

Manitoba

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MEETING OF DIRECTORS OF M.G.G. ASSOCIATION

The directors of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association held a meeting on the evening of Monday, November 8, and same was extended into Tuesday. The time of the directors was largely taken up with the question of organization work and the best methods of using the District Association for propaganda work.

The following list of meetings of the District Associations was tentatively arranged for and the secretary was instructed to communicate at once with the district secretaries with a view to finding out as to the suitability of suggested dates for these meetings and urge the district secretaries to at once prepare for the district meetings on the suggested date or a date that would be suitable to the district; and also fix the place of meeting. An outstanding feature and a new departure in the meetings of the directorate was the presence of the women's committee (appointed at the last convention). A good representation of this committee were present and took part in the discussions, more particularly that pertaining to organization work. At the suggestion of this committee it was arranged that a woman speaker should attend at these district meetings and the desire of the directors is that as far as practical our different branches should provide for a lady speaker for some of their meetings throughout the winter with a view to enlisting the co-operation of the farmers' wives and members of the farmers' families in promoting the Grain Growers' movement. The women members of the directorate held a special meeting and submitted the following names of women as being available for speaking at meetings of branches:—Mrs. J. S. Woods, Oakville; Mrs. Gee, Virden; Mrs. Ben. Richardson, Beaver; Mrs. J. O. Smith, Eli; Mrs. J. R. Dutton, Gilbert Plains; Mrs. W. H. English, Harding; Mrs. Hill, Woodnorth; Mrs. Jos. Bennett, Pine Creek Station; and one lady from Oakville (name to be sent in later).

LIST OF DISTRICT MEETINGS

Brandon, Tuesday, November 23; Marquette, Wednesday, November 24; Neepawa, Thursday, November 25; Portage la Prairie, Friday, November 26. R. McKenzie, speaker.

Macdonald, Tuesday, November 23. R. C. Henders, speaker.

Provencher, Wednesday, November 24. Peter Wright, speaker.

Lisgar, Thursday, November 25. J. L. Brown and Peter Wright, speakers.

Souris, Friday, November 26. J. L. Brown and W. H. English, speakers.

Swan River, Tuesday, November 23. J. S. Wood and R. J. Avison, speakers.

Dauphin, Thursday, November 25. R. J. Avison and J. S. Wood, speakers.

Springfield and Selkirk, to be arranged by the secretary.

THE ANNUAL CONVENTION

The annual convention is to be held at Brandon on January 5, 6 and 7, 1916. A tentative program has been arranged. The secretary was instructed to send invitations to Prof. J. B. Reynolds, principal of the Manitoba Agricultural College; Rev. Mr. Crozier, Mrs. Dixon and Mrs. Wood to deliver addresses during the convention. The board desire to receive suggestions from our branches relative to the convention program and any special subjects that it is desirable to discuss at the convention.

BRANDON DISTRICT ASSOCIATION TO MEET

The following letter has been sent to all the branches in the Brandon District Association by the district secretary:—

To the Local Secretaries:—
The Brandon District Grain Growers will hold an important meeting in Brandon on Tuesday, November 23, in the City Hall at 2 p.m. Each local is entitled to send delegates at the rate of one for every five paid up members for 1915. Representatives from the Central Association will be present. Questions coming up for

discussion will include the livestock exchange bill, public abattoirs, farm credits, free wheat and grading of grain.

In view of the persistence of the government in refusing to take steps to give us free wheat notwithstanding the representations made by the Central directorate, the question of what should be the next move the Grain Growers should take on this matter will receive consideration.

This will be a very important meeting and our branches in this district should be well represented.

D. G. McKENZIE,
Brandon District Secretary.
Box 983, Brandon.

ARBORG DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS TO MEET

The following letter has been sent to all the secretaries in the Arborg district and speaks for itself:—

Dear Sir:—

It is very desirous that a meeting be arranged to which delegates from all the branches of the Grain Growers' Associations in the Arborg district should meet together to discuss the best methods of carrying on the organization work in that district. I am, therefore, taking the liberty of calling a meeting of all these branches at Arborg on Friday, November 19, at 2.30 p.m. to discuss with representatives of our Associations questions affecting the members of the branches in that district.

