers on organization. A resolution was passed expressing satisfaction in appointment of the commission by the Saskatchewan government on the elevator question.

W. DAVIS, Jr.,
Sec.-Treas.

TOO MUCH SOCIALISM

A meeting of the Denholm branch was held March 5, when the delegates to Prince Albert convention, Andrew Little, and A. J. Greensill, were requested to give an account of same. Mr. Little then told of the splendid reception given the delegates at Prince Albert, and of the arrangements made for their comfort and entertainment while there. He spoke also of the strikingly unanimous feeling displayed by the vast assembly of delegates in the work they were called together for.

Mr. Greensill was then called on to go through the leading resolutions that were brought forward, the gist of the amendments to same, and the manner in which they (the resolutions) were passed after being discussed by the assembled members. He dwelt especially on the hail insurance resolution and the elevator question, and also expressed gratification that the three provinces were joining their efforts to obtain this desirable result.

It was then moved by Mr. N. F. Lake and seconded by W. Gilbert, and carried unanimously, "That we, the Denholm branch of the S. G. G. A., do heartily approve of, and hereby endorse the scheme brought forward by the executive of the S. G. G. A., to obtain government owned and operated elevators.

It was further moved by D. Moffat, seconded by S. Bolan, and carried unanimously, "That the secretary write our member, Mr. D. Finlayson, requesting his vigorous support to the above legislation when same shall be brought before the house at Regina."

A report was then given by a committee who had been delegated to attend a meeting at North Battleford re co-operative buying of formaline and binder twine. The results of same being a considerable reduction in price in both articles. The formaline being obtained locally, and the twine from the Farmers' Binder Twine Co., of Brantford. These good results are of course due entirely to our membership in the Grain Growers' Association, and should be a strong hint to any and all other branch associations.

I am pleased to add that we have enrolled twelve new members since our last meeting. This would have increased largely only for the fierce blizzard on the 5th, which deterred a large number from attending. Our association now has fifty-four members, and we did not start until January 5th, we think our association makes a very creditable showing.

Moved by A. J. Greensill, seconded by D. Moffat, and carried unanimously, "That considering the number of interesting topics of discussion that are at present before the grain growers of this province; that we, the Denholm G. G. A., hereby protest against the admission of letters on Socialism in several late issues of THE GUIDE, a great portion of the space given over to farmers items being taken up by a few persons whose letters certainly cannot be defended on the grounds of public interest; thus blocking the way for letters bearing on subjects of interest to farmers generally. In other words we suggest that such letters be cut out altogether." Our next meeting is on Saturday, March 19th.

A. J. GREENSILL,
Secretary.

The Guide is anxious to procure photographs of farm homes and farm scenes in Saskatchewan, and would ask all readers who can furnish these for publication to do so as soon as convenient. There has been a surfeit of threshing scenes received, so that other photographs of farm operations, farm stock and farm homes would be preferable.