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# Saskatchewan

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### LANDIS RESOLUTIONS

Dear Sir:—At a meeting of our branch held on April 24, the following resolutions were passed and I was instructed to forward you copies of same so that you could have the subjects agitated if you thought them worthy of it.

1—"Whereas the present system of representation by population is very unfair to the Prairie Provinces on account of their lack of proportionate number of women and children,

"And whereas the British North America Act is being amended to give Prince Edward Island more than proportionate representation;

"Therefore, be it resolved, that this Association favors the amending of the British North America Act so as to give representation to all the provinces according to voting population instead of total population."

2—"Whereas there is a likelihood of the Royal North West Mounted Police being replaced in this province by some form of provincial police,

"And whereas the R. N. W. M. P. have the confidence of the people in a far greater degree than any provincial police could have,

"And whereas owing to the proposed changes in the liquor laws there will be much more need for their services for awhile to see that the laws are enforced;

"Therefore, be it resolved, that it is the opinion of this Association that it is in the best interests of the province to renew the contract with the Dominion government for a period of years."

ARTHUR HALL,

Sec. Landis Local.

### MISREPRESENTATION BY LIQUOR MEN

I enclose you two affidavits showing how great has been the misrepresentation in circulating the petition of the Licensed Victuallers' Association for a referendum. These could be duplicated many times. I have mailed the original to Premier Scott.

LEE HUNT,

Sec'y Miry Creek.

The following is a copy of the two affidavits above referred to:

Province of Saskatchewan. To wit:

I, Thomas L. Bell, of Gerowville, in the province of Saskatchewan, farmer, age 30 years, make oath and say as follows:

That on the 15th day of April, 1915, a petition on behalf of the Hotel Keepers' Association was presented to me for signature.

That Charles Harris, of Cabri, who presented said petition informed me that it was a petition to do away with all the bars of the hotels and that the names on the said petition were the only persons who could vote at the election as it was to be a voters' list.

That I signed said petition believing that it was for the purpose mentioned.

That I am since informed that the petition was wholly misrepresented to me and had I known its proper object I never would have signed it.

THOMAS L. BELL.

Sworn before me this 5th day of May, 1915, at Gerowville, in the province of Saskatchewan.

ISAAC M. GEROW,

A Commissioner of Oaths.

Province of Saskatchewan. To wit:  
I, Isaac M. Gerow, of Gerowville, Saskatchewan, make oath and say:

That on April 15 Charles Harris, justice of the peace of Cabri, did present to me a petition to sign claiming it was for to banish the bar in Saskatchewan, which I signed believing it to be the same. This has been misrepresented as it is a petition to keep the bars open.

ISAAC M. GEROW.

Sworn before me this 24th day of April, 1915, at Gerowville, in the province of Saskatchewan.

W. L. SULLIVAN,

A Commissioner.

### CLOSING THE BARS

At a meeting of the Thunder Valley Grain Growers' Association, held on Saturday, April 3, 1915, the following

resolution was passed: Moved by B. Bradford, seconded by T. Fisher: "That this local Association heartily endorses the action taken by the Provincial Government in regard to closing the bars during the war."

HERBERT H. HATLEY, Sec.-Treas.,  
Thunder Valley G. G. A.

### PATRIOTIC ACRE FUND

The Patriotic Acre scheme has been taken up with enthusiasm by a large number of our locals. From all over the province, north, south, east and west, requests have come for forms, there being at present over twenty thousand in the hands of our members. Of these forms a large number have been returned, showing that our members are backing their first enthusiasