



SASKATCHEWAN SECTION

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SASKATCHEWAN GRAIN GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

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SPRUCE LAKE SUBSCRIBES
On the evening of Friday, March 15, 1912, a meeting was held in the Emmaville school house to organize a Grain Growers' association. Although the gathering was small fourteen members were enrolled and the following officers elected: Isaac Woolf, president; Walter Reeve, vice-president; J. Dunbar Grant, secretary-treasurer; directors, C. P. Limerick, Fred Seabrook, James Manson, Walter Woolf and Etienne Roussel. Spruce Lake is the name chosen for this branch of the Grain Growers, and the Emmaville school house, on S.E. 23, 52, 23, the place chosen to hold meetings. We did not think it advisable to make provision for regular meetings until better acquainted with the usual routine of the business.

As secretary I was asked to write you for fullest information possible regarding the aims and general business of the association in general. Kindly let us have any available literature on the workings of the association and a report of the last convention. I enclose herewith half of the fees collected.

J. DUNBAR GRANT,
Sec'y Spruce Lake G.G.A.
Emmaville, Sask.

ST. HELENS STARTED

On Feb. 27 a meeting, under the auspices of the Grain Growers' association, was held at the house of Mr. Thomas Griffiths. Mr. John Evans, of Floral, who is well known in the district as an enthusiastic organizer, attended the meeting and gave an interesting address, dealing mainly with the wider issues of the cause and the various political questions which affect the farmer. Mr. I. Hunter, of Saskatoon, also spoke and gave some sound advice on the successful working of a local branch. It was decided to form the branch at once under the name of the "St. Helens." Twenty members joined, and the following officers were chosen: President, Mr. James Charter; vice-president, Mr. B. D. Griffiths; secretary-treasurer, Mr. Scott.

Practically all the farmers in the district have since joined and success for this branch seems assured. The members are all very enthusiastic and fully realize that it is only collectively and by co-operation that the farmers of this country will be able to obtain recognition of their just claims by the government and the combines.

J. SCOTT,
Sec'y St. Helens G.G.A.
Blucher, Sask.

EVANS ENTHUSES

I have the pleasure to present you with the enclosed express order to the amount of \$12.00 to pay fees for twenty-four members of the St. Dennis G.G.A. formed on the 15th of March with the great assistance of Mr. John Evans, of Nutana. I expect that we will number about fifty within the next month or two. If you desire the names of members let me know by next letter. You will please send us a full supply of literature. The officers are as follows: President, Annie Geanthier; vice-president, W. C. Douglas; secretary-treasurer, A. R. Racicot; directors, W. H. Child, Alfred Pinet, Phill Pelletier, J. G. Lapage, Phill Langlois, Athanas Pion.

A. R. RACICOT,
Sec'y St. Dennis G.G.A.
St. Dennis, Sask.

AT CRANE CREEK

The Grain Growers of this district met together as per your instructions on the 12th inst. and have organized into a body and desire to be accepted as the Cando branch of the S.G.G.A. Officers were elected as follows: President, Mr. S. E. Hanberg; secretary, Cecial C. Forshan; vice-president, F. Stillwell; directors, A. Murray, C. Resin, F. Wilson, A. Allan and G. Freed.

We have also elected a literary committee consisting of three members, the chairman to retire at each meeting and

another committee man to be elected, so that all will have a personal interest in the association and to give everyone a chance of officiating at the meetings.

At the first meeting eleven members were admitted, and at the second on the 20th nine more decided to join. I have been instructed to obtain some literature for distribution to enable both members and non-members to obtain a better understanding of the aims and benefits of the association. I think what we really want is some copies of the constitution and by-laws and "The Association and Its Work."

C. C. FORSHAN,
Sec'y Cando G.G.A.
Crane Creek.

MISSIONARIES AT WORK

I received your circular last night and as we had a meeting of directors I brought the circular to their notice and they are intending to act on it at our next meeting.

We, the delegates that were at the convention, have been pretty busy lately holding meetings in the different school districts and believe that it is not only beneficial to ourselves but to those whom we address as our Grain Growers are more alive to their own interests than at any time.

We are having a large meeting here on the 30th March in the evening under the auspices of the G.G.A. to be addressed by Mr. Dixon on "Direct Legislation." and I hope to be able to make a good plea for members for our organization and to show them the benefits to be derived from belonging to such. I am going to ask a favor of you as our time is limited and we wish to decorate our hall for that occasion and would like if you have any mottoes such as were on the walls of the City Hall during our convention, if so could you send them to me and I will see that they are safely returned to you, or if you haven't them, send us a copy and we will try and get them printed in time.

J. W. CAIRNS,
Pres. Carnduff G.G.A.

J. W. Cairns, Esq., Carnduff.

Yours of the 12th inst. to hand. I am delighted to hear that you are having meetings out through the district. I am sure that this is one of the very best things that could be done. Make no mistake, friend Cairns. There are problems which distinctly affect the farmers as a class and with all due deference to friend Dixon, of Winnipeg, and the labor element who also have their particular interests to look after, I admit there is a common interest which affects both laborer and farmer alike, nevertheless, the physical construction of man is such, economic conditions are such in our day that farmers have a part to play in the government of this country which is in many respects distinctly separate from all other classes. The environment of each class makes it necessary that each class shall to a large extent look after its own particular interests, and farmers should not allow the general idealistic vision of the future, or what ought to be, to becloud the thing that really is and the real twentieth century every day problems that confront farmers as distinct from all others. We are trying to build a farmers' organization and we are having a hard time of it, but things most difficult of accomplishment are oftentimes of the greatest value when the desired result is obtained. We are growing. Never in the history of the association was more enthusiasm displayed all over the province. I feel sure that the men who live on the land and till the soil, whose life's earnings is invested in the soil, have a distinct function to perform in the management of the affairs of this country.

