

EXHIBIT AND REST ROOM

The Central Office has decided to take space in the Governments Building at the Regina exhibition, July 26 to 31. It has been recognized that thousands of members of the Association will be at the Regina exhibition, which promises this year to be the most successful ever held in the metropolis of Saskatchewan. The Central Office conceived the idea that a friendly service could be rendered to many of our people by the institution of a rest room and mail delivery for any Grain Growers who may wish to avail themselves of such service.

The board of directors will meet in the city of Regina during the course of this week so that a splendid opportunity will be afforded any of our members and especially to any who are actively engaged in organization work, to meet with some of the officers or the head office staff and secure fuller information as to the policy of activities of the Association under its greatly extended charter powers as well as the extended powers which have been granted to locals incorporated under the Agricultural Co-operative Associations Act.

Various pamphlets and newly prepared literature will be available for distribution to all interested parties and especially for sub-directors and local organizers.

A rest room and writing room will be provided for the use of members and all members attending the exhibition are invited to have any mail or telegraphic communications intended for them directed in care of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association, Governments Building, Regina Exhibition. Facilities will be provided for checking coats and parcels and a special room will be provided where women members, especially those with little children, may quietly rest.

Every member of the Association is invited to make free use of these facilities. There will be no charge of any kind to anyone wearing a membership button. This will be the one spot of the exhibition where every Grain Grower will feel perfectly at home and we hope to have the pleasure of adding greatly to the enjoyment of very many of our members in attendance at this great gathering.

J. B. MUSSELMAN,
Central Secretary.

PATRIOTIC ACRE FUND

In the lists of Patriotic Acre contributions published from time to time in this page, some of our local Associations who have sent in ten or more forms have not got full credit for their work by reason of its having been divided among two or more canvassers. It is only right, however, that such Associations should have all the credit due to them and for that reason we give below a list of such Associations with the full number of forms and acres contributed by them.

Association	No. of Canvassers	Forms	Acres
Sunny South	4	29	30
Shaunavon	2	20	20
Tullisville	2	19	19
Uren	2	16	16
Fairmount	2	15	15
East Manitou	2	14	14
Wild Rose Valley	2	11	11
Limerick	2	10	10
Fleming	2	10	9

and \$10

DUNDURN PLOWING MATCH

Nearly a thousand people attended the first annual plowing match held Wednesday, under the auspices of the Dundurn Grain Growers' Association at E. G. Hoppes' farm. It was the biggest and most successful gathering ever held in the Dundurn district, and the plowing competition, the races and other sports, and the dance which followed were all thoroughly enjoyed. The town of Dundurn was practically deserted afternoon and evening and the farmers from far and near attended, most of them driving the whole family to the happy combination of picnic, plowing match, sports day and dance. There were autos by the score, buggies by the hundred and farm wagons by the dozen, and there was room for all on the beautiful grounds where the sports were held.

There were eleven entries in the plowing competition, ten of these with sulky and gang plows, and one lone lorn man with a walking plow. Following were the entries and points awarded: Gang Plows—Malcolm Lambie, 94, first prize; C. O. Walrod, 93, second prize; Walter Gentienne, 92, third prize; William Law, 91, fourth prize; W. S. Benjamin, 88; M. Teer, 87; C. Green, 87; R. Boren, 85.

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Sulky Plow—Billy Gordon, 93, first prize; Charles Paseno, 91, second prize. Walking Plow—Jack Landblow, 84, only competitor.

There were some handsome prizes awarded, and the judge's decision was popular, being received with a hearty round of applause and a vote of thanks.

The special prize for the best looking plow team was awarded to one of E. G. Hoppes' teams.

Anton Olson came in first in the men's foot race, Herbert Larson in the boys' foot race, and Edward Rystrom the automobile race, the contestants first having a foot race to their cars, cranking their cars, and racing a few hundred yards to the finish.

There was a ladies' nail driving contest won by Mrs. H. A. Pommerenke, and a "Novelty Race" where five ladies harnessed, hitched up and drove away their horses in the time that an ordinary man would take looking for the bride. Miss May Young won after a close and exciting contest. The men's relay race was won by C. Hillier and Jack Wilson. The ladies' egg and spoon race was won by Miss Clara Schroeder and the boys' bicycle race by Alec. Hordern. H. Herrig won the shoe and stocking race. The tug of war was easily won by the married men, to the general delight of all the ladies present.

