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ROBLIN FOLLOWS HAULTAIN'S LEAD

Manitoba Government Declare for Government Ownership of Elevators—No Commission Required in That Province.

Brandon, Dec. 18.—Hon. G. R. Colwell, addressing the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association this morning on behalf of the Manitoba government, said:

"The government accepts the principle laid down by the Grain Growers Association of establishing a line of internal grain elevators as a public utility, owned and operated by the public, and is prepared to co-operate with your society in working out a plan to that end." He asked them to send a representative committee to discuss details with the government, so that measures may be prepared for submission to the legislature. This does not meet until February, and there is ample time before that to settle on a detailed scheme. Mr. Colwell said that Premier Roblin had been advised by Premier Scott of Saskatchewan that the arrangement for the three prairie provinces dealing with the elevator question was at an end. His government would therefore handle this matter alone and make the government ownership of elevators an integral part of its policy.

The farmers appeared to regard this announcement as the greatest achievement of the Grain Growers organization. Great numbers arrived last night and now seven or eight hundred delegates are in attendance.

Mr. Colwell's announcement was a complete surprise to the convention and the delegates were unable to restrain their enthusiasm when he proceeded to explain the decision of the government. The minister of education was frequently interrupted by the impatient delegates, who interjected questions, but when he sat down the delegates rose in a body and cheered enthusiastically, many being moved to tears.

When order had been restored, President McQuig said he knew that it was difficult for the delegates to hold themselves heavy in their seats. They were much indebted to Mr. Colwell for the announcement he had made, and he (the president), like many others he knew, failed to find words to express himself at the find words an association they had been struggling and asking for this matter in particular for the last two or three years, and while it seemed to be discouraging at times, he always felt that if the farmers would only continue to unite, they would succeed.

"Now, gentlemen," said the president, "we have succeeded. (Hear, hear and loud and long cheering.) We feel thankful for the success and, as Mr. Colwell has just put it to you, it is a very important move—it is a very important question. He has asked that the government, in order to make a thorough and complete success of this government ownership, should have help. Now, gentlemen, you have got to get down to quiet, solid thought, and think of the importance of this question and the possibility that will rest upon the committee that you appoint to meet the government. I am sure that you will all be agreeable on this question. You are all united upon it. We have always been, and there is no reason why we should not be at the present time."

R. H. Henders moved: "That this convention express its gratitude and thanks for the announcement that had been made by the minister of education this morning, with regard to the elevator question." He said: "I do so all the more freely from the fact that I have been in the struggle from the beginning. The grain growers' association is broader than party politics (cheers); and the question we are dealing with is one which affects the whole province of Manitoba, and we must stand shoulder to shoulder behind the government in working out a scheme that will give the best possible results to the farmers of this country in connection with this great question." (Loud cheers.)

J. H. Woods seconded the vote of thanks. He said with the exception of the elevator question the government had always taken them into their confidence, and now they had given the last privilege of fixing things up to suit the farmer, and asked for his co-operation. He thought it was only just to give them credit for it.

J. W. Scallon desired to support the motion very heartily. This was one of the most important questions before them, and they had won out. It was important in another respect. Nothing had been done by their association that would do more to spread and strengthen it among the farmers than that very announcement this day. (Cheers.)

Arthur Honey expressed his appreciation of the announcement made by Mr. Colwell. Premier Scott, however, had been the first to take action in the matter of government

ownership on elevators, and he thought all credit should be given him.

Mr. Brown of Pilot Mound, suggested that rather than expressing thanks and gratitude, the convention should express its satisfaction at the decision of the government. There is still a lot of hard work to be done before the matter was brought to a successful issue. Past experience with the government taught them not to sing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" too soon.

The resolutions proposed by the secretary was then read and carried with a standing vote as follows: "That this convention expresses its entire satisfaction and thanks to Mr. Colwell for the announcement made by him on behalf of the government regarding the public ownership of elevators."

Hon. G. R. Colwell, on behalf of the convention for its expression of satisfaction, and said that he would convey to Mr. Roblin and the other members of the government, the manner in which the delegates had received his announcement of the position of the government on this important question. If the business of the convention permitted, he would like at a later time, to say a few words with regard to education, because he believed that the success or failure of the government's policy in this regard would affect the rural elementary schools which seventy-five per cent. of the children of the province were educated, and which he believed, should be made equal to the schools which were founded in the towns and cities.

Hail Insurance.

On Saturday Mr. Gillis spoke to his motion endorsing a system of government hail insurance, to be administered by an independent commission. He said that one of the principal defects of the old system arose out of the direct dealing of the government with persons insured. This method, which produced abuses, could be overcome through administration by a commission. He said that in 1908 the number of insurance policies issued by the government was 6,949, covering 459,000 acres. Last year private insurance companies issued 7,639 policies, covering 1,000,000 acres. The government had made no effort to secure business, whereas the private companies had pushed it.

Mr. Calder said it was better to let the present law stand. There was no serious agitation for a change. As he knew the present companies had given good satisfaction. True, the rates were rather high, but they would adjust themselves. He thought that from time to time the government should gather information on the subject with a view to future action by the legislature. Conditions were ready for a change. He moved an amendment for an enquiry.

Mr. Tate said there was need for immediate action. The farmers wanted government hail insurance. The tendency was in the direction of government ownership, and the province should be in the van.

Mr. Langley was in favor of further inquiry. Mr. Whitmore said Mr. Langley should have a Grain Growers' Association of his own. He did not seem to desire anything that the grain growers wanted. To say that the present system should receive a fair trial was aside from the point; for the farmers had never asked for it.

Mr. Gillis said the amendment seemed to be dilly-dallying with the question.

The amendment carried on a party vote.

Saskatoon, Dec. 17.—After John Meesi had been called into the court room this morning to receive his sentence for the murder of the Thorburn family, Chief Justice Wetmore said: "I am about to pass the awful sentence of death upon you. I am sorry to say that I can hold out no hope of mercy; but I do not know what action the department of justice will take, if any. The jury have found you guilty and I must say I agree with them. The evidence of insanity was very inconsistent, and did not agree with your written confession. I entreat you to make your peace with Almighty God, and order that you be confined to the Prince Albert jail, and that you be hanged by the neck until you are dead on Thursday, the tenth day of March, and may God have mercy on your soul." Meesi took the awful sentence without making any sign of fear. He smiled when taken by the police to the cells below, and probably was the most composed man in the court room. He will be taken north this afternoon to await his execution, scarcely three months hence.

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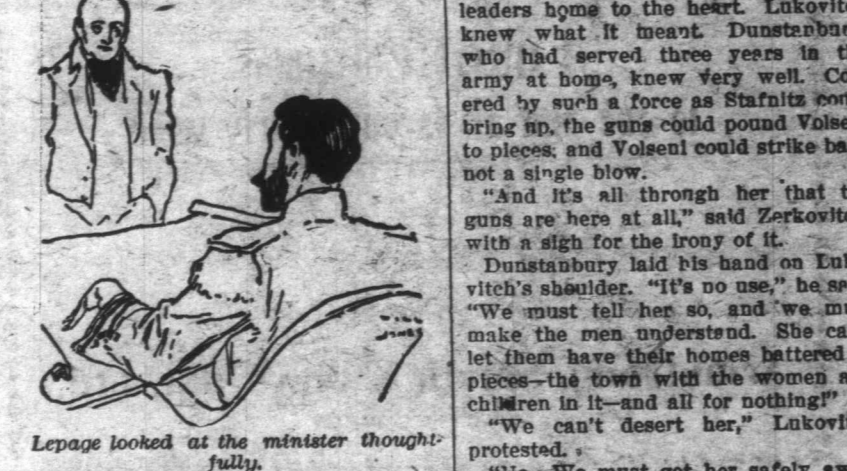
SOPHY OF KRAVONIA

By Anthony Hope

Author of "The Prisoner of Zenda"

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(Continued.)
 Stenovic greeted him cordially, smoothed away his apprehension, acquainted him with the nature of his mission and with the gist of the letter which he was to carry. Stenovic seemed more placid tonight than for some time back, possibly because he had got Starnitz quietly out of Slavna. "Beg M. Zerkovitch to give the letter to Baroness Dobrava (he called her that to Lepage) as soon as possible and to urge her to listen to it. Add that we shall be ready to treat her with every consideration—any time in reason and any provision in reason too. It's all in my letter, but repeat it on my behalf, Lepage."
 "I shouldn't think she'd take either title or money, general," said Lepage bluntly.
 "You think she's disinterested? No doubt, no doubt! She'll be the more ready to see the uselessness of prolonging her present attitude." He grew almost vehement as he laid his hand on a large map which was spread out.



Lepage looked at the minister thoughtfully.
 "On the table in front of him. 'Look here, Lepage. This is Monday. By Wednesday evening Colonel Starnitz will be at Kolesk—here.' He put his finger by the spot. 'On Thursday morning he'll start back. The baggage-travel well, and—yes—I think he'll have his guns here by Sunday, less than a week from now. Yes, on Thursday night he ought to reach Eveson, on Friday night, on Saturday the lock at Miklevil, on Saturday the lock at Miklevil that would bring him here on Sunday. Yes, the lock at Miklevil on Saturday, I think.' He looked up at Lepage almost imploringly. 'If she hesitates, show her the map. She's bound to be here in less than a week!'"

Lepage cocked his head on one side and looked at the minister thoughtfully. It all sounded very convincing. Colonel Starnitz would be at the lock at Miklevil on Saturday, and on Sunday with the guns at Slavna. And of course, arduous though the transport would be, they could be before Volseni in two or three days more. It was really no use resisting.
 Stenovic passed a purse over to Lepage. "For your necessary expenses," he said. Lepage took up the purse, which felt well filled, and pocketed it. "The baroness mayn't fully appreciate what I've been saying," added Stenovic. "But Lukovitch knows every inch of the river. He'll make it quite plain if she asks him about it. And present her with my sincere respects and sympathy—my sympathy with her as a private person, of course. You mustn't commit me in any way, Lepage."

"I think," said Lepage, "that you're capable of looking after that department yourself, general. But aren't you making the colonel go a little too fast?"
 "No, no; the barges will do about this."
 "But he has a large force to move, I suppose?"
 "Oh, dear, no! A large force? No, no! Only a company, just about a hundred strong, Lepage." He rose. "Just about a hundred, I think."
 "Ah, then he might keep time!" Lepage agreed, still very thoughtfully.
 "You'll start at once?" the general asked.
 "Within an hour."
 "That's right. We must run no unnecessary risks. Delays might mean new troubles."
 He held out his hand and shook Lepage's warmly. "You must believe that I respect and share your grief at the king's death."
 "Which king, general?"
 "Oh, old King Alexis, of course! We must listen to the voice of the nation. Our new king lives and reigns. The voice of the nation, Lepage."
 "Ah," said Lepage dryly, "I'd been suspecting some ventriloquist!"
 General Stenovic honored the sally with a broad smile. He thought the representatives with colds would be amused if he repeated it. The pat on the shoulder which he gave Lepage was a congratulation. "The animal is so very inarticulate of itself," he said.

Chapter Thirty
 THOUGH not remote in distance, yet Volseni was apart and isolated from all that was happening. Not only was nothing known of the two great neighbors, nothing reached him in Volseni of the state of affairs in Slavna itself. They did not know that the thieves were quarrelling about the plunder nor that the diplomatists had taken hold. They knew only that young Alexis reigned in Slavna by reason of their murder and against the will of him who was dead; only that they had chosen Sophy for their queen because she had been the dead king's wife and

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new to point more slowly the sharpening fears of superstition. The men held by her still, but their wives were grumbling at them in their homes. Vasa she not after all a stranger? Must Volseni lead the dust for her sake, for the sake of her who wore that ominous, inexplicable star?
 Dunstabury knew all this. Lukovitch hardly sought to deny it, though he was full of scorn for it, and Zerkovitch had heard the tales of many wild old legends who had prophesied this and that from the first moment they saw the red star. Surely not slowly the enthusiasm which had crowned Sophy was turning into a fear which made the people shrink from her even while they loved, even while they did not cease to love. The head of Heaven was against her and against those who were near her, said the women. The men still feligned not to hear. Had they not taken Heaven's witness that they would serve her and avenge the king? Alas, their simple vow was too primitive for days like these—too primitive for the days of the great guns which lay on the bosom of the Krath.

Dunstabury had an interview with Sophy early on Tuesday morning, the day after Starnitz had started for Kolesk. He put his case with the blunt honesty and honesty native to him. In his devotion to her safety he did not spare her the truth. She listened with the smile devoid of happiness which her face now wore so often.
 "I know it all," she said. "They begin to look differently at me as I walk through the street—when I go to the church. If I stay here long enough, they'll all call me a witch. But didn't they swear? And I haven't a sword? Are we to do nothing for monsigneur's memory?"
 "What can we do against the guns? The men can die and the walls be tumbled down, and there are the women and children!"
 "Yes, I suppose we can do nothing. But it goes to my heart that they should leave monsigneur's guns."
 "Your guns?" Dunstabury reminded her, with a smile of whimsical sympathy.

"That's what they say in the city, too?" she asked.
 "The old hags, who are clever at the weather and other mysteries. And of course Mme. Zerkovitch!"
 "Sophy's smile broadened a little. "Oh, of course, poor little Marie Zerkovitch," she exclaimed. "She's been sure I'm a witch ever since she's known me."
 "I want you to come over the frontier with me and Basil Williamson," he said. "I've some influence, and I can assure you getting through all right."
 "And then?"
 "Whatever you like. I shall be utterly at your orders."
 ("To be continued.")

To be content look backward on those who possess less than yourself, not forward on those who possess more.
 Franklin.
 It's the easiest thing in the world for a man to deceive himself.
 Franklin.
 Some Close Shaves.
 Mr. Dennis to-day attempted to establish an Australian record for shaving in the vicinity of the Temperance Hall that could show the slight vestige of a beard; and then Mr. Dennis reluctantly closed his razor, having established an Australian record.
 He had also put up a record at a taceira barber; he had not spoken for eight minutes, but the longest operation lasted sixty-two seconds. The world's record in shaving is claimed by an English barber named Weeks, who shaved seven men in an hour. That record would probably have been beaten by Mr. Dennis had he obtained sufficient material to work on.—Sydney Morning Herald.

