

that should be known by their fellows, or who have suggestions to offer that might lead to improvement of conditions if acted upon. Clippings also from other publications that will throw light on any of our economic problems, will be welcomed. A statement of fact with respect to any public gathering and of resolutions or discussions made thereat will find entry if they relate to questions of public interest.

The paper will deal with crop conditions throughout the world. It will not yell itself hoarse, however, about a crop that is just peeping through the ground, thus enabling the "bears" to pound down the price of our commodity. For the same reason it will discount all exaggerated accounts of wonderful crops. It will not conceal the fact of a frost that greatly lessens our yield or depreciates its quality for the sake of helping the miller to get wheat cheaper than he should, or to enable the land speculators to continue to secure high prices for land from those who are going to sweat the price out during the coming years.

It will not tell whether the price is going to be higher or lower from time to time, at least not so long as the speculators rule and can "rig" the markets, because not being in touch with the speculators, it don't know what they are going to do, and consequently don't know what prices will do. For example: cables come higher from Europe and prices fall here or "bear" news comes from across the line and prices go up here. In the wheat market it is the unexpected that happens and the "favorite" rarely wins.

Card gamblers cannot live on one another. It is necessary that a green-horn should sit into the game from time to time to supply the funds.

So with gambling in futures. The public must come into the game for the professionals to make money. When enough of the outside public, including many farmers, who have sold their real wheat, have bought the option, it is necessary that the price should be put down in order that

the professional should rake in the margins. When enough of the public sell short then is the time for the price to go up.

The best this paper can do then is to tell what prices would do if there was nobody to "monkey" with the market. But even this is difficult, as those who speculate in grain are able to manufacture "bull" and "bear" news, commonly called "dope," from time to time that is hard to distinguish from genuine crop news, and this is a plan greatly resorted to by speculators.

A feature of the paper will be cartoons illustrating interesting situations in public affairs or driving home important truths which the farmers need to learn.

In later issues there will be regular departments such as current events, proposed legislation here and elsewhere, news on public ownership of public utilities, co-operative news, opinions of noted publicists, words of great thinkers on economic, social and ethical subjects, etc.

There will also be pages specially for women and young people.

It is hoped, however, our women and youths will read the paper from cover to cover. Woman suffrage is near at hand and with it the promise of better laws. Some people are afraid to trust women with the franchise. Well, the man who deliberately thinks that women are as bad and as selfish as men are, and would make as silly a use of the franchise as most men do, must have a very low estimate of women's morals and intellectual ability, that's all.

There will be plenty of room for correspondents who have something to say for the public good.

Then there will be the "Cranks Corner." To the editor the word "Crank" is a title of honor. It is by means of cranks that the world is moved forward. So if anybody's letter appears in this corner he must take it as a compliment, as the Corner will admit the ideas of men who are thinking things out for themselves and striving to find solutions to the problems which individual and social life presents.

The Manitoba Association Assumes Control of "The Grain Growers' Guide"

The Guide which was planned and organized by the Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, to serve as an instrument in the hands of the various Farmers' Associations for furthering the interests of their members and assisting in the growth of their organizations but which when its approaching birth was announced, did not enjoy even the promise of recognition from any of them, takes pleasure in printing the following resolutions. The first was passed at Regina at the meeting of the Inter-provincial Council, May 19th, and the latter at Brandon at the meeting of the directors of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, June 8th.

(1.) Moved by F. W. Green, seconded by R. McKenzie: That this Inter-provincial Council of Grain Growers and Farmers' Associations is pleased to know that the Grain Growers' Grain Company is taking steps to finance a non-political paper devoted to the interests of the Grain Growers of the West that will deal independently and fearlessly with economic and social questions affecting their prosperity and well-being, and hopes the time will soon come when it will be in the home of every western grain grower and further suggests that each Association take such steps as may be deemed necessary to accomplish that end.

(2.) Moved by J. S. Wood, seconded by J. W. Scallion: Whereas at our last annual convention the directors were authorized to take steps as they deemed advisable to make provision for a monthly bulletin for disseminating inform-

ation as to the work of the Association, amongst its members and farmers generally, and

Whereas, the "Grain Growers' Guide" is being published under the management and editorship of Mr. E. A. Partridge,

Be it resolved that this Association make the "Grain Growers' Guide" our "official organ" to be used as a medium of informing our members of the work of the Association. And we do hereby instruct our secretary to advise the different branches to use their influence in extending its circulation among the farmers in their community. Also that each branch appoint some one of their members to supply items of interest to grain growers for publication. Further, that Messrs. McKenzie, Fraser, McArthur and Malcolm be a committee of this board to supply copy for the space allotted to us in the journal.

The paper is therefore described on its cover as being published under the auspices and employed as the official organ of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association. The fact that it is so published does not debar any other Association of farmers or in fact organized workers of any kind from adopting the paper as their official organ, as the Manitoba Association does not wish to prevent others from participating in the benefits to be derived from such a medium, but on the contrary invite them to share the privilege.