Two ball games were played in the late afternoon and evening, and the affair wound up with a big dance. The whole event was a huge success, and the big crowd dispersed determined to make the event an annual feature.

GOING WITH A SWING

The Patriotic Acre Fund goes swinging along. Yes, sure it is going to be a success! It is a success already. But, say, what about those forms you got filled in the other day? You thought you would send them in to the Central Office, but you didn't. Will you send them along right now? Otherwise there will be a glut on the Central Office market next fall.

LOYALTY

The following is a translation from a letter in the German language which has come to the Central Office. It illustrates so splendidly the loyalty of the member to his own organization and shows so clearly the splendid conception which this gentleman has of the absolute necessity for all our locals to co-operate with each other thru their common Central if the Association is to succeed in its tremendous fight with the great capitalistic interests which are so opposed to the farmers doing their own business thru their own organization, that it has been thought well worth while translating it and giving it publicity.

"I am a member of _____ local. According to a resolution of our local the secretary has been empowered to order a carload of binder twine from the _____ Co., the reason being given that the twine was cheaper than the Grain Growers and that the Grain Growers were this year not in the position to meet their obligations on account of the overseas conditions.

"My personal opinion is that I am not willing to take any of this twine, because such is against our co-operative principles. Where would we come to if each local would buy from the dealers we are fighting against with all our power? The whole pioneer work as well as the present work of the Association would be for nothing. Could I have from you about 450 lbs. _____ twine. I had same last year and was well satisfied. Please send me also price list for fence wire and machinery.

"I would like to make the following suggestion for next convention which could perhaps be considered by the executive now and that is that every member in joining the Association take shares of same for an amount not less than \$20.00. By such a measure our members would have a financial interest in the business and stick to it.

"In passing I would like to mention that the 'Konsumvereine' of Germany, which are so successful, are built upon the same principle."

CONTRIBUTING IN OTHER WAYS

Referring to your letter of April 19 re the Patriotic Acre scheme, I brought it before our Association today and am instructed to write as follows:

Red Deer Hill and surrounding districts at the commencement of this war formed a war fund named "South Prince Albert Rural Patriotic Fund," and regular collections and meetings are in force. Every month a check is sent to some society, for instance, Belgian Relief fund, Canadian hospital fund, etc., and I may say that all our Grain Growers are interested in it and our president, W. Gange, is on the committee which decides where the money shall be sent month by month.

I may say that at a future meeting a motion to send a donation to the Grain Growers' fund will be brought up and I expect will go thru. So under the circumstances I think you will agree that we are doing equally as good work in our district as if we followed out the Patriotic Acre scheme. Everyone speaks well of your scheme, but as we started our own in October, the general feeling is that we can do well by staying with the original scheme. Trusting this will be satisfactory.

LESLIE F. FREDDY,
Sec. Red Deer Hill Local.

LOST CHILD LOCAL

Recently the farmers of this community met and organized "The Lost Child local" of the S. G. G. A., obtaining 28 members. The following officers were elected: President, Martin Moen; Vice-President, P. H. Knops; Secretary, L. H. Larson; Directors: Wm. Slorach, Alex. Olmstead, Alfred Moen, Harry Morrison, N. J. Housen, Anton Knops.

L. H. LARSON,
Sec. Lost Child Local.

LEGAL ADVICE

At a meeting of the Webb local, held on the 12th, it was resolved: "That this meeting recommends to the executive of the S. G. G. A. that a legal advisory department in connection with the Grain Growers' Guide be established for the benefit of members thruout the country," and I was instructed to bring same before your notice.

IVAN AUSTIN,
Sec. Webb Local.

Note.—The Guide already has a legal department and will be glad to answer queries free of charge for its paid-up subscribers thru the column headed: "Your Questions Answered." If \$1 is enclosed a direct reply will be mailed by the solicitors engaged by The Guide for this purpose.—Editor, Guide.