Mr. George Alexander, M.P.
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 It is interesting to recall that at the general election Mr. Frank Lawson, who appeared in London on the Adelphi stage, afterwards becoming stage-manager for Mr. Chas. Frohman, and for the Grand Opera Syndicate at Covent Garden, contested the Newport Division against Col. Kenyon-Slaney, and again, in 1903, against Mr. Deville Stamer, when Col. Kenyon-Slaney died.

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 "Why, I had my faithful Eskimo bring me the picture of my rival. After gazing at it for a few seconds my blood boiled, and I felt better than a radiator. Now was this all. By placing the picture in front of me, it made so good that it made me not enough to dispense with my birdskin shirt."
 Fact.
 "Dear me, Mrs. Smithers, what is that not a beard yesterday over your way? Was that howling your dog in a fit?"
 "No, Mrs. Querit; that was my daughter taking her singing lesson from Signor Yeterino."
 "No, no, Mrs. Smithers. I was told it was your daughter singing when I asked what bird you had there trilling so beautifully that I knew your canary could"—Baltimore American.

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The Elevator Question.

In 1906 the Opposition advocated the appointment of a commission to enquire into the elevator question, which was voted down by the government.

In the opening debate in the House Mr. Haultain again announced his stand on this important question, and stated that the Opposition would assist the Government in carrying out the scheme.

Within a few days come the announcement that the Manitoba Government has accepted the policy of the Grain Growers and in so doing followed Mr. Haultain's lead.

Will the government appoint a fair commission? Will they act upon the report? They have pledged their word to the legislature to do so and the Opposition have accepted their pledge in good faith and rely upon the government to redeem it.

The Naval Debate.

Very rarely has any legislative body seen such an exhibition of bad his harangue on the naval debate in taste as given by Premier Scott in the legislature on Friday.

Editorial Notes.

\$40,000 a year to the "poisoned well" must have furnished quite a fund for the Scott government.

Will the Leader name some of the Manitoba men who worked for the Haultain candidates in the last election?

Turgeon gave the Social and Moral Reform Council the cold steel on the amendments to the Liquor License Act.

The Premier's exhibition of bad taste on the naval question disgusted even the members of the government annex.

The Social and Moral Reform Association should move a vote of thanks to Brother Turgeon for putting the "cold steel" into the local option act.

Election fund from Winnipeg was not necessary in the case of the Scott government. They spent \$400,000 in the public works department to carry the province.

The notorious Duncan Marshall of Edmonton, campaigned through Saskatchewan during the last election in the interests of the Scott government. Was he one of Bob Rogers' henchmen?

Increased license fees, decreased assessment, more funds to the government, less to the towns. The govern-

ment is better off, the hotels are no worse, only the municipalities suffer.

There's a hot time for George Langley at the next meeting of the Grain Growers. During this session he performed in the dual role of government apologist and government buffoon.

Motherwell says that there are no grievances against the elevators in the older districts, Manitoba, which contains the oldest grain growing districts in the West, has adopted a system of government elevators.

Geo. Walton, member for Emerson in the Manitoba legislature, was in the district of Wolsley during the last provincial election. He spent his time working among the foreign vote in the interests of Chris. Roseborough. Was Geo. Walton an emissary of Bob Rogers?

The "poisoned well" says that the opposition received money from Manitoba to pay expenses in the last election. We would like to have seen some of it, as like other supporters of the opposition we have found that election expenses have always been paid by contributions from among ourselves. If the Leader will furnish The West with the name of the party who received the money, it will confer a favor on those, who have been subscribing to pay expenses.

Press Comment.

The opinion of the average American newspaper of Canada is ill-informed but flattering. We cite, the following from the New York Journal, a Hearst newspaper, as indicative of the fact that even papers which were at some time contemptuous, if not hostile, in their comments are beginning to experience a change of heart.

The Banquet.

On Friday evening the Regina supporters of the opposition in the local legislature entertained Mr. Haultain and his associate members at a banquet at the King's hotel.

About one hundred and thirty gathered in the spacious dining room of the King's and partook of the excellent dinner provided. Dr. Whitmore presided and the following delivered stirring addresses, Messrs. Bigelow, Both, Embury, Leahy, MacInnes, P. H. Gordon, Bryant, Hanbridge, Cowan, Molanis and the following members of the legislature responded to the various toasts: Messrs. Haultain, Elliott, Tate, Anderson, Bradshaw, and Gillies.

During the evening the proceedings were enlivened by music by Laubach's orchestra, and songs by Messrs. Hunter and Hayes.

Prorogued.

Lieut. Governor Forget prorogued the Legislature on Saturday afternoon. In the speech from the throne he referred to the public health act, railway legislation, drainage act, Hudson's Bay railway and the elevator question.

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PREMIER SCOTT ON THE RAMPAGE

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The legislature Friday afternoon was the scene of one of the stormiest debates that has ever been witnessed within its walls.

This unfounded statement was indignantly denied by P. W. G. Haultain who replied in scathing terms to the Premier's remarks.

Incidentally he also said that Sir Wilfrid Laurier was a separatist, whose political ideal for Canada was independence and remission of the debt of the Dominion government.

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MR TATE. The last clause in the resolution had been put in for political purposes. The Premier then said Mr. Haultain had been quoted by the House.

Mr. Tate said it was a privilege to speak on such a motion. He referred to Earl Grey's recent utterances in Regina on the need of Canada doing her duty in the present juncture.

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PREMIER SCOTT. Premier Scott said no apology need be made for the resolution for the necessity was obvious. He hoped all could agree on certain general principles, but there were certain Canadian features to be considered.

While he could agree on the general principle of the resolution he could not agree with the last clause relating to the giving of a Dreadnought.

Dr. Wilson Dead. Dr. Wilson, the first speaker of the Territorial legislature, died at his home in Edmonton on Saturday.

On Saturday Jan. Wellington, M. L. A., received a telegram telling of the serious illness of Mrs. Wellington at Milwaukee.

organization of a Canadian naval service in co-operation with and in close relation to the imperial navy, along the lines suggested by the admiralty at the successive imperial conferences and in full sympathy with the view that the naval supremacy of Britain is essential to the security of commerce, the safety of the Empire and the peace of the world.

MR. BRADSHAW. Mr. Bradshaw said that if there were disagreements among the Conservatives on naval matters, it was a sign of patriotism, not of party spirit.

MR. HAULTAIN. Mr. Haultain congratulated the speaker on their speeches, which he said breathed patriotism and high motive.

The honorable gentleman was an example of the creation of a mouthpiece of Ottawa, and he could quite realize what an extraordinary thing it would seem to this honorable gentleman that any man, associated with a political party at Ottawa should express an opinion without first getting his orders from headquarters.

It was brought in by a member of his own accord, and without any suggestion from Winnipeg or anywhere else, he was not aware of the motion until the hon. gentleman showed it to him the day on which he gave notice of it.

That was not the opinion of his leader at Ottawa. "He is a separatist," continued Mr. Haultain, "he has on more than one occasion stated that the ultimate goal of his ambitions or aspirations, the ideal to be attained, is that of independence."

That was not when he was a boy, that was his attitude and that was the attitude which suggested the policy which was being pursued. He thought it too much with regard to either slavish following or occasional independent outbreaks.

Mr. Haultain concluded by saying that as far as he was concerned, realizing his duty and privilege as a British subject, he proposed that an immediate contribution be made to the mother country of something which would be necessary in the moment of need, and which a great many other people, who knew more about the subject than he did, held out to be immediate and near at hand.

The house is of the opinion that under the present constitutional relations between the mother country and the self-governing dominions, the payment by Canada of regular and periodical contributions to the Imperial treasury for naval and military purposes would not, so far as Canada is concerned be the most satisfactory solution of the question of defence.

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A COMMISSION FOR ELEVATOR PROBLEM

Government Hesitate to Accept Government Ownership and Shelve Question by a Commission— "Time Will Remove Grievances," Says Motherwell.

THE REPORT
Your committee on Agriculture and Municipal Law, having heard representations presented on behalf of the 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 justifies action on the part of the Government and Legislature towards realizing the objects set forth by the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association. And having regard to the mittedly important and intricate details involved in the solution of a problem of such magnitude. Begs to report to the House a recommendation that a commission be appointed by the Government for the purpose of making searching inquiry into the question, and of reporting to the House on the 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 during the coming grain season.

The following is a verbatim report of the debate on the elevator question in the local legislature last week.

MR. STEWART
Mr. Stewart: I hope the house will concur in the report which the committee have brought in. We ask that an independent commission be appointed to make searching inquiry into the question, and I think it is the opinion of nearly every one that a commission should be appointed to consider the matter. We further ask in the same report that we hope, if possible, a solution will be reached in time to afford relief for the handling of next year's grain crop. That is almost a necessity. I hope every one will see that this should be done, if possible; but that is a large question and one that I believe should not be entered into rashly. In fact, no other question, I believe, of so momentous importance will come before this house for many years to come than this present one with regard to the settling of the question for the farmers, in affording relief in the handling of wheat. Now, all I have to say is this—that I hope the House will adopt the report that I have moved, seconded by my friend, Mr. Garry.

MR. HAULTAIN
Mr. Haultain: Mr. Speaker, before the question is put I did intend to say something on the question, but I intended to do so, naturally supposing that when an important report like this had been brought in, which, if carried unanimously, poses some very important duties on the government, we should be heard from the government as to the attitude they would take towards the report and the spirit in which they were prepared to act in case the report should be adopted by the house. To my mind, that is the one thing that is necessary in order to obtain the unanimous approval of the house of this resolution. I think the report of the committee is rather unfortunate in its language, being in the largest measure indulged in to certain extent by the honorable gentlemen—at least one, whom I suspect of having something to do with the drafting of it, but I shall not say anything more about that. I recognize, at least I hope I recognize in the report a desire of the committee to have this very difficult question settled and settled as they see fit, in time to afford some relief from the evils which exist at the present time before next harvest season. I say, I recognize, or I hope I recognize, in the report of the committee a desire to bring about that most desirable result, but the resolution of so far as I am concerned, it carries no weight, unless it is accompanied by a very definite statement from the government as to their attitude towards the suggestion which has been made by the committee and will be made by the House if this report is adopted. We all recognize the urgency of the necessity to relief, and we all recognize the importance and difficulty of the question, although I must confess that I do not myself see so many difficulties surrounding this question as did surround it, say two years ago, when the matter was first brought to the attention of the House—and of the government—by resolutions, by conferences and by motions in the House. Personally, I have come to the conclusion myself as to what will be the proper way of dealing with this. I believe it has been sufficiently established that evils exist—it has been clearly established that evils exist, and the only way to deal with these evils and remove them is by the intervention of the government in the way of a system of government elevators, and I should like to see the report of the committee

see a little more definite on that point. The report says: Mr. Haultain here read the report. I would like to see the words "system of government elevators," because I believe that that is the only thing which this report can possibly mean. "A system of government elevators" to effect the objects outlined by the Grain Growers' Association. If the objects outlined by the Grain Growers' Association can have any other meaning than "government elevators" when I have altogether misunderstood the position. So I think the house is entitled to, and I think those of us on this side of the House who are prepared to take a broad position on this matter are particularly entitled to know what the government purpose to do before concurring in the report. Personally I do not wish to be a party concurring in this report unless it means business. Not only that the committee has made a recommendation, but that the government intends to carry out that recommendation so far as it is possible. And I have no fear of the result if the government will undertake to do what will be pointed out by any commission that may be appointed. I am so confident of what is the real remedy and so assured of the proper mode of dealing with this subject that I cannot conceive of any other solution being offered of this evil than the establishment of a system of government elevators. I do not wish to be understood as meaning that any commission will recommend that the government should establish elevators all over this province at once, because I do not think that will be necessary, but I do believe that if the government had taken up the matter this session, and announced a policy of dealing with this subject, definitely and heroically if you like, that that very announcement, followed of course by a certain amount of provision being made, would have been sufficient to have removed a good many of the evils. I believe it has only to be indicated to the people who are operating elevators today that the government is prepared to go into places where these evils exist and give proper facilities to the farmers for the storing and moving of their grain. To compel the people who are there to bring their elevators up to the standard which are required and to give those facilities also required to remove the evils which effect the present system. Now, with that in view, and because I wish to stand with every member of this House on this question, and because I do not wish to indulge in any hypercritical remarks with regard to the action which has been taken or the wording of this report, or any other matter, for that reason I should like very much—I do not demand, but I certainly request—and very urgently request, a very distinctive and a very definite statement from the government.

MR. LANGLEY
Mr. Langley: Mr. Speaker, before any member of the government intervenes in this matter, I might say a word or two perhaps. The honorable gentleman who has just sat down evidently gives some handwork of mine in the resolution, and even has intimated some doubts as to whether it bears the evidence of angelic traces or the opposite. Well now, as far as the resolution is concerned, I am not going either to admit or deny parentage to the matter that we are giving our attention to this evening. This afternoon at some considerable length I spoke on the question of terminal elevators, and I would like to say this, sir, that the attitude of the organized farmers' associations towards terminal elevators and the initial elevators is entirely different in this respect. On the question of terminal elevators there has not been any difference of opinion as to what we want. You could not speak to an elevator who took an interest in these elevator questions at all without his saying immediately on the question of the terminal elevators he was at one with the organization, whether he was a member of that organization or not. More than that the grain dealers who have not a proprietary interest in the terminal elevator question are with us on that matter. But in connection with the initial elevators, it is undoubtedly a fact, and members of the House who have given attention to the matter know it is so, that organized grain growers themselves have been undergoing, so to speak, growing changes in reference to the demands they have made on that particular question. I do not mean that there is any doubt at all as to the evils we want to escape, but there is undoubtedly very serious differences between us as to the best methods of attaining our object. That was the reason why I agreed to the recommendation presented by my hon. friend, the chairman of the committee. There seems to be some doubt in the mind of the member of the opposition as to whether the government would do anything after the report of the commission was presented. Well, in reference to that, I have one very emphatic thing to say, and I say it in the utmost sincerity. I should be very sorry for the government if they did not. Now, that is what I have to say, sir,—I shall be very sorry for the government if they do not, I have a sincere desire to see the gov-

