

the combine offers him, to swell the profits of the manipulators. Now give us an elevator system that will enable us to feed the world's market systematically, putting forward as much of our wheat as demand for it warrants, and not rushing it all into the market at once as soon as thrashing is finished. Then and only then will we have an even market and get the intrinsic value of our grain, cut out manipulation, speculation and monopolization of our storage facilities, which rightly belong to us. Who dares to say differently? when as a matter of fact we have paid for them over and over again by a tax on our grain, toll is taken out of our grain every year to pay for their running expenses, interest on capital and everything else about them; besides, we have to produce the article to keep those houses in business. Now in the name of common sense who should own those storage facilities if not the people who use and pay for them.

Some people say, "How are you to get the government to take over these elevators for the people?"

Let the farmers of every constituency in the three provinces have the representatives of their constituency in the local legislature, pledged to support our demand for government ownership of elevators, before next session. Do not wait until the session is called. The Grain Growers' Association should take the lead. Have meetings called as soon as thrashing is over and select delegates to a central meeting in each constituency. Invite every farmer to join them. Have their representative for each constituency there and let him know with no uncertain sound the stand you expect him to take on this question.

There is no reason why Liberals and Conservatives should not come together on this, the most important question ever before the people of this country, and show the government how strong public sentiment is. We can not expect our government to take a stand against the strong combination that controls the elevator and grain trade of this country unless they are backed up by a strong expression of public opinion. But if the great plain people, which comprise 80 per cent of the people of the West, will, in a systematic manner present their demands to the different governments, they will listen to them rather than to the few hundred grain speculators who are now robbing the people for their own benefits, and who, by their clever manipulation are able to make some of the legislators at least, believe they are a necessity to the moving of our grain crop. If we come together as grain growers, and present a united front, there is no fear but what we shall get our rights in this matter for our governments are ready to give a united people what they ask for. If we remain divided, we shall be made to take our medicine whether we like it or not.

Now let everybody get busy, both Liberal and Conservative, and let us get our meetings started as soon as possible. It is fortunate that we have both parties in power in the three provinces. Our opponent cannot work the party racket on us as we are after both parties. The party feeling has always been worked for all it was worth by the manipulators, to our discredit, but in getting after the local government in the West for government elevators, they cannot get their work in in this case.

Now can any one tell me why a man can get from 5 to 10 cents a bushel more for the same grade of wheat on the other side of the line, when the surplus of both countries is sold on the same foreign market, and the grading of our wheat is higher on this side than on the American side? And at the same time the premium paid for Manitoba wheat is usually higher than Duluth wheat. Is it not because of the monopoly that the elevator owners have? Now if we can get government elevators they will lose that monopoly and we will be able to have a sample market where Old Country and Ontario millers could compete with the Ogilvie and Lake of the

Woods. We would then get the intrinsic value of our grain and would not have to sell it all under the present unfair grading system.

The farmer asks for no favor or special privilege, but he WILL have a square deal, and that AT NO LATE DATE.

Yours truly,

Mossback,

Radisson, Sask., Aug. 1st, 1908.

Editor, Grain Growers' Guide,

Winnipeg.

Dear Sir:—I herewith forward you one dollar for "The Grain Growers' Guide," and wish your new periodical all kinds of success. It is a paper that we farmers want.

I would like to ask you through your paper—How is it that all the Governments are against Government control of Elevators? The Dominion and Saskatchewan Governments tell us that they are the farmers' friend. What have they done re the wheat question? Talk to any business man and they will say that it is a shame the way the farmers are used re. the wheat question. The Saskatchewan Government has done nothing for us, and I don't think they will ever do anything for the farmers. Now they are talking "Hudson Bay Railway." I came to Canada in 1867 and that Railroad has been promised many times (close to election time.) I would like to know why the Saskatchewan Government is going in for telephones and not Elevators.

I should also like to ask through the "Guide," what protection we farmers have in getting our right grade for wheat? I know of wheat that was taken to an Elevator and the farmer got No. 4 N. when he should have got No. 2 N. You will say "ship," but you know every farmer cannot ship by car-lots.

If you wish, I will send a list of farmers' names in this district.

Wishing you again all kinds of success, I remain,

Yours truly,

T. L. Dawson.

Editor's Note: Our correspondent asks us two questions of public interest.

1st:—"Why is it that all the Governments are against Government control of elevators?"

Are all our Governments opposed to Government control of elevators? The "Guide" thinks they are not and are only waiting for a strong public opinion to express itself in favour of the several Governments concerned undertaking the expenditure necessary to establish a Government system of elevators.

It is true that the executives of the various G. G. Ass'ns. in the West made a request to their respective Governments, but unfortunately only a small percentage of our Grain growers are members of those organizations and it is an open question: how far the Governments are justified in interpreting the requests of the Grain Growers' Associations as being an expression of public opinion until a larger number of our farmers join the organization. We present this phase of the question that those of our readers who have not yet identified themselves with the associated farmers through the "don't make any difference whether I join or not" idea, may see how they are retarding the movement for reform in the system of handling our grain.

We repeat that the "Guide" is convinced that our Governments will give us Government owned elevators when the people make it plain that they want them.

2nd: Sec. 65 of the amended Grain Act provides:—that when there is a disagreement between the person delivering the grain at a country elevator or warehouse as to the proper grade or dockage, a proper sample of at least three quarts shall be taken and forwarded to the chief Grain Inspector accompanied by a request in writing by either or both of the parties, that the Chief Inspector examine the sample and report on the grade and dockage, in his opinion the said grain is entitled to.