Re the mottoes—I have decided to express them to you that you may use them for what they are worth in your meeting, and then kindly roll them up again and return them to me. Hoping that you will secure many life members at your big meeting, also those who are able might send us a good donation to our emergency fund. You see I am not

so anxious about the Direct Legislation league. They get a great deal of help which we cannot touch, but a farmers' movement is opposed by nearly every other class on the face of the earth. All are trying to get the farmers' product as cheap as they can, so keep your shoulder to the farmers' wagon wheel.

F. W. G.,
Sec'y Saskatchewan G.G.A.

MARCHWELL IS MARCHING

A meeting was held at Marchwell March 2 at which we organized a Grain Growers' association and elected officers for same. We have 17 charter members to start with but will get more at the next meeting. Please send circulars on how to proceed with the meetings as we are all new members. We are going to have our next meeting at Marchwell March 16, 1912, and if you have any speakers out this way we will be obliged if they will call and address our meeting.

OTTO NELSON,
Sec'y Marchwell G.G.A.

CO-OPERATION AND ORGANIZATION

At the last meeting of the G.G.A. at Regina I became interested in the co-operative elevator movement, went right to headquarters, secured information, pamphlets, etc., and called a meeting last Thursday. Nineteen farmers were present and subscribed for 112 shares representing 8,080 acres to be in crop this year. We have several more good prospects, so our elevator is assured.

Your little book "The Grain Growers' Association and What is Its Work" fell into my hands. Now I wish you would send me a bunch of these books together with supplies and other information necessary for the organizing of a local at this point. We want to have the man who comes out to complete our elevator organization to assist in establishing a local G.G.A., so please send everything necessary by return mail.

FRED L. JENKINS,
Regina.

BATTLEVALE

At the annual meeting of our association, held a short time ago, it was decided that we hold our meetings in future at the country schoolhouse of Battlevale, thereby getting in closer touch with outlying districts. I am pleased to report this decision has resulted in awakening interest, with a full attendance at our meetings. As this is practically a new membership, would you please send us a supply of association literature, "The Association and its Work," and any other pamphlets on impending legislation affecting our interests. At what date should fees be remitted to Central? We should like our local to be known as the Battlevale association if it would not entail too much red tape at your office.

J. W. FREESTON, Sec'y.

CHEAPER MONEY WANTED

The Warnock association passed the following resolution:

"Whereas, we deem the present rates of interest charged by the mortgage companies not only grievously burdensome, but tending to discourage men and demoralize business, and whereas such high rates of interest and cost for making loans must necessarily retard the material progress of every farmer so handicapped and incidentally the progress of the Dominion.

"Therefore, be it resolved, that the members of Warnock local of the G.G.A. of Saskatchewan place themselves on record as favoring an enactment which will enable the government of Saskatchewan to loan money to farmers as is now done to the farmers of Australia by the government of that country.

"And be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to our member in the Provincial Parliament and one copy to The Grain Growers' Guide for publication."

ANOTHER YOUNGSTER

Enclosed find \$6.75 membership fees from Edgell association and 25 cents for membership tickets. Mr. Lees was

at Edgell schoolhouse, seven miles south of Parkbeg, in the interest of a farmers' elevator and organized a branch of the G.G.A., enrolling thirteen members. Kindly forward us literature and information as to how to proceed with our meetings.

NOBLE TAIT, Sec'y.

PROGRESS AT DUNDURN

I have the pleasure to report a very live and successful organization meeting held by our association here on Tuesday last. We had Mr. McGregor, of Davidson, as our principal speaker, followed by our own member, Mr. Fels, also shorter talks from visitors from Hanley and Sutherland associations. We found that these visitors from neighboring associations are a very helpful influence in creating the brotherhood feeling. As a result of meeting, in numbers we have five new annual members, one life member and six promised for life membership by note till fall. I am enclosing \$2.50 membership fees and \$12.00 life membership for H. E. Strehlow.

G. F. PETERSON,
Sec'y Dundurn Branch.

MR. REID REPORTS

On the 5th inst. Invermay local held their annual banquet, which I attended, and of all banquets it certainly took the bun. It was an overflowing meeting, two hundred people packed in the hall and about another hundred standing outside trying to get in. The wives of the Grain Growers put up the supper and it was a great spread, consisting of turkey, goose, chicken, roast beef, roast pork, etc., etc., two large tables set full length of the hall. The business men of the town helped supply the music, together with the brass band. It was another eye-opener for Cockshutt, about fifteen new members enrolled, which brings Invermay up to about sixty.

SEMANS GROWING

Enclosed you will find money order for \$25.00 for membership fees, Semans Local, 1912. Do not think that this is our limit, for I think you will see another cheque about the same size before the year is out. We are simply growing, that's all.

CHAS. E. SOUTHWORTH,
Semans, Sask. Secretary.

MOOSOMIN LIFE MEMBERS

Enclosed please find \$53.00, being \$9.00 for yearly subscriptions, \$36.00 for three Life Members, D. S. McNeill, Archie Douslin and R. H. Phin, of Moosomin; \$7.00 for Emergency fund, and \$1.00 for buttons. Would like some pamphlets about Co-operative Elevators to distribute and also some forms.

We realize that the organization is doing some good and we want to contribute our mite to help to pay those that are doing so much for us. I hope to be able to send some more Life Members.

W. L. WELLS, Sec'y.
Moosomin, Sask.

ROZILEE REPORTS

I have much pleasure in enclosing a copy of our annual minutes, also an order for \$5.50, being membership fees from eleven members for the ensuing year. I hope to considerably increase our membership list over last year.

BERNARD H. BUTLER,
Rozilee, Sask. Secretary.

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