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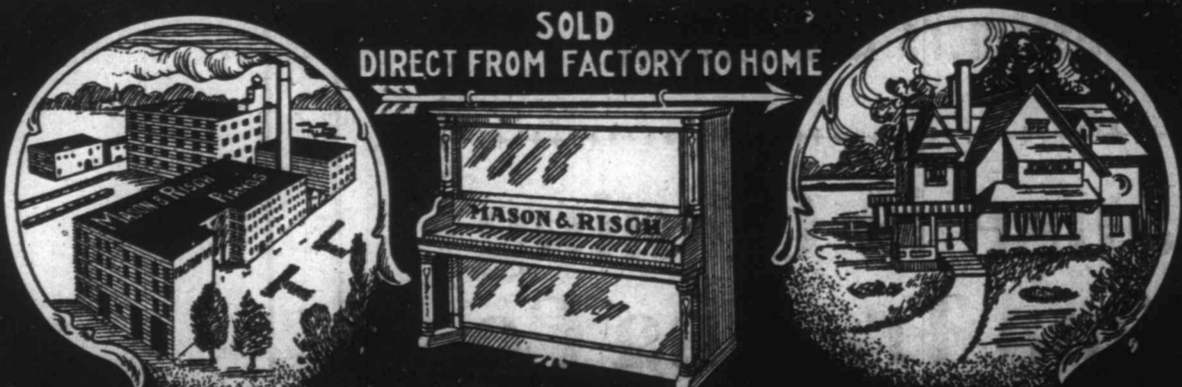
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the thing to be set on a proper basis and we have no doubt at all that if the House assents to this resolution and a commission is appointed—the commission being a fair one—and representing the thought of the province on that subject. Of course it is not for me to speak about who shall be member of the commission. I feel satisfied that their report will be a reasonable report, and in addition to that I feel absolutely sure, not that the government will act on the report, but that the government must act on the report.

MR. HAULTAIN.

Mr. Haultain: Mr. Speaker, I should like to correct a misapprehension on the part of the hon. gentleman. I do not think anything I said indicated that I doubted that the government would take any action, but I neither doubted nor believed, because I did not know what the government intended to do. I think I am entitled to know before I vote for this resolution.

MR. MOTHERWELL.

Mr. Motherwell: Mr. Speaker, if this House is in need of any further justification in concurring in the report, that justification can be found in the remarks of Mr. Green, who so ably presented the facts before this House a few days ago. It will be remembered that Mr. Green stipulated that the proposition was purely a tentative one, and that in fact he himself was not in favor of government operation of elevators, and that this was for the purpose of making a basis of negotiation. In view of that, Mr. Speaker, I submit this is the best and most appropriate attitude to take now on this question—to enter into a most exhaustive enquiry into the whole situation, with a view, first, of enquiring into the nature and extent of the grievances complained of and then endeavoring to supply a remedy therefor. That is the proper course to pursue, that is the course that has been pursued when any great question has been faced by either this government or any other government in this Dominion of Canada. It is the attitude taken by this government on the

same question. Before taking any action on such an important question as that a commission was appointed to enquire into and take action thereon immediately and afterwards the same course was taken in regard to municipal institutions. It was felt in instituting a system of municipal institutions in this new province of ours that every available information should be gotten from every available source before the foundations for an institution of that nature were laid. A commission was appointed; the government acted very largely, if not entirely, on the report of that commission, and we have today without any turmoil and without any confusion, the organization and foundation of one of the best municipal organizations in Canada. And I think we are perfectly justified in view of the success that has met these similar methods, that the government would be perfectly justified in taking a similar attitude towards this important question. It will be remembered, Mr. Speaker, that when the Grain Growers' Association in 1902, came into existence the primary object they had in view was to protest against the persistent ignoring of the Grain Act by the elevator and railway companies. Ever since that day right up to the present, the farmers have been improving their position in the matter of getting the fullest possible value for their farm products. This year, not only under the organization of farmers in the Grain Growers' Association, but under the organization of farmers as a commercial unit known as the Grain Growers' Grain Company, and the better transportation facilities, we see that the farmers of this province get nearer the Fort William prices than they ever did before. As a result of every advantage that has been taken in the past, the grain producers of this province are better off than they were before, and I do not see why the remaining grievances—because, Mr. Speaker, I submit that there are some yet in the newer districts—in the older districts the farmers have very greatly reduced their vicinities at the present time for the simple reason that farmers are in a position to take advantage of the Grain Act to hold their grain or not as they see fit, that is to take advantage of the provisions of the Act regarding the supply of cars; as I say to take advantage of every turn of the tide, and thereby get the very largest price for their produce. But in the newer districts, especially the foreign districts, we are aware of the

MR. TATE.

Mr. Tate: Mr. Speaker, in view of the importance of this question and in view of the consideration that has been given it in various parts of the province, I think it is just as well that we should indicate what we desire. As the hon. member for Redberry stated, I also represent a constituency in which the great industry is that of farming, and we know our past experience we have suffered wrong in many ways. It is true, as the Minister of Agriculture has stated, that the conditions have improved, that we are now under much more favorable conditions than we were some time ago, but the fact is that those improved conditions are due to a realization by those men that we were on the point of changes. If it were not for that we would be suffering just as great hardships today as we were some years ago. It is my belief that the people who are standing it as long as they possibly can stand it and are determined they will stand it no longer, and it is for this reason that the elevator men are treating us as they are today. And what we would like is to be assured that, should this commission bring in a report showing some scheme feasible—that can be carried out—they would put the scheme into effect as soon as possible. The question of public ownership need not be discussed here, it has worked in New Zealand with great success. The object of the people of New Zealand in acquiring concerns owned by private companies to the use of the government was that the people should have service, in other words, that these public utilities and other things of the people and not for the interests of private individuals. Now, what we are asking as farmers, as citizens of this province, is to simply be assured that the government will step in and aid us in this matter. We will not ask that other citizens not engaged in agriculture should be contributors to help us along, but we are asking that the expense of this thing should be borne by the men who are most interested in it. And as the

hon. member for Redberry has stated, the people are aroused in this matter, and we are satisfied that the government will do something in it, and at the same time we may feel content, but the people are not content, and the government is not to be always forced on by public opinion out to some extent leaders of public opinion. And this is not going to be a party question, because it is too large to be used in that way. What we require is the assurance that it will be dealt with in an honest spirit, in a spirit that will work justice, and that the wrong we have suffered in the past. Now, I am wishing in my mind to aid the working out of any scheme that will tend to improve the situation that we have had to endure for a considerable length of time. We all know on question as difficult as this there is sure to be variety of opinion. It has been shown here today both in committee and in the House that there has been a growth of public opinion and that there is more unanimity today than some years ago. So I feel confident that if the government will only give us some assurance leading to the early solution of this question it will hold on the part of the opposition has indicated, it will help to make the conditions more tolerable, because these men will see that unless they strive to do a little more in accordance with the golden rule than they have done, that their time will be short and very short indeed. As I said here this is a large question, it is not wise to rush into it madly, we ought to give to the consideration it deserves, and be absolutely certain that when this scheme is launched it will be successful, and the last part of that resolution indicates what we desire, what we urge for, and what the people as a whole demand, that something shall be done to relieve the difficulties under which we labor, we should have those difficulties removed at the same time having some assurance that the regulations will be so that they will work, become successful at the very moment they are launched, that we do not doubt it will be of a nature that it can be improved, but we can improve it in the future, but what I would like to assure this House and the Government is that it is a question that cannot be delayed much longer, but must be settled in the interests of the people because they demand it.

