

Saskatchewan Co-operative Annual

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other departments from time to time has followed, until now 310 men are employed in the operating department. Sixty-three persons find employment at the head office and 22 at the Winnipeg office. In addition to these, 145 men have been employed by the construction department this season. The total number of the company's employees is therefore 540.

That the company is giving general satisfaction to its supporters is best indicated by the support it has received: three-and-a-quarter million bushels, with 46 elevators, in 1911; thirteen millions, with 137 elevators in 1912; and, up to date in 1913, with 192 elevators thirteen-and-a-quarter million bushels, which indicates that a higher average per elevator will be recorded this year than ever before.

Looking forward to the future development of the company as a factor in the grain marketing situation, the necessity of some action by the company looking to the carrying of the grain of its patrons further than the head of the lakes has been the subject of considerable thought to your directors. A close study of the financial and other problems connected with carrying the grain grown by Saskatchewan farmers right through to the consumer is now being conducted, and there is every reason to believe, provided financial arrangements can be made, that the company may be able to effect an improvement in the prices realized by the producer by extending the area of its operations right through to Europe.

Any move of this nature demands, as indeed the whole business demands, continuance of the united purpose which has been the mainspring of the company's success so far, careful study of the financial conditions surrounding the company's work, and the building up and maintaining of an efficient organization to carry out the policy of the company.

SASKATCHEWAN CO-OPERATIVE OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Co., held at Regina, on Wednesday last, the retiring directors were: James J. Robinson, Walpole; N. E. Baumonk, Dundurn; and Hon. W. C. Sutherland, Saskatoon.

Mr. Robinson was re-elected and W. C. Mills, Normanton, and J. B. Musselman, of Cupar, were chosen to succeed the other retiring directors.

After the election the new board met and reappointed the executive officers. The full board of directors for the ensuing year is as follows:

J. A. Maharg, Moose Jaw, president; Hon. Geo. Langley, Maymont, vice-president; Chas. A. Dunning, Regina, general manager; A. G. Hawkes, Percival; J. E. Paynter, Tantallon; Dr. E. J. Barrick, Salvador; James Robinson, Walpole; W. C. Mills, Normanton; J. B. Musselman, Cupar; F. W. Riddell was reappointed secretary-treasurer of the company.

The profits of the company, as shown in the report of the directors published on page 7 of this issue, amounted to \$167,926.86. Out of this a dividend of 8 per cent. per annum was declared on the paid up capital, and in addition a portion of the profits was applied to increase the paid-up capital of all shareholders by \$3.00 per share.

CO-OPERATORS CONDEMN TROWERN

At a convention of the Co-operative Societies of Southern Alberta and Eastern British Columbia, held in Frank, Alta., on Wednesday, Nov. 12, a resolution was passed condemning the attitude towards the co-operative movement of E. M. Trowern, of the Dominion Retailers' Association, who, while in the west recently, at different places and in a public manner, through ignorance or otherwise, of the real principles of co-operation, attempted in different addresses to bring co-operative societies into disrepute with the public, especially the working class. The convention also regretted Mr. Trowern's action in advising the retail merchants to combine to defeat the co-operative movement, which is and must, of necessity, be a working class movement.

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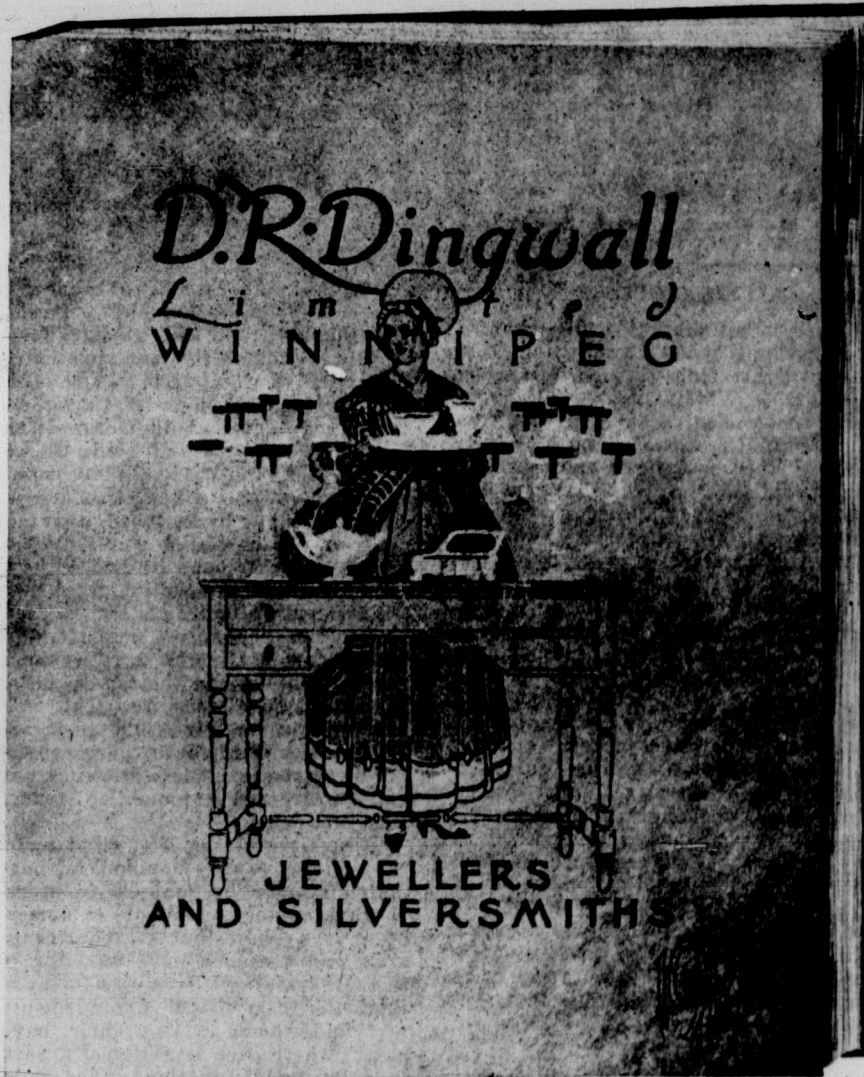
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