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Honorary President:		
J. W. Scallion		Virden
President:		
R. O. Henders		Culross
Vice-President:		
J. B. Wood		Oakville
Secretary-Treasurer:		
R. McKenzie		Winnipeg

EMPIRE OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

The annual meeting of the Empire Branch of the M. G. G. A. was held last night in the school house. It was a very enthusiastic meeting, the president and the vice-president being re-elected for the third year. There were 27 paid-up members, 12 having paid double fees. Two new branches were organized at Erickson and Scandinavia, during Mr. Dixon's visit in the spring. In co-operation with Bethany Branch a car of apples and two cars of flour and feed have been ordered. A resolution was passed "That Empire Branch still favor the Farmers' Platform as presented at Ottawa." A resolution in favor of immediate free trade with Great Britain was passed unanimously. Wishing you success. Yours truly,
H. JACKSON,
Sec. Treas., Empire Branch.

PINE CREEK ELECTION

Minutes of the Pine Creek Grain Growers' annual meeting, held Dec. 17: Minutes of last meeting read and adopted. Election of officers: Moved by J. Bennett, seconded by D. McCaig—That E. Stewart be re-elected president.—Carried. Moved by D. Brown, seconded by E. Manns—That W. Johnson be vice-president.—Carried. Moved by J. Bennett, seconded by G. Manns—That W. A. Green be secretary-treasurer.—Carried. Moved by J. Bennett, seconded by M. Watson—That J. Bennett, G. Manns, A. McCaig, D. McCaig, D. Brown and W. S. Burton be directors.—Carried. Moved by D. McCaig, seconded by M. Watson—That J. Bennett be delegate to Portage.—Carried. Moved by J. Bennett, seconded by W. Johnson—That M. Watson be delegate to Portage.—Carried. Moved by W. Johnson, seconded by J. Bennett—That D. Brown be delegate to Brandon.—Carried. Moved by J. Bennett, seconded by G. Manns—That J. Stewart be delegate to Brandon.—Carried.

Mr. Burnell then addressed the meeting for half an hour and pointed out our need for better organization and more combined effort on the part of the farmers of the West. This address was one of the best that the Pine Creek Grain Growers ever listened to and the speaker was accorded a most hearty vote of thanks. J. Bennett then addressed the meeting for a few minutes and gave some interesting figures on the different prices between producer and consumer. Mr. Bennett also brought in two resolutions, one on our grading system and one on the weighing of our grain. These two resolutions were passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned to meet again on Friday, Jan. 17, at 7 o'clock to hear the reports of the delegates from Portage and Brandon conventions. We hope to see every farmer out at this meeting on Jan. 17, as we are fully convinced that we have more need for organization at present than ever we had before.

JOSIAH BENNETT,
Press Correspondent.

PROTEST AGAINST CONDITIONS

At a concert and dance held at the Grand Narrows school house, on 13th inst. M. McCaig and a number of the members of the Silverwood branch of your association were present. Mr. McCaig delivered a very able address on the advantages to be gained by the farmers organizing and fighting against the wholesale robbery to which they are subjected at present by all who can take a hand in it from the Dominion government downward. As most of those present were farmers who are in a fair way to be starved out under present conditions, it was unanimously agreed to form a branch of your association, to be named the Grand Narrows branch. All the farmers present, to the number of nineteen, enrolled and I have no doubt we will soon gather in those who were absent. The following were elected office bearers: President, W. H. McKnight; vice-president, John

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Knowles; secretary-treasurer, Jas. Macleod Hutchison; directors, R. McIntyre, J. T. Bangle, A. Sangster, R. Sowerbuter, A. Jackson and A. Monkman. Yours faithfully,

JAS. MACLEOD HUTCHESON,
Secretary-Treasurer.

P.S.—Nine members paid their subscription, so I enclose you money order for \$6.25, being 50c each for nine members and \$1.75 for membership, etc., book received from Mr. McCuish. Togo, Sask., is our postal address, but Grand Narrows school district is eight miles north of Togo and in Manitoba. Yours, etc.—J.M.H.

