

PROGRESS OF THE DELEGATES TO OTTAWA

George Langley and R. McKenzie, Grain Growers' delegates, left Ottawa for the West on the 7th.

They stopped over a day in Toronto, securing information as to the cost of storing grain in the transfer elevators at points east of the lake.

Mr. C. B. Watts, Secretary of the Millers' Association, showed them through the Board of Trade rooms, and besides extending many other courtesies, gave much infor-

spend some days in Minneapolis and Duluth, looking into the system of grain handling and the co-operative movement among the American farmers.

Besides presenting the petition of the Manitoba farmers for government ownership of elevators, the delegates had an interview with Hon. Mr. Aylesworth, Minister of Justice, in reference to amending the Criminal Code so as to make it clear that the clauses dealing with conspiracy in "restraint" of trade apply to voluntary associations as well as to corporations, and that when the

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mation respecting the moving of grain out of Fort William.

By arrangement the co-operative methods employed by Ontario farmers for the disposal of their products was discussed by Mr. W. L. Smith, of the Dominion Grange, and incidentally enlisted their sympathy for government ownership of elevators. Plans as to the feasibility of a closer relationship between the farmers' organizations of the Western Provinces and the Ontario organization was also discussed.

An effort will be made to have delegates from the Western Grain Growers' Association attend the next annual meeting of the Ontario Farmers, and have the Grain Growers' convention visited by representatives from Ontario, to discuss the possibility of a federation of all the farmers' associations of Canada, to deal with questions such as the tariff, transportation, etc., that affect the farmers generally.

The delegates will confer with the promoters of the Farmers' American Co-operative Journal of Chicago and

complainant proves the "restraint" that onus be placed on the accused to prove that it is not "undue." The minister looked favorably on the proposal. Mr. G. McCraney, M.P., Saskatchewan, presented the delegation.

Mr. McCraney also assisted them in placing before the Minister of Railways the necessity of changes in the Railway Act to compel railways making better provisions to prevent live stock from getting on their tracks in the Western provinces and to provide a more effective method for farmers to collect compensation for live stock killed by engines than the law at present supplies.

The delegation also attended a sitting of the Board of Railway Commissioners on the 5th, when the matter of compelling the railways to fence their right of way as soon as construction commenced was considered.

The probabilities are that some amendments to the Railway Act will be passed this session dealing with those matters, and that the Board will pass a general order, wide in its application, dealing with fencing and cattle guards.