



SASKATCHEWAN SECTION

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UNION IS STRENGTH

There is no denying the fact that farmers are awakening to a sense of their responsibilities. Numerous requests for speakers and organizers are being received at the central office from all parts of the province; in fact, the requisitions in this connection are unprecedented. "Thinking begets thinking." This is what agriculturists are now doing, but very soon their thoughts will develop and be put into actual practice. Our farmers will in the near future "ride over all obstacles and win in the great race" for supremacy. It is interesting to note the large number of branches of our organization which have been formed recently:

New locals—East and West Cut Knife, Bogend, Duck Creek, Ivor, Kingsland, Ada, Lake Johnston, Tupper, View Hill and Wamley.

Locals in process of formation—Highmore, Clearfield, Lake City, Hodgeville, Morse, Kerrobert, Lynthorpe and Simpson.

Picnics, plowing matches and summer rallies are the order of the day, with an association speaker in attendance. At their gathering, which was held recently, Langham cleared \$102 for their local's funds, while at Lake Johnston an impromptu meeting was held, consisting of nineteen farmers, and out of this number seventeen paid their yearly dues and formed a branch straight away. This is splendid work. It might also be stated that no arrangements had been made to hold a meeting at Lake Johnston previous to Mr. Conlan of Newberry speaking at Ada, an adjoining point. Several of the young men left the dance in the small hours of the morning and got as many farmers as they possibly could in the short time at their disposal to attend a meeting the next day, with the foregoing result. Milestone had a successful gathering during the past week, and on June 28 Saltcoats had Vice-president Dunning and Mr. George Langley speaking at their picnic, which also passed off nicely.

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TISDALE ENTHUSIASTIC

Tisdale, on the C.N.R., in the provincial district of Kinistino, has realized the immense powers vested in the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company. They are desirous of having an elevator built at their point, with a view to handling grain this year. J. W. Bayliff, of Sylvania, was sent as a delegate representing six associations, to this city last week, and placed the claims of the farmers in his district before the executive of the new company in a very able manner, stating their willingness to go to any amount of trouble to secure the advantages given under the Act. Mr. Bayliff, by way of convincing us that the need for an elevator was imperative, also mentioned that the crops were in splendid condition, and that the growth was phenomenal, the wheat at present standing thirty inches high. Nothing short of a catastrophe would spoil them from having a record breaking harvest. Last year, practically all the samples of grain, etc., for educational and exhibition purposes came from Tisdale district. Tisdale association last year had seventy members, while the remainder of our locals in the district, Mr. Bayliff informs us, are forging ahead.

The Grain Growers' association has demonstrated time and again that they are benefitting the farming community in a practical way, and no farmer who has his own welfare and the interests of the agricultural community at heart can afford to remain out of our movement. There is plenty of scope for development in the Kinistino district along the C.N.R. towards the east, and we trust that farmers will lose no time in getting in communication with the central offices, when all information will be gladly given.

LAKE JOHNSTON IN THE FIGHT

A meeting was held at Lake Johnston on June 17. Mr. Mitten was elected chairman. After hearing the various addresses there was no difficulty in organizing a strong association, with Mr. Quinn as president; F. Crosby, vice-president, and A. Crosby, secretary-treasurer. A good live board of directors was also elected. We understand the members intend making this local the premier one in Saskatchewan. We wish them every success. They have certainly started very well, and if every association had the same ambition, we would treble our membership in one month.

T.A.C.

WHAT THINK YOU?

So much has been written and suggested respecting the making of our life membership scheme a complete success, that the following ideas of a member of our organization might be developed and acted upon at some future date. They are at least worth consideration:

1. Each farmer to devote half an acre or an acre of land to be sown to crop in the spring.
2. Prizes could be awarded by a judge for best standing crop.
3. Crop to be stacked at one central point.
4. Grain to become the property of the association, and the proceeds, which would amount to over \$12, our life membership fee, would enable each of the

their meeting rooms, may purchase same through the central office.

Convention Reports—The demand for these exceeds the supply, and many of our locals are clamoring for a further quota.

F. W. Green, our energetic secretary, is doing grand work in the Old Country, and will in all probability return to Saskatchewan with a mine of valuable information for Grain Growers. We trust the rest and change of scenery will benefit him materially and that he will be able to go about his many arduous duties with renewed vigor.

View Hill has sent us membership fees for the ensuing year. They also inform us that they propose holding a picnic at an early date. They also appreciate Mr. Hawkes' efforts in the way of organizing a local of the new elevator company at Estevan.

Criticism—It is amusing to read the various newspaper reports criticizing the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company. Comment from us is needless, as we would only be covering ground we have gone over before. Life is too short to waste time replying to those parties. How does the following quotation strike you?

"Damn with faint praise, assent with civil leer,
Hope constancy in wind, or corn in chaff,
Believe a woman, or an epitaph,
Or any other thing that's false, before
You trust in critics."