SPRINGFIELD ELECTS OFFICERS

A well-attended meeting of the Springfield Branch was held at Cornwall school house, Dec. 5. The fire-guard question was discussed and a committee of three was appointed to fill blanks. The secretary was also requested to write the superintendent of C.P.R. Kenora division to learn why the planks were taken up on private crossings. The following officers were elected: President, T. Paterson, vice-president, E. Speer; secretary-treasurer, C. E. MacKenzie; directors, T. H. McMurry, M. Riddig, W. Speer, G. Linklater, James Beattie, R. W. Edmonds; auditor, T. Smith, Jr. The association bought a car of apples, with a saving of two hundred dollars.

The election of a delegate to Brandon was left over till the next meeting. Yours respectfully,

C. E. MACKENZIE,
Secretary, Springfield M. G. G. A.

NINGA LOOKS TO FUTURE

The annual meeting of Ninga Branch was held December 14. The meeting was very successful and a considerable amount of renewal of interest was manifested, and the prospects for 1913 are quite encouraging.

Seven delegates were appointed to represent us at the Brandon Convention. We are looking forward to the co-operative movement with a great deal of confidence and believe it will not only increase our membership but strengthen the bond of attachment between them.
G. W. LOVE.

KENTON IS FLOURISHING

We held our postponed annual meeting of the Kenton Grain Growers' association here on December 20 and had a very successful meeting. A statement of the business taken up by the Association for the past year was given by the president. After discussion a hearty vote of thanks was tendered the officers for their untiring interest in looking after the business of the Association for the past year. From the auditor's report given it was found that there was a balance on hand of \$8.77, which goes to show that the Association at Kenton is in a very flourishing condition.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, James Stevens; vice-president, Clifford Hunter; secretary-treasurer, Duncan Robertson; directors, Isaac Cormick, Geo. Jones, James McIntosh, Geo. Tilmar, Donald Paterson and Earl Tomlinson. Delegates to Brandon convention, Duncan Robertson, Geo. Tilmar, Geo. Kent.

Enclosed please find P.O. order for \$10.00, dues from the Kenton Grain Growers' association to the Central association for twenty members, for the year 1913.

Send us some more constitutions as our supply all used up, and oblige.

Yours truly,
DUNCAN ROBERTSON,
Secretary Kenton G.G.A.

SQUARE DEAL FROM MANUFACTURERS

Mayfield Grain Growers' association held their second meeting since re-organization on the 3rd inst. A good turn out and twelve new members added to the roll indicate that our movement

is increasing its hold in the confidence of the people.

The following resolution sets forth the attitude of our people on the co-operation movements: "Resolved that this Association is in favor of the Co-operative Supply Company, giving preference to American manufactured goods until such time as the government and home manufacturer give us a 'square deal.'"

IDEA ON PROPAGANDA WORK

Mr. A. Benson, of Manson, suggests that a general letter be sent out from the Central office setting forth the work that has been taken up by the Association and the benefits accruing therefrom; the problems now before us and the work to be taken up in the near future. Each secretary of a local branch to be supplied with any desired number of such letter, said local secretaries to see that a copy of the letter be placed in the hand of each grain grower in his district who is not a member of the Association.

I think the above is a very practical suggestion and will be glad to co-operate in the carrying of it out. In the meantime I would ask (particularly from our younger members) for sample letters covering the above plan. This will be an opportunity to set forth what you think would be of the greatest worth in such letter. If you have an original idea on propaganda work give us the benefit of it.

Clanwilliam letter with enclosure of dues just received.

We notice the Clanwilliam friends collected \$1.50 membership fees and sent one dollar per member to the Central. A pretty good idea as far as helping out propaganda work is concerned. What do other local branches think of it?

Secretary Mattice, of Elva, sends a contribution of membership fees and reports a successful meeting. Officers for next year properly installed and every thing looking toward a successful year.

FARMERS' FIGHTING FUND

That the Manitoba Grain Growers' association will go forward to greater work in the future was clearly demonstrated by the action of the delegation at the Brandon convention. They realized that one of their chief problems was that of finance, and with that in view they contributed over \$1,000 in the short space of half an hour towards the "Fighting Fund," designed to support the work of the Association throughout the province. The matter was brought before the convention by T. H. Drayson, of Neepawa, who was chairman of a committee appointed last year to consider the advisability of introducing a life-membership scheme into the Association. Mr. Drayson was called upon by the president on Wednesday afternoon, January 8, to report of his committee. He stated that the committee had not felt it advisable at the present time to recommend the life-membership scheme, but they thought a better proposal would be to co-operate in the building up of a large fund, by way of an increase in the "Fighting Fund" started last year. Mr. Drayson said that he was ready to begin the contribution and laid a \$5.00 bill upon the table. The idea was taken up very heartily by the convention.

