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OUR YEAR BOOK

We are sending out to each branch by express or mail copies of our Year Book containing the minutes of the 1917 convention, the Farmers' Platform and other information which should answer many of the letters of inquiry for data in regard to the history, aims and objects of the farmers' movement. Altogether the Year Book should form a valuable contribution to the progressive farmer's library and should be the means of encouraging farmers who have not become indented with the movement to take such steps at once. We would like the secretaries to see that this parcel is received and a copy given to each member of their branch. If sufficient copies are not sent kindly notify central and additional ones will be mailed. There is no charge being made for these books and we hope the secretaries will see that they are distributed where they will do the most good, especially in propaganda work.

LITTLE SOURIS MEETING

The Little Souris G.G.A. held a social evening on June 6, which was well attended by a large proportion of the members as well as others. We enjoyed a visit from our district director, Mr. Geo. Gordon of Oak Lake, who gave us a very helpful address, which was very much enjoyed by all present. We were all glad to make the acquaintance of our director and feel that he will be a very great help in the work of the association in the Brandon district. Mr. D. G. McKenzie, Secy. for Brandon district association and Mr. J. M. Allan of the Forrest G.G.A. were also present and gave us very practical and interesting talk on association work and considerable discussion followed. After the speeches the ladies served tea and sandwiches and a very profitable evening was spent. Several new members joined our branch at this meeting. Our annual picnic is to be held at Lake Clement on July 2. Interesting speakers have been secured and we expect to have a large gathering and a profitable day's enjoyment at this annual event.

J. S. LOWER.

Secy. Little Souris G.G.A.

A NEW BRANCH ORGANIZED

The farmers of Riverdale and Willow Grove districts met on the evening of June 12 in the Riverview School, with the object of organizing a branch of the G.G.A. in this locality. Mr. Frank Simpson, a director of the board of the central association, was present and after a talk on the aims and benefits to be derived by organization it was definitely decided to organize at once. The name of the new branch was to be called "Riverdale," and the following officers were elected: President, Hector McLean; vice-president, John Hesketh; Sec.-Treas., Robt. Shorrocks; Directors, Messrs. Oliver Murray, Harry Boyes, E. C. Kerr and Messdames H. McLean, E. Murray and Latimer. At this preliminary meeting 18 members joined. On account of the bad weather quite a number were prevented from attending but we expect to have about 30 members in the near future.

Note:—We are pleased to note the general desire on the part of the farmers in nearly all districts for organized

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effort on their part to carry on community work; the inquiries coming in to the central office for information in regard to forming branches of the association are very encouraging.

BRANCHES IN SOURIS DISTRICT

The following notice is inserted at the request of the secretary of the Souris district association. All secretaries of branches in the federal constituency of Souris should make a note of it and send returns as he suggests:

"The Souris district secretary would be pleased to have the local associations make every effort to complete the enrollment of members for their respective branches and report forthwith, remitting ten cents per member to the district funds and 75 cents to the central office, Winnipeg.

"F. HOWELL,

"Box 201, Boissevain, Man."
Secy. Souris District G.G.A.

GLENELLA BRANCH

The Glenella Grain Growers are planning to have a plowing match on July 5, to be held on the farm of Jos. Patterson, three miles east of Glenella. Weather permitting they purpose having speeches and a general good social gathering following the match. This is a new departure in the way of social gatherings and should prove interesting to the younger members as well as to the older ones. We will look forward to having a report of this later on.

DISTRICT SECRETARY'S REPORT

One of our district secretaries in writing the Central office this week states that the work in that district "is progressing very favorably, that the interest in the farmers' movement is well maintained and that they are planning to do considerable visiting and organization work during the two following months when all the branches in their district are holding picnics and they hope to meet as many of the farmers in the different districts as possible."

A BIG JULY 4 PICNIC

The Grain Growers are holding their annual picnic at Shoal Lake on July 4. Special trains will bring visitors from Neepawa, Franklin, Minnedosa, Rosewood, Newdale, Strathclair, Russell, Burncarth, Foxwarren, Birtle, Selkirk, Kellon, etc., etc. An auto parade with prizes for the best decorated cars, baseball, tennis and other sports will be provided. Messrs. R. C. Henderson and J. L. Brown, of Pilot Mound, and W. H. English, of Harding, will be some of the speakers for the day. With the beautiful park and boating facilities this should be one of the most enjoyable outings in that district for the summer.

The committee arranging for this annual picnic on July 4 have secured Dr. R. G. Hiss as one of the speakers for the occasion. This will prove an extra inducement to many to be present at this annual event, which promises to be well attended if the weather proves favorable.

CONVENIENCES IN FARM HOMES

The home on the farm today can have the modern conveniences. The cost is really small compared with the returns. A water system can be put in which will cost as much as a binder. It is used every day in the year and the binder only a week or two. A furnace that will keep the whole house warm will cost about as much as a drill and a plow. The furnace can be used nearly half the year while the drill and plow are used but a few weeks. The modern improvements in the home not only lift the heaviest work from the shoulders of those least able to bear them but they also make the home more sanitary. One sick spell may cost enough to pay for installing a water system or a furnace.

Farm machinery has cut out much of the hardest work for the men on the farm and the modern conveniences in the home will cut out much of the heaviest work of the women on the farm, and will add much to the health and comfort of all members of the farmer's family. In the past it has not been generally realized that a woman's steps cost time and energy. Within the next quarter century all prosperous farmers will have homes equipped with modern conveniences such as running water both into and out of the house. Farmers are putting power into their barns, they should also utilize the same power for us in their houses, particularly for laundry purposes. There may come a time when some form of community co-operation will be devised to save household labor and permit of the women of the household having a little time and opportunity to broaden the horizon and enable them to partake in some measure at least in the social activities of the world about them.—Selected.

WEIGHT ON THE FARMERS

The plow is often spoken of as being emblematic of agriculture or the work of food production. The report of the Dominion department of trade and commerce for the ten months ending January 31, 1917, which was issued recently, contains some interesting information on "The Plow." During those ten months the farmers of Canada imported \$955,000 worth of plows, on which they paid the sum of \$121,000 in customs duties and \$75,000 in customs war tax, a total of over a million dollars. During the same time they have paid probably three times that amount in the tariff profits added to the plows which they purchased at home, bringing the total taxation on plows up to the round million. And during the same time the plow manufacturers of Canada imported \$418,000 worth of mould boards, land slides and other parts of plows duty free. This is how food production is (not) being stimulated by legislation which has been in force for 30 years or more.—Forest, Ont. Free Press.

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