Will you please see that your branch will be represented at that meeting with as many delegates as can conveniently meet there that day. I expect to be present with you myself.

I am,

Yours truly,
Manitoba Grain Growers' Association,
R. McKENZIE,
Secretary.

HAZELRIDGE SOCIAL EVENING

The Grain Growers' Association at Hazelridge held a very enjoyable social and concert on the evening of Thursday, November 4, opening up their season's campaign. A program of instrumental and vocal music had been carefully prepared, and R. McKenzie, of the Central Association, was present and gave an address on the general work of the Association, devoting considerable time to the subject of Rural Credits. The Hazelridge Association are to be congratulated on starting their season's work with this opening social evening.

PATRIOTIC ACRE PLEDGES

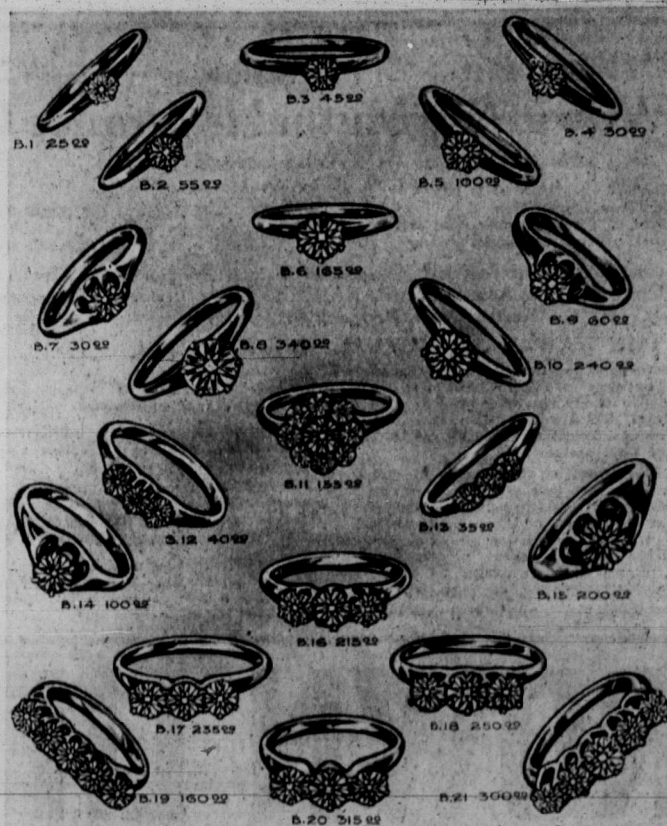
Now that harvest and threshing is so nearly over the secretaries should get their canvass completed for the Patriotic Acre, and when they have covered their district send in their report with the returns to the Central office. Each contributor may designate what fund or funds they wish their donation to be applied to. The returns will be published in The Guide from time to time as received.

SWAN VALLEY DISTRICT CONVENTION

There will be a convention of the Swan Valley District Association held in Swan River on Tuesday, November 23, at 2 p.m. R. J. Avison, director for the Dauphin district, will be in attendance from the Central Association and we expect a good turn-out to discuss plans for the winter campaign. Local secretaries are requested to see that their Associations are well represented at this meeting.

JOHN LIVESAY,
District Secretary.

God made the country, and man made the town;
What wonder, then, that health and virtue, gifts
That can alone make sweet the bitter draught
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And least be threaten'd in the fields and groves?—Cowper.



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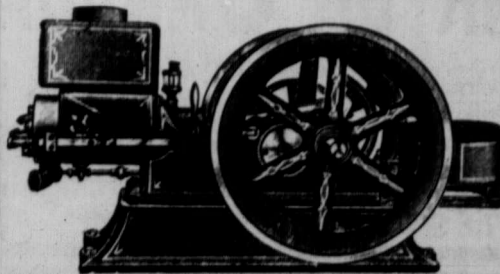
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