John Kennedy immediately supported it with a \$10.00 bill and called upon the delegates to come forward. A shower of bills and silver was at once precipitated until \$237.25 had been handed to J. L. Brown, who was appointed to receive the money. As soon as the cash contribution had subsided, W. G. Forrester, of Emerson, rose and stated that no doubt the majority of delegates present had not come prepared to take part in the contribution, he would therefore pledge himself personally to pay \$10.00 to the "Fighting Fund" on or before April 1, provided nine others of those present would do likewise. The additional pledges were very quickly forthcoming. When this had been completed Mr. Forrester then pledged another \$10.00 on or before April 1, provided that nine local Associations would do likewise.

Directors:	
Peter Wright, Myrtle;	R. M. Wilson,
Marringhurst;	D. D. McArthur, Lauder;
Frank Simpson, Shoal Lake;	W. H. Bewell,
Rosser;	R. J. Avison, Gilbert Plains.

This was met by pledges of \$10.00 each from sixty-two local Associations represented at the convention. Further personal and Association pledges of \$5.00 each were made until the grand total of \$1,032.25 was reached.

Standing of Fund

The actual standing of the Fighting Fund is as follows:

J. F. Taylor	\$ 6.00
Geo. Love	5.00
W. Moffatt	5.00
J. S. Wood	10.00
T. A. Crerar	15.00
G. F. Chipman	10.00
C. S. Watkins	10.00
H. Lalters	5.00
Cox Bros.	5.00
J. H. Ward	5.00
Jos. Smithson	1.00
M. W. Fox	6.00
C. F. Masson	8.00
J. L. Brown	5.00
J. S. Moffatt	3.00
A. C. Stewart	5.00
Harley Lumb	2.50
Silas Dunfield	5.00
Grandview G.G.A.	105.00
R. J. Avison	10.00
A. Lantram	1.00
R. Booth	5.00
W. Coulthard	1.00
A. Parent	1.00
F. Sperrill	1.00
Henry Chipperfield	12.00
R. C. Henders	10.00
Elmbank G.G.A.	51.00
R. A. Potter	5.00
K. J. Donnelly	23.00
H. Chipperfield	76.00
David Reid	5.00
Pine Creek G.G.A.	9.00
Rolling River G.G.A.	5.00
R. Stewart	2.00
Jas. Penman	1.00
Springfield G.G.A.	13.25
A. J. M. Poole	4.00
Francis Kilty	2.00
J. Campbell	1.00
J. Nickle	1.00
Mr. Palmer	1.00
Thunder Hill G.G.A.	10.00
W. H. Holland	1.00
J. E. Docking	2.00
I. Leflar	5.00
A. McCleary	4.00
John Spencer	10.00
Shadaland G.G.A.	5.00
Arizona G.G.A.	10.00
Geo. Timbey	1.00
Ivanhoe G.G.A.	6.50
G. F. Ebberr	1.00
Loundale G.G.A.	10.00
Sundries	50.00
Spring Hill Ass'n	7.50
Beresford Farmers	7.25
Valley River G.G.A.	8.00
S. Blackmore	2.00
Glenora Branch	9.35
Pine Creek G.G.A.	10.00
John R. Morrison	5.00
Geo. Lowe	11.00
C. E. McKenzie	1.75
Dunrea Ass'n	15.00
Miniota G.G.A.	10.00
Bank Interest	4.09
Bank Interest	2.37

The above has all been acknowledged previously.
Collected at Convention \$237.25
T. Zackory 10.00
J. P. Duff 10.00
Less Exchange 1.65

Balance on Hand \$921.16
In addition to the actual cash on hand there are the following pledges made at

STOCK BREEDERS

Many farmers are going into mixed farming nowadays and stock-raising will occupy a very important place. If you have any pedigree stock for sale, let the farmers know about it by putting an ad. on our Farmers' Market Place page. The cost is small and the returns large. A trial order will convince you.