FROM PRINCE OF WALES

I am desired by the Prince of Wales to thank you for the contribution of £102 10s. 0d. which you have forwarded from the members of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association to the National Relief fund, thru the Canadian Patriotic fund. His Royal Highness was much pleased at receiving this welcome addition to the fund and asks you to make known to all the subscribers how warmly he appreciates their kindness and generosity.

WALTER PEACOCK,
Treas. to His Royal Highness.
Buckingham Palace, June 7.

HIGHWORTH ORGANIZED

A meeting was held at Highworth on Wednesday last to organize a branch of the S. G. G. A. A fair number attended, notwithstanding the short notice we received. The following officers were elected: President, G. Bell; Vice-President, W. J. Sleep; Secretary, E. B. Moore, and six directors.

E. B. MOORE,
Sec. Highworth Ass'n.

WHEN A CAR ARRIVES

The following is a copy of a resolution passed at our last executive meeting:

Shall be glad to receive your advice upon same.

"That when car or cars of any commodity ordered arrives, the party unloading same shall send word to all who have given orders for such commodity, informing them the day the car or cars will be opened and any that are not there within three days from the day the cars are opened shall each pay an equal share (if more than one) to cover the extra cost in handling same. Should there only be one, then the whole of the extra cost shall be paid by that one and that the secretary forward a copy of this resolution to Central."

W. F. MERCER,
Sec. New Bank Local.

A FINANCIAL OPINION

The following is quoted from the May issue of "The Credit Men's Journal," published by the general manager of the Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association Limited, and is an extract from an address by S. R. Tarr, M.A., editor of "Canadian Finance," delivered to the Canadian Credit Men's Association:

"Perhaps this is as fitting a stage as any in the course of these rambling remarks to touch upon the place co-operative trading may have in the mid-West's business outlook. Co-operation in selling and buying is undoubtedly a factor to be reckoned with.

"It is in Saskatchewan, apparently, that the co-operative movement is making the most rapid strides.

"The Retail Merchants' Association of Canada and its provincial branches have openly fought it, and members have been urged both in public meetings and in 'private and confidential' letters not to purchase from any wholesaler who sells to Grain Growers' Associations or to co-operative societies.

"Here in the middle West it may be anticipated that, as co-operative effort in marketing becomes more and more successful, there will be an increasing tendency to enter upon co-operative buying as well. Whether or not, for the next few years, this will confine itself chiefly to the present somewhat informal plan remains to be seen. The outcome will depend largely, it seems to me, upon whether alert retailers blindly combat the co-operative trend of the day or reckon with it intelligently—and get into the circle themselves.

"But before discussing the retailer's attitude in the matter, let us look for a moment at the development of co-operative trading in Great Britain. Since 1844 it has grown until the yearly volume of retail turnover by societies reporting to the Co-operative Union is around £150,000,000 (or \$750,000,000). And it is reported that since the war began (probably owing to the feeling, right or wrong, that middlemen were taking undue advantage of increased prices) the current volume of business has been notably increased. At first thought it might seem that so vast a turnover must have made big inroads upon ordinary business channels. But I believe a sober study of the actual facts goes to show that co-operative trading has meant a supplementing, rather than a supplanting, of the usual machinery of commerce.

"The middleman (as his very name indicates) is a means, not an end. For whatever needed distributive service the retailer renders, society will continue to pay the price. But where he obtrudes himself merely as a fifth wheel, or as an actual dead weight (as seems to have been the case with that series of six successive go-betweens that handled certain binoculars for Ottawa), his elimination, or rather his transference to some more useful end is for the common good.

"That not a few retail merchants in Western Canada could well be spared to take up homesteads or work as farm laborers will scarcely be disputed, either by you who supply them with goods or by their local rivals in storekeeping. What co-operative trading may now, or in years to come, do in ousting from the field the patently unqualified is no cause for anxiety. What is a matter for concern—and from the viewpoint alike of the business and consuming public—is that really competent middlemen shall perform the necessary economic service of local distribution. While making no claims to prophesying, I have the feeling that the alert retail merchant can most successfully meet this supposed foe by fighting with it instead of against it.