



SASKATCHEWAN SECTION

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EXPECTANT AT OLDBURG

Dear Sir:—Will you kindly send me advice as I am trying to start an association up at Oldburg, and please send papers.

ROBERT IZWELL

Maymont, Sask.

Note.—An association coming into existence from a home-bred impulse is most likely to be a success.

ESTEVAN OBJECTS

Dear Sir:—We see in The Guide that Estevan is mentioned as having failed to report, will you kindly look up your accounts and you will find that we sent you \$11.00 for membership fee in July. We have your receipt for same. Also please note that Mr. Brooks is no longer secretary; he was last year, 1909.

C. R. GARRATT.

OUR REPLY

Dear Sir:—Yours of the 17th instant to hand. Glad to notice that you found out the error. The fact that you repudiate such a stigma being cast on your association gives me more pleasure than I feel for the error. I see your notice on our file. Evidently we have neglected to mark you up on our membership list as responsive. In reference to the circular, everything else in connection with your association is our books is O.K. Trusting to hear from you again shortly with another long list of life members. I remain,

F. W. G.
Sec. S. G. G. A.

NOW YOU ARE SHOUTING

Why can't all the rest do this? Just as like as not, they will have doubled their membership by the New Year.

Dear Sir:—Enclosed you will find the information you require regarding this association. Also you will find money order for \$15.50, that being 50c. for each member on our roll.

President, Stephen Timewell; vice president, James Kettles; sec. treasurer, Stanley Isley; directors, H. Gardner, T. Edwards, R. Bruce, A. Craig, W. Jacobs, A. Nuel.

This association was organized on March 5th, 1909, by Mr. Knowles of Emerson, Man. There are at present 31 annual members on the roll. Meetings of the association are held in Lashburn.

(Signed) STANLEY ISLEY.

Sec. Treas.

Lashburn Branch S. G. G. A.

WAKING UP

Dear Sir:—Was very sorry to see Estevan among the G. G. local associations not heard from and hope this will be in time for correction in next week's issue of The Guide. You must understand that we have a difficult district in which to organize. Early last spring an effort was made to rally this association and a speaker was billed from a point in Manitoba I believe, but owing to illness he could not attend and the meeting was a failure. This threw into the hay season and it has been ever since and we must wait until threshing is fairly finished. I have

SIT UP AND CONSIDER

"The Canadian Manufacturers' Association which was organized in 1871 and now has a membership of nearly 2,500, holds its annual convention in Vancouver this week. Representatives of the business interests of the entire Dominion are here to take part in the gathering. There are already ample evidences that there will be a great demonstration against reciprocity and against lower duties in the tariff. This demonstration will be in response to the strong and persistent pressure which the thirty thousand organized Grain Growers in the provinces of Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba brought to bear on Sir Wilfrid Laurier during his recent tour in the West."

The above news note should make us sit up and consider whether Grain Growers shall continue to debate: Is this a Grit or a Tory question, or who is Tory and who is Grit, or shall we get at making a power equal to the above? Do we want a fair deal, or are we satisfied to continue to give our richest milk and cream to feed the infant industries that have grown strong enough to bind us hand and foot, and take it by force? If the government is to be pressed by the manufacturers, and cities, what shall we do? Divide equally, and so be nonentities. Oh! you are a Loyal Reformer, are you? Yes. And you, my friend, are a loyal Conservative? Oh! yes, from principle. What principle? Oh! yes, shrug your shoulders and look wise while you are thinking it out. Watch the manufacturers, what is their principle? Cities and towns, one for high tariff. Their business is their politics. What shall we do? Get together. Let the government see you are getting together. Join this Association of Farmers on the life plan. Let them see we are here for business and here to stay till we get a square deal in the game.

What about our special train to Ottawa?
F. W. G.

September 20

MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION GIVES THE "LEGISLATIVE CITY" ADVICE

Vice-president Rowley is reported to have said: "I want to give you people a little advice. Separate business from politics. It is all right to be the capital and the storm centre of politics, but business should be done on its merits fight shy of anything which will bring the two together." R. J. Young, of the Canadian Rubber Company, is reported to have said, re the tariff, "All the West is protectionist; without the manufacturers there would be no wholesale distributing warehouses in Regina. No future for the city as a great commercial centre. Regina would have to exist as an agricultural centre and nothing more. Manufacturers must be protected from price slaughtering."

Yes, these are the fellows that bring the whole Dominion to their knees. Big concerns, no doubt of it. Good advice that. They are wide awake set of fellows, don't you doubt it. Now study that little bit of wisdom, that admirable advice.

Suppose, farmers, suppose Grain Growers, separate business from politics. Why not, eh? No wholesale houses in Regina only for high tariff, eh? We would not need any implements, eh? Nothing would grow. Regina would only be an agricultural centre. Great dope, eh?

But, see manufacturers and all that depend on them are for high tariff; that is their business, that also is their politics. No Tory, No Grit, but high tariff for Grit, high tariff for Tory and high tariff for the cities. Now let there be no division. "Stand pat," says the manufacturer.

Now, I submit that the above is superb advice. The next step, at Vancouver, where the big convention is to sit, will be to get block-head farmers (who are only fit for agriculture) into a little sham battle in politics, a tug-of-war affair, half on each side. See what an easy win for the Manufacturers' Association. "Oh! Noble manufacturers, wise and upright art thou." No one for a moment thinks that this high tariff propaganda is prompted by any desire for their own special interest.

