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A meeting of Portage la Prairie District Association of Manitoba Grain Growers was called to order at 10.30 a.m. on November 20, in the Municipal Hall, Portage, by President P. D. McArthur, Longburn. The meeting consisted of a representative from each of the twenty different branch associations in the district. Mr. R. C. Henders and Mr. R. McKenzie, of the Central association, were present at the invitation of the district officers. The meeting was called for the purpose of initiating the winter campaign of organization in this district.

It was suggested that the Central Executive should prepare a circular outlining the following subjects for discussion at the annual meetings of the branches: Sample Market and Conditions Which Should Surround Same; Duplicate Grading System. Every representative present voiced some complaint against the grading of grain as it has been carried on during this present season; Wider Markets for our Farm Products. Those delegates from points on the C.P.R. where the company has refused to give cars to ship any grain on account of the congestion east, felt very keenly the injustice of not being allowed to ship their grain south, where the railroads were anxious to handle all the grain that could be offered them. British Preference, Co-operation and Hail Insurance were other subjects which the Central Executive were asked to deal with in the circular to the branch secretaries.

Schedule for Annual Meetings

The following branch associations are asked to hold their annual meetings on the dates arranged, when they will be addressed by the district president or secretary. At points where the meetings have to be held in the schoolhouse they will be called at 7.30 p.m., and all points where a hall or some other suitable place can be procured the meetings will start promptly at 2 p.m.

P. D. McArthur, Longburn, district president, will address meetings as follows:—

- Dec. 4.—Edwin.
- 5.—Rosedale.
- 6.—Lavenham.
- 7.—Arizona.
- 9.—Austin.
- 10.—Springbrook.
- 11.—MacGregor.
- 12.—Bagot.
- 14.—Oakville.
- 17.—Salem.

C. H. Burnell, Oakville, district secretary, will address the following meetings:—

- Dec. 4.—Poplar Point.
- 5.—Portage la Prairie.
- 6.—Oakland.
- 9.—Longburn.
- 10.—Gladstone.
- 12.—Golden Stream.
- 13.—Reaver.
- 16.—Mayfield.
- 17.—Burton.
- 18.—Edrans.
- 19.—Elkpark.
- 20.—Pine Creek.

Preparing for District Convention

This series of meetings will lead up to the big district convention in the Municipal Hall, Portage la Prairie, on December 7. At 10 a.m. the convention will commence, the resolutions from the various branches will be considered and prepared for the Central Committee at Brandon. A draft constitution for district associations will be discussed. This was prepared at a district meeting in Portage on July 8, and will be published next week, so that the delegates may be prepared to pass on it at the convention.

A mass meeting will be arranged for the evening of the convention, when the people of the city will be asked to attend. Mr. Henders and Mr. McKenzie will address them. It is thought that if the urban population understood the objects of our association better, they

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would give us more support in our efforts for reform.

Each branch is asked to appoint one delegate in every five members to attend the district convention, also all resolutions of the branch should be brought to the Portage convention.

The district secretary would like to bring the following to the notice of all branch secretaries. We have been hearing rumors of violations of the clause in the Grain Act, respecting the car order book and the distribution of cars. Now we are in grave danger of having these abuses become so common that the act will become unworkable and we may lose the one great safeguard that we have in the marketing of our grain. It then behooves us to look alive and watch the car order book at our point, and also see that conductors do not make a practice of taking money to spot car out of turn. No action can be taken on hearsay, but if you can get any well authenticated cases report them

at once to R. McKenzie, Central Secretary, Winnipeg. We must guard this car distribution. Also if the loading platforms in your locality are out of repair or too small or unsatisfactory in any way, bring this matter up at your annual meeting, and you can then have the matter dealt with by the proper authorities in time for next year's shipping season.

All the officers are asked to work up and advertise the meetings in every possible way because the district officers are giving their time to these meetings, but they must have the co-operation of the members of the various branches to make the campaign a success. It is our object to enroll every farmer in North Norfolk, Westbourne and Portage la Prairie counties before the close of 1913. So get busy, call your neighbors up on the phone and invite them out to your meeting and do not mistake the date.

COLIN H. BURNELL,
District Sec'y.

Oakville, Man.

Directors:

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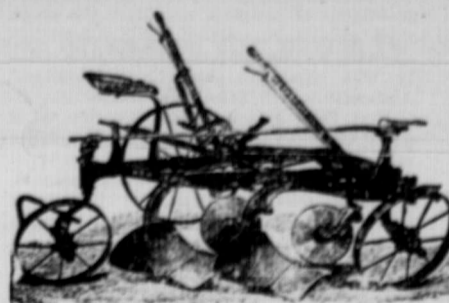
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