

might be left through the articles we complain of, in the minds of any of your readers to whom we are not personally known.

We would also request that you insert a note in your editorial column to the effect that you regret having published the article complained of, and desire that Messrs. Robert Muir & Co.'s letter and denial of any liability shall be as widely circulated as was the charge.

Robert Muir & Co. have been connected with the Grain and milling business since 1882, and this is the first instance of any slur being put upon their name.

Yours truly,

R. MUIR & CO.

We gladly give space to the above letter from Muir & Co.

In the article complained of, which was based on a letter sent us from Mr. John McRae, of Neepawa, and corroborated by information received from other sources, we said: "The facts are that Mr. Yeates had been buying grain on tracks from farmers in the Neepawa district for some years, representing himself as being the buying agent for R. Muir & Co. Early last summer Mr. Yeates died, leaving many farmers with unpaid balances on cars sold presumably to R. Muir & Co. through him.

"When the farmers claimed payment for the balances due them, R. Muir & Co. repudiated the contracts made by Mr. Yeates, stating that he was not acting for them, but was buying grain on his own account and sending it to them on consignment."

Our purpose in giving publicity to that transaction was to warn farmers against the practice of selling their grain in car lots to the many irresponsible men who

represent themselves as being agents for some grain or commission firm.

Our readers will note that any allegations we made as to the transactions of the late Mr. Yeates, is fully born out by Messrs. Muir & Co.'s letter. They admit that Mr. Yeates, in previous years had been buying on their account, that he had in his possession printed contract forms in their name, and that he used these forms in making contracts for grain. As far as the farmers were concerned there was nothing to create any suspicion but that these contracts were genuine and what they purported to be.

We think we did a good service, not only to the farming community but also to the Grain Trade, in warning farmers to exercise great care in dealing with track buyers.—Ed.

The Telegram asks how it is that farmers living adjacent to the boundary can draw their wheat to American elevators and get more for it. How is it that the American company doing business in Minto on the line of the G.N. had the elevators on the G.N. practically out of business at the beginning of the season, or until the buyers got orders to loosen up?—Minto Packet.

The movement in favor of social and economic reforms in farm life has suffered a sad loss in the death of James Lothian, late of Pipestone, Man.

Mr. Lothian was secretary of the Pipestone Grain Growers' Association since the inception of the movement, and always spoke encouragingly of the work done for the betterment of our toiling farmers. By nature optimistic and full of hope, his was a vision of better things and great reforms. We cannot forget his appreciation of "The Guide" as a means of helping to hasten these better times.

Important Announcement For Cattle Feeders

WE WISH to bring to the notice of all farmers who are feeding cattle to fatten for the spring market, that they may learn something to their advantage in selling them by corresponding with The Grain Growers' Guide, Winnipeg. It won't cost you much to write us a letter, giving the number of head you expect to have for sale, the kind of cattle and what you reasonably expect they should weigh. Try it. You won't lose and you may gain. Give us any ideas you may have, on the co-operative marketing of cattle. See our news item on this topic elsewhere in this issue. Address all letters.

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