They have too keen a sense of justice for that, doubtless, it is all for the country's good. Oh! but could you have seen the expression in the eye of that bullet-headed, straight-necked journalist, looking out from under those shaggy brows at Regina (I mean he with the large button on the left side of his upper breast works). Oh, say! it would have been a treat for you to have watched that eagle eye, as that dope was being served out. I wonder why the mayor did not tell the manufacturers how much duty was collected at those wholesale warehouses on American machinery, and point out that the farmers paid it all, and an equal amount to the Canadians on everything bought from them. Why did he dilate on the amount of grain produced in Saskatchewan, and spread himself out as if he had done it himself, and fan himself as he listened to the mournful dirge about the danger of his city becoming merely a centre of agriculture, rather than enjoying the sweets of being the wholesale plundering headquarters of the West. How his soul must have expanded and contracted alternately within him as he listened to the proposed joys of plundering the western farmer, and the ignominious insignificance of being a centre of the largest and best agricultural belt in the world. How the people of the "legislative city" must have stamped their feet in rage at the bare suggestion of being leaders in agriculture, or taking part of the study of such menial work as rural home-making, or the stupid

father of the family is placed at as compared with other men. Particularly is this the case in this country as well as France. Notice for instance, the effect of the tariff laws on the father of a large family as compared with the man who evades the natural outcome of nature's laws, who carries on a business of murdering innocents for a momentary pleasure, and spends his days gathering up a tax taken from the father of the family. Every bite children eat, and every article they wear, in some way or other, is the subject of a special privilege in the interest of the man, who has no one but himself to feed or clothe. It must be a great source of comfort to a dried up old worldly wiseman who has evaded the responsibility of fatherhood to look over at the Sunday school children and figure out how much duty he saves on food and clothing, and gloats over the fact that he enjoys all the benefit of our civilization at the family man's expense. No wonder he is mad if he does not get a chance to produce a platform oration on the benefit, say of high tariff, when the manufacturers association comes to town. We must have men, women, and children on the prairies.

The women should vote, no man with

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS

This resolution has been in print before, but take a good look at it again. Both the terminal and initial elevator questions were discussed at length in the Saskatchewan legislature on December 14, 1909. At the afternoon session of the House the following resolution was moved by George Langley. Redberry: "That, whereas, this House is of the opinion that under the existing conditions private and identical interests in both interior and terminal elevators operate to the disadvantage of the Grain Growers of Saskatchewan,

"Therefore, be it resolved, that in the opinion of this House the government of Canada should own and operate terminal elevators."

Following the speech of the mover of the resolutions, in which the grain shipping conditions were reviewed at considerable length, the Hon. W. R. Motherwell stated that speaking for himself and for the government, he was thoroughly in favor of the action, which was then agreed to without a debate.

At the evening session the question of interior elevators was discussed. The following report from the Agricultural Committee of the House was submitted: "Your committee on agriculture and municipal law, having heard of the representations presented on behalf of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association in support of provincial action in the direction of providing a system of grain elevators in the province, and being convinced that the existing conditions respecting the handling of grain justified action on the part of the government and the legislature towards realizing the objects set forth by the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association; and having regard to the admittedly numerous and intricate details involved in the solution of a problem of such magnitude; begs to report to the House a recommendation that a commission should be appointed by the government for the purpose of making a searching inquiry into the proposals looking to the creation and operation of a system of elevators to effect the objects outlined by the Grain Growers' Association and to report its findings with all convenient speed so that action may be taken to give relief to the coming grain season."

The division which followed the motion for the adoption of the report showed that the House, on the question of the Hudson's Bay Railway and terminal elevators was practically a unit, and, following speeches from F. W. G. Haultain, George Langley, F. C. Tate, Hon. W. R. Motherwell and Premier Scott, the report submitted by the agricultural committee was carried without division.

task of producing horses, cattle or wheat; what to them was an ideal prairie land made into happy homes for happy millions, as they listened to the enchanting musical lullaby of big warehouses and systematic plundering of those who grow wheat.

"Oh, noble Judge! Oh, excellent young man! How much older are thou than thy looks!" Oh, that our farmers would take thy words to heart! And they will. "For the intent and purpose of the law hath full relation to the penalty, but be careful in executing the bond, you do not spill blood."

What shall we do? Join for life. Be one, even as they are one.

"BLUEFIELDS."

September 19.

FAMILY MAN PAYS THE TAXES

Recent discussion at the Academy of Sciences in Paris brought out the fact of the appalling decline in the birth rate in France; and the strongest reasons given for it is the disadvantage the

a family should be made to pay 8 or 10 times as much taxes as he who lives alone or is given up to chronic evasion. Rather should the family man get a pension. Home bred men should be worth as much as the imported article.

BLUEFIELDS.

Sept. 20.

DEAD, DEAD, PLAY THE FUNERAL MARCH

Dear Sir:—The enclosed was handed to me some time ago by Mr. A. H. Wilkinson. Not knowing what to do with it, I wrote him and have his reply instructing me to forward it to you which I now do. I am, dear sir,

(Signed) ARTHUR G. WATKIN.

Note.—I should have explained that the \$6.50 is the balance of the now defunct East Mount Branch.

We have written Earl Grey association for diagnosis of cause of death. It may be another case of being stillborn.

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