MR. SCOTT.

Mr. Scott: Mr. Speaker, the hon. leader of the opposition has suggested that he wishes to know the attitude of the government towards this recommendation of the standing committee on agriculture before he would give an intimation as to what attitude he would adopt towards the recommendation. Now, I would submit to my hon. friend what action we are going to take—I do not misunderstand my hon. friend? I would submit to him with all respect that any responsibility which we in these chairs occupy, it is a matter of considerable interest to us to know the opinion of the House generally with regard to the important recommendation in this report. What is the attitude of the House generally, because naturally the government would be guided to at least a very considerable extent by that attitude, and I hesitate to raise the matter, especially on the presentation of the motion, because naturally it was the idea that we should obtain some expression of the House. The report merely embodies the recommendation from the members of the standing committee on agriculture, and I think it would be quite agreeable to the report and to have some definite expression of opinion from the members of the House as a whole as to whether the recommendation should be adopted and carried out by the government. As has been remarked, it is a very large subject, it is one that will engage the attention of this House probably. This province of Saskatchewan is primarily an agricultural province, a wheat growing province, and, as indicated at the opening of the session, something you already know, we have taken the position as the greatest wheat growing province in the Dominion of Canada, and we know now who live in this part of the continent of America that this is going to become the greatest wheat producing part of America or of the world. It is naturally a subject of the very highest interest to the people of the province, and I think I may speak for this side of the House, I was very glad at the outset of the session to see the spirit with which this important question was approached by my hon. friend, the leader of the opposition, and the gentleman supporting him on that side of the House, and I think there can be no objection taken with regard to the attitude that has been assumed this evening by the gentlemen on the other side of the House who have spoken on the question. However, I think when my hon. friend, the leader of the opposition, suggests that the government might at this session have brought down a concrete proposition—he suggested himself that it might necessarily have been a heroic proposition—that he was actually suggesting something more

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ing the government to the adoption of that scheme, except upon a monopoly basis. I say at once if we could gain those constitutional rights rights which would give us the power to safeguard the proposition, I would not hesitate a moment about adopting a scheme, but, speaking on my own behalf, and in behalf of the government—I think I may say that I voice the sentiments of the House—I believe the unanimous sentiment of the House, that we have sufficient evidence of conditions to justify us in saying that the time has come for active steps to be taken to lead to some scheme of the operation of which will give the grain producers of this province absolute security in the matter of weights, grades, dockages and all those details, about security from the time of the departure of the grain from their parts to the time they sell it, that is to the selling point, whether that point be the initial railway point, or the lake front or Liverpool or London, if they wish to retain the ownership of their grain until it reaches Liverpool or London. That we may give absolute security to the handling of our grain, and I hope it may be possible, in fact it will take a pessimist to say anything else, that if we put 50 of the best heads together to work out a scheme that by careful enquiry we may arrive at what will be a safe and sane and satisfactory scheme, which will finally and forever put an end to the kind of difficulty against which the farmers at this province have had for some years to complain. If the House adopts the report and the recommendation, in behalf of the government I repeat that we will on our part in good faith endeavor to carry it out. Just a word with regard to the very conclusion of this report, the government will, as well there should be no possibility of misunderstanding. The report concludes in these words: "And report these findings with all convenient speed so that action may be taken to give relief during the coming grain season." Now, if the House adopts this report, the government will, as speedily as possible, appoint the commission. We cannot possibly expect the commission will be appointed and able to make a report while the House is in session, and I do not think any reasonable member of the House would expect the government to accept a report from the commission and put it into operation without the sanction of the House. I do not think it is reasonable to expect that the government is going to take the responsibility, to be so presumptuous as to take the responsibility of starting immediately to apply that report until this House has met and has given its sanction to whatever scheme the commission may recommend. But, apart from that, I do not know that it is worth while to suggest the elimination of those words, as long as we have no misunderstanding about the matter. Of course it might be that the announcement of a report and an intimation of the intention—an indication of the favorable attitude of the government toward it—and the intention of the government to ask the legislature as quickly as possible to give its sanction to it; carry out the report might lead to better conditions. Mr. Speaker, I question whether it is necessary for me to proceed. I repeat again that we will as far as reasonably can be done endeavor to put into full effect, and as speedily as possible, the recommendation put in this report, if it is adopted by the House.

Debate closed.

At the annual meeting of the exhibition association the following officers were elected: Patron, His Hon. Lieut-Governor Forst; honorary directors, Hon. Walter Scott, Premier of Saskatchewan; Hon. W. R. Motherwell, Minister of Agriculture; F. W. G. Haultain, M.L.A.; W. M. Martin, M.P.; A. E. Whitmore, M.L.A.; F. C. Tate, M.L.A.; His Worship Mayor Williams; and Commissioner Perry. J. F. Bole was again elected president, and H. F. Myrton, vice president, with the following directors: A. Hammond, R. B. Ferguson, J. C. Pope, J. D. Traynor, P. M. Brett, J. F. L. Eschbury, J. K. Hunter, F. H. O. Harbison, H. C. Lawson, P. McArthur, R. H. Taber, A. T. Hunter, H. W. Laird, J. A. Wetmore, W. S. Grey, G. Mutch, P. Horne, L. T. McDonald, E. B. Andros, T. B. Patton, J. Cooper, R. McKell, W. M. Williamson, J. M. Young, D. M. Taylor, W. F. Kerr, S. Clark, Sam Bealor, W. Alderman, J. E. Everett and L. L. Kramer representing the city council; Robert Sinton, representing the Saskatchewan Stock Breeders Association; E. J. Hopkins representing the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association; and Dr. Rothwell representing the Saskatchewan Poultry Association.

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PROVINCIAL GRAIN FAIR

Regulations Governing Entries for Big Seed Grain Fair—Will be Held in January.

A provincial seed grain fair will be held in connection with the agricultural societies' convention, which will take place in Regina on January 25-26 inclusive. The premium list which has just been prepared, offers \$700 in cash prizes, and a splendid championship trophy. The rules do not vary in any important respect from those that were prepared a year ago. Briefly summarized they are as follows: Entries will be received from agricultural societies where societies are formed, and the exhibits that won prizes at local fairs may be sent to the provincial fair, but not more than three entries for wheat, two for barley, two for oats, and one each for flax, timothy, bromo wheat, rye and clover seed will be received from any one society. The members of a society that did not hold a seed grain fair may enter their grain through the secretary of the agricultural society. Where no agricultural society exists entries may be received direct from individual farmers.

There is no entry fee, but no individual farmer may enter more than one exhibit of each kind of grain and grass seed and clover seed. All the entries must be in the hands of the superintendent of fairs and institutes, Regina, by January 20. All exhibits must be sent by express or freight so as to reach Regina not later than January 21. The prize winning exhibits will become the property of the department of agriculture.

In addition to the prizes for which any farmer may compete, the Canadian Seed Growers' Association have offered special prizes for competition by their members, which in Saskatchewan number close upon one hundred. In order to give the farmers of the northern part of the province the same opportunity as those in the south, a division of the province has been made to form a northern and southern district. The boundary line is the Qu'Appelle Valley as far west as Last Mountain Lake and the G. T. P. Railway westward from Nokomis. A large number of prizes have been offered, including the handsome trophy offered by the publishers of "Farm Crops." With this trophy goes a cash prize of \$50. Only one bushel of each kind of grain is required as an exhibit, but the exhibitor must be prepared to make a declaration that he has or has sold at least fifty bushels of grain equal in quality to the exhibit. All applications must be made through the secretaries of agricultural societies where societies are formed, and direct by persons from districts where there is no agricultural society. The department of agriculture has sent entry forms to all agricultural societies, and copies will be obtained from the department by anyone requiring them.

In connection with the convention and seed grain fair a short course for farmers will be held. A very complete program is being prepared, and demonstrations in judging grain and live stock will be conducted, and addresses will be given by leading agriculturalists. Last year's convention was very successful, and this one will be equally so. Convention rates will be in force on the certificate plan from all C.P.R. and C.N.R. stations in Saskatchewan again, with an attendance equal to that at the last convention, will ensure a return trip for the price of single fare. It is estimated by the finance officers of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., that the gross revenue of the system for the calendar year would amount to \$100,000,000, or about five million in excess of the revenue of the Dominion of Canada for the current year, which was estimated by Mr. Fielding in his budget speech at \$95,000,000. This estimate is only approximate, as the year is not ended, and is based on the earnings to date, with the promise of earnings to date, since of the year ended on last year. The earnings published monthly include the railway system, with lake steamships, etc., but not the earnings of the Atlantic and Pacific railways; the hotel systems, etc. The earnings as shown will amount to \$100,000,000 by the end of the year, and when to this is added the gross earnings of the two ocean steamship services, hotels, telegraphs, etc., it is estimated that the earnings will equal \$100,000,000.

Representations have been made to the minister of customs that the customs are being vexatious by the big railway corporations of Canada, with regard to the importation of cars, principally for handling freight. The regulations permit of cars owned by foreign corporations to come in duty free in transit on international business, but the contentions are that the companies bring them in and in companies of returning them immediately assign such routing stock to the handling of freight between Canadian points. Complaints have been made by representatives of the new car merger and the Manufacturers Association, who claim that the Canadian industry is affected. The minister of customs was asked to have a checking system bureau established. It is understood that this has been refused, but it has been promised that the matter will be looked into.

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Local and General

Hon. Jas. A. Calder has gone east for a vacation.

The civic investigation will be resumed next week.

J. Kelso Hunter has been appointed secretary of the Collegiate Institute Board.

The Willdon private hotel in the Willoughby & Duncan block was opened last week.

Misses Queenie and Norma Johnstone have returned from a three months' visit to New Orleans.

Owing to the scarcity of accommodation, a portable school will be built on the site of the Earl Grey school.

Churches of the Evangelical Association have been dedicated at Saskatoon, Kinstino, Rosthern, Melville and other places.

The new German Evangelical church on Ottawa street was dedicated on Sunday by the Rev. Samuel Spring, D.D., of Cleveland, Ohio.

A serious outbreak of diphtheria has occurred at the St. Joseph's colony near Balgonie. A strict quarantine has been established.

In the police court on Thursday, James Reed of Fairy Hill, was ordered to pay \$100 to each of two employees as a portion of wages due.

Farmer Hines intends holding a series of meetings at Foote, Wolfville, Lewis, Watertown, Griesve, Craik and other points west of Long Lake.

Macae & Co. of Glasgow, have presented the Saskatchewan branch of the N.A.C.C. with curling stones and a case of their gowls for consignment prizes.

A farmer named Siebert lost a horse on Friday. He was driving on Eleventh avenue when the horse fell breasting its leg, and it had to be destroyed.

Miss Jennie Jones of South Railway street, died on Sunday. The deceased was twenty years of age and came to Regina last summer from Fort Wayne, Ind.

Farmer Hines was in the legislature on Friday and Saturday and expressed considerable excitement by his presence. It was expected that he might cause trouble, but none resulted.

A search among the archives at Ottawa shows that the city's corporation in reference to the Albert street crossing was correct and that it was a public highway before the C.P.R. was built.

Paper bags to contain the Christmas offerings to the Grey Nun's Hospital have been placed in all the stores and the committee in charge would like liberal contributions to this worthy institution.

The marriage of Mr. Robert Cowan and Miss Nelson of Foxleigh was solemnized by Rev. W. Simpson at Caron on Wednesday, Dec. 15. Both of the contracting parties live in the Foxleigh district and are well known in the North Regina district.

Whitmore Bros. have placed their coal trade in such a position that they do not fear a blockade. In their yards they have in stock over a thousand tons and are receiving coal at the rate of ten cars a day, with one hundred cars in transit. They expect the receipts to average ten cars a day for the rest of the season.

The following are the officers of the Greater Regina Club. Hon. Pres., J. H. Haslam; president, W. F. Kerr; secretary, W. J. Leahy; treasurer, G. R. Whitmore; auditor, G. S. Gamble; chairman of finance committee, J. F. L. Embury; membership committee, L. V. Kerr; Regina First committee, W. G. Bishop; external publicity, F. J. Robinson; glad hand committee, A. Mallinson; and municipal development committee, J. Campbell.

The Board of Trade of the city of Regina is showing its practical interest in the production of high class grains in the Regina district by offering \$50 in special prizes for wheat, oats, barley and flax grown within a radius of twenty miles of Regina. This amount has been included in the premium list of the Provincial Seed Grain Show which will be held in Regina, Jan. 25-28 inclusive. One prize will be offered for each of the four principle grains, wheat, oats, barley and flax, amounting to \$12.50 each. These prizes are in the nature of specials, and any grain within the area specified entered in the ordinary classes of the provincial Seed Grain Show will be eligible without special entry to compete for the specials offered by the Board of Trade.

By the death of Inspector Frank Church, R.N.W.M.P., at Hudson's Bay Junction on Wednesday night, the finest police force in the world loses one of its best officers, and the most efficient horseman in the force. Inspector Church in company with Commissioner Perry, left Regina on Dec. 4, bound for the Pas Mission, north of Prince Albert, where they were to hold an official enquiry, after which the two officers had arranged for a moose hunting trip in the far north. Concluding their official business, Inspector Church, who was suffering from a severe cold when he left Regina when he left Regina, was taken ill with pleurisy and forced to take to his bed at Mission Junction, a point east on the Prince Albert line of the C.P.R. formerly known as Etanombi. He was left there by Commissioner Perry, who being forced to return to headquarters at Regina, sent up Dr. Bell from the barracks here to take charge of the patient. Church who was a splendid healthy specimen of manhood, never rallied from his illness, and remained confined to his bed until the end came.

Mortgage Sale of Valuable Farm Property

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF SASKATCHEWAN, JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF REGINA.

In the matter of the Land Titles Act and in the matter of a certain mortgage made by Ole A. Knudtson to Thomas H. Hassard.

Between Thomas H. Hassard, Plaintiff, and Ole A. Knudtson, Wilson & Weir, and William J. Hyde Defendants.

Pursuant to the order of Mr. Justice Johnston made herein on the 1st day of March, A.D. 1909, there will be offered for sale by Public Auction, on the 2nd day of February, 1910, under the direction of Sheriff A. B. Cook, of the Judicial District of Regina, in the province of Saskatchewan, at the hour of Two o'clock in the afternoon, the South-East Quarter of Section 2, Township 15, Range 16, West of the Second Meridian, in the Province of Saskatchewan.

Terms: Twenty-five per cent of the purchase price down and the balance on the delivery of the transfer duly confirmed within two months from the date of the sale. The deposit to be forfeited if the purchaser fails to complete the purchase and accept the transfer.

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The new Darke building on the north side of Eleventh avenue has been sold to a Brandon firm.

The immigration returns show that 150,256 people came to Canada from April to November inclusive.

Local option carried in nineteen municipalities yesterday. One local option district was lost, there being a reversal of opinion in Roblin.

The following have been elected officers of the Mounted Police Lodge, A.F. & A.M.: W.M., Bro. A. B. Allard; S. W. Bro. J. A. Wetmore; J. W. Bro. H. C. Lawson; Sec. Bro. B. B. Carter; treas., W. Bro. A. Sheppard.

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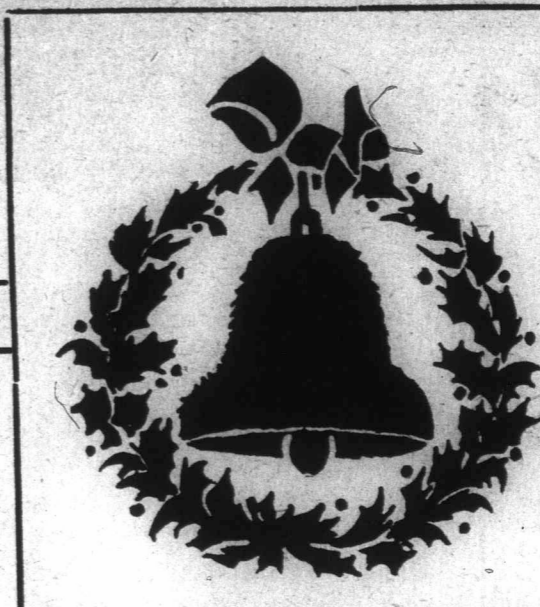
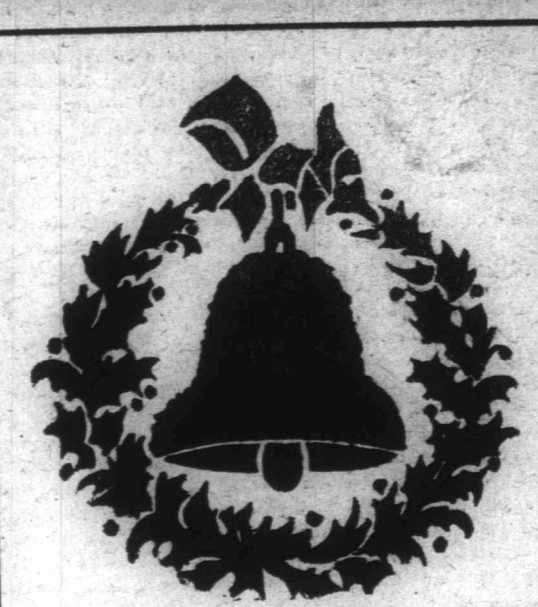
Copenhagen, Dec. 21.—The data submitted by Dr. Cook to the university of Copenhagen are not sufficient to prove his claim to the discovery of the North Pole, according to the report of the commission made today, to the consistory. The commission's report declares that his documents do not carry conviction, and that the records and observations are entirely insufficient to warrant the verdict that he discovered the Pole. A sensational feature among the findings is that Dr. Cook has no original observations or documents, not even his famous diary, on which he based many of his claims.

The decision was reached yesterday but secrecy was maintained until the time of the official announcement today. The commissioner's work was accomplished quickly, because Dr. Cook's documents consisted of nothing more than his story published on his return, paraphrased.

FOUND DEAD.

Hanley, Sask., Dec. 21.—Details of a tragedy which may yet prove to be murder reached this town on Monday night, when it was learned that Max Heindig, a son-in-law of J. B. Beilert, a wealthy farmer who lives close to Hanley, had been found dead in his shack about fourteen miles east of the town and close to the sandhills. Soon after this report reached town it was rumored that the body of the dead man had not been found in the shack but lying under a small tree about two hundred yards from the shack. Mr. Cantillon, the local coroner, immediately telephoned the Northwest Mounted Police, with the result that Sergt. Reeves and Corporal Feenie, of Saskatoon, arrived about four o'clock this morning. They at once proceeded to the scene of the tragedy and found the deceased kneeling on the ground with his hands outstretched. Around his neck was a rope halter shank, but with no slip-knot, the other end being attached to the branch of a small tree. The police have the matter in hand, and an inquest will be held tomorrow at which it is stated startling developments may take place. At present the police are extremely reticent and will give no indication of any information in their possession.

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We extend most hearty Christmas Greetings to our many customers and friends

Santa Clause is Coming to the Regina Trading Co.

We have received a wireless phone message from Santa Clause saying that he will arrive at this store next FRIDAY EVENING about 7.30, and he will be here for a couple of hours before starting out to distribute presents to the good children of Regina and vicinity.

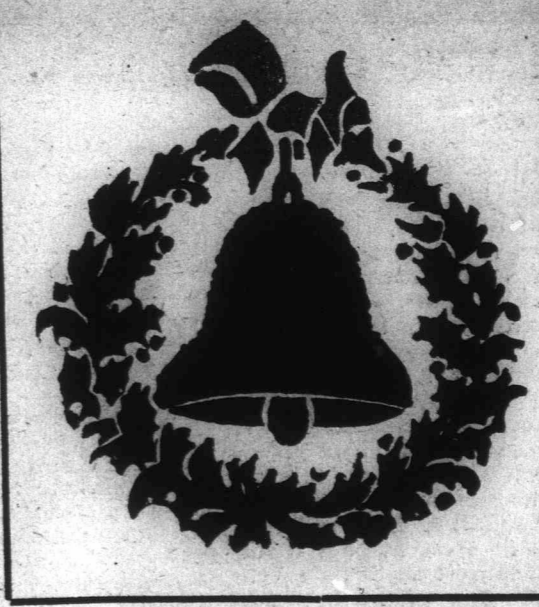
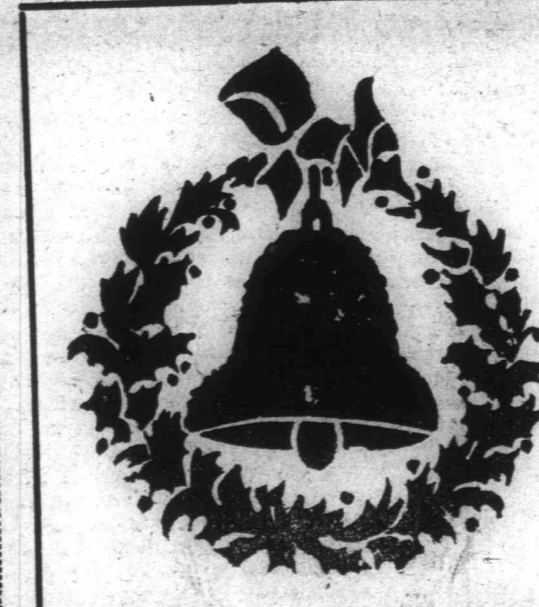
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