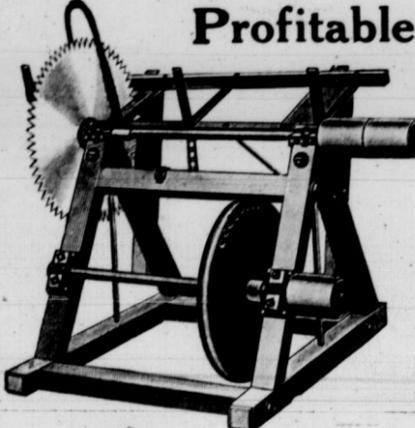


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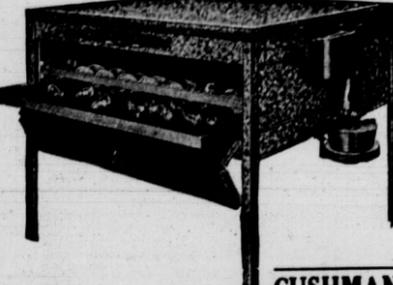
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the support it got from the people, and when any question was raised it was inevitable that the government should ask how its political standing would be affected. That being so, he wanted the vote of that large convention of representative men to be a very unanimous and hearty vote. In imposing this tax they had put their hand to the plow and there must be no turning back. (Applause.) The resolution was unanimously endorsed.

Grain Commission Charges

The convention expressed itself unanimously in favor of having the commission for the sale of grain placed under the control of the Grain Commission, instead of being fixed by the rules of the Grain Exchange as at present, and a further resolution expressed the opinion that present charges were too high, and that they should be placed on a

percentage basis instead of being one cent a bushel.

Crop Boosting

A resolution was proposed: That this convention views with strong disapprobation the boost tactics of many of our newspapers, especially when employed to give a false impression of crop prospects, with the obvious intention of depressing the early wheat market.

C. A. Dunning said he did not believe that any newspaper deliberately attempted to depress the wheat market, and the resolution as it stood was distinctly unfair.

Miss E. Cora Hind, the crop expert of the Manitoba Free Press, was asked for her view, and said that there was no doubt that the farmers lost several million dollars on the price of the 1913 crop thru the boosting of crop estimates. At the same time, she was the most abused woman in the West, because she told the truth about the crop and refused to say the crop was good in places where it was bad. The farmers, she said, were as much to blame as anyone for the boosting reports which were published in some of the papers.

The resolution was referred back to the resolutions committee for re-draft and was among the unfinished business at the end of the convention.

Free Medical Attendance

A scheme by which medical attendance will be provided at least for maternity cases in the outlying districts was promised the next convention by Hon. George Langley, Municipal Commissioner. A resolution had been introduced, asking that the tariff of medical fees might be regulated by the government, but Mr. Langley pointed out that while the government might regulate fees, it would be impossible to force a doctor to practice where he was not satisfied with the remuneration. He fully realized the hardship upon settlers with small means, especially in maternity cases, and he was very desirous of doing something to assist, but the difficulty had been finances. He now had his eye on the money, and he only wanted the endorsement of the convention. There would be a great deal of complaint from some quarters but if he had the Grain Growers' Association behind him he was prepared to carry out any measure which he believed to be right. The convention had already endorsed the sur-tax law and his proposal was that a portion of the money raised by the sur-tax on uncultivated land should be set aside for this purpose of medical relief so that the mother in the critical moment of her life should not be without skilled medical attention. He suggested that the resolution with regard to fees be laid on the table and a motion approving of his proposal passed in its stead.

The convention adopted Mr. Langley's suggestion and the required resolution was carried unanimously.

The Patriotic Acre

T. M. Morgan, the originator of the Patriotic Acre scheme, moved the following resolution:

"Whereas, the British Empire, of which the Dominion of Canada is an integral part, is engaged in a dreadful war with a powerful, astute and relentless enemy;

"And, whereas, the Empire has engaged in this war not with the purpose of conquest or aggrandisement, but in defence of a basic moral principle of international jurisprudence;

"And, whereas, the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association has ever been loyal to Canada and the Empire; "Therefore, be it resolved, that this, the annual convention of the said association, express hereby its hearty approval of the action taken by the Central Executive in instituting a Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Patriotic Fund;

"And further, that we will encourage and support both the Cash Contribution Fund and the Patriotic Acre Fund, as set forth by circular published by the general secretary."

J. B. Musselman, giving some details as to the administration of the Patriotic Acre Fund, said proper pledge cards, bearing the emblem of the association, had been prepared and were ready for distribution. It was expected that the elevator companies would consent to pay track prices for all wheat delivered to them for the fund, and that the cash tickets would be forwarded to the association office and exchanged for an equal quantity of wheat when required for milling. The Robin Hood Milling Company had agreed to grind all the wheat at actual cost and probably the railway companies would be patriotic enough to haul the flour free of charge. Every sack of flour would bear the emblem of the association, and he expected that those sacks would be in great demand as cushion covers (laughter and applause.) His own thought was that the flour should go direct to the British authorities to be used as they thought best. This proposal was endorsed by the convention, and a copy of the resolution was ordered to be cabled to King George.

Office Stays at Moose Jaw

An attempt to remove the Central Office of the Association from Moose Jaw was responsible for an hour's debate at the final session of the convention. Both Regina and Saskatoon had strong advocates among the delegates, and additional interest centered in the discussion from the fact that the new constitution provides for the use of the Life Membership Fund for the erection of permanent offices.

Saskatoon was supported by E. B. Gifford, W. J. Thompson, and others, while Regina's chief advocates were Walter Simpson, J. L. Rooke, J. J. Whiting, C. E. Flatt, A. G. Hawkes, and Hon. George Langley. President Maharg, Hon. President Hopkins, Hon. Secretary Green, J. A. Murray, and Charles Coe, argued, however, that no sufficient reason had been shown for moving from Moose Jaw, Mr. Maharg making a strong statistical speech in favor of that city. On a vote being taken perhaps a hundred hands went up for Saskatoon, two or three hundred for Regina, and at least twice as many for Moose Jaw.

Freight Rates on Fruit

"Whereas, much good fruit goes to waste every year, and whereas the West is suffering from a lack of fruit: "Therefore, be it resolved, that we ask our Executive to interview the various railway companies with a view to securing better freight rates on fruit."

RESOLUTIONS HELD OVER

A number of resolutions relating to the establishment of a legal department, cheaper money, woman suffrage, direct legislation and other important questions were crowded out of this issue and will appear next week.

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