Huronville for Permanency

Secretary J. H. Lane writes us, enclosing cheque for \$72, being life membership fees from the undernoted Grain Growers: Thos. Treble, J. Harvey Lane, John Killaby, Len P. Woodhams, Thomas G. Heamen and James Lindsay. We are exceedingly pleased to receive this sum, which shows that the farmers in Huronville district wish to establish our organization on a permanent basis, so that it will grow stronger, deeper, wider and higher as time goes on. Once permanently founded, think what a power the Grain Growers' Association will be in the Dominion in the way of forwarding the interests of our farmers. We are making our presence felt now in no uncertain manner, and when firmly fixed, our influence will be widespread.

Moose Jaw, Sask.

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contributing farmers to become life members of our organization, and thereby establish same permanently.

5. Perhaps threshers would volunteer to thresh the grain at a reduction.

ELEVATOR NOTELETS

The Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company has over forty locals organized, consequently the building of elevators will go on apace.

Over one quarter of a million dollars has been subscribed by shareholders. The organizers must have been going some to raise this amount in so short a period.

In addition to the branches formed over 100 applications for elevators under the new Act are on file. Applicants are insistent on their claims for immediate consideration.

Everything at present is booming and the future looks particularly rosy for the shareholders.

One of the organizers the other day asked a farmer to take stock in the new company. The following was the agriculturist's reply: "What take stock in your company? Last year I paid a dollar to some grain company, and I have not received a cent in return." Perhaps he referred to the association.

NEWSY BRIEFLETS

Coronation Fund—We are glad to inform our members that this scheme is going to turn out a great success. Locals who have not contributed towards same may do so yet. Better late than never.

Photographs of Memento—Any of our locals who wish photos of the memento and the address to the king to hang in

We would refer your noble correspondent to the famous poet, Robbie Burns, when he writes:

"O, wad some power the giftie gie us,
To see oursel's as ithers see us;
It wad frae mony a blunder free us,
And foolish notion."

We are quite aware of the fact that we are not perfect, therefore we trust the various critics will take those lines to heart.

A. O. Stratton writes us that he has been a sleeping member of the Weyburn branch since it was formed, but he has now awakened, and is to do some work for the association. This is splendid. All our farmers are having a great awakening, and as Mr. Green once stated, we are to have busy times. Good luck to the prospective Clearfield association.

Dreyer—Secretary Earl sends us membership fees for 1911.

Unity desires us to do what we can in the way of getting a branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at their point.

Eden Valley is also to hand with yearly dues.

Tugaske and Lawson are to have picnics on July 12, when Mr. Tate, M.L.A., and one of the executive, will be in attendance.

Rouworth is after constitutions. We have sent them a quantity.

St. Benedict is to hand with membership fees.

Lions Head is interested in co-operation. There are several companies in the province dealing co-operatively.

Sutherland sends us membership fees for 1911. They also hope to have a large

increase in their membership very soon. We have complied with a request for membership cards and literature.

One of our Scottish Correspondents at the close of his letter sends us the following greeting, which shows that they of the Motherland have a warm spot in their hearts for us of the colonies. The following is the message: "We Britishers are meantime preparing for the coronation. I hope your secretary will have a pleasant time when he visits our 'Little Isle' and that he will carry back with him 'To Canada whom we love and prize' a pardonable pride in the Mother Country. May the future be laden 'with happy, happy sail to knit land to land, and ploughing havenward with flour and fruits and spices clear of toll, enrich the markets of the golden year.'"

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"TRUSTS RULE CANADA." This startling saying is credited to a young and fearless Canadian public man and furnishes one with good material for thought. "Though this may be extravagant, it is substantially true; at all events it is certain that it will be true within the next few years."

When we review our banking system we find that when a farmer or business man wishes to borrow money on the security of his land, implements, grain in the elevator or factory, immediately he signs a note he executes to the bank in a definite form an assignment of his property. This security becomes the actual property of the bank; therefore, to all intents and purposes the banker becomes a partner, as it were. This is where danger creeps in, in this closely interwoven system. For instance, suppose business men, bankers and railway corporations, who have always had, and have now powerful influence in Parliament, were to unite and form one great combine, we would then have organized capital dominating the Dominion. If we carefully study the American system, we find that some few men in New York dominate money matters there; hence my argument. How would the farming community stand then? The necessity for thorough organization on the part of agriculturists is again apparent. We must go on adding to our numbers and educating ourselves in the various problems of the day. Legislation relating to our interests must also be carefully studied. Perhaps the day is not far distant when we shall be in a position to compete with other concerns in the way of purchasing co-operatively machinery and everything we require. Should the capitalists amalgamate, could we not meet them with a farmers' combine in turn? The new elevator company in the province is an entering wedge in the great struggle which has to come. "Right is might," and if we stick together we are bound to triumph in the end.

"Competition is the life of trade."

"Opposition is rank poison to legitimate business."

"Competition and opposition are easily confounded."

"Competition is an honest man's means."

"Opposition is a two edged sword likely to draw blood on the reckless handler."

"The benefits of competition are world wide."

"The evils of opposition are just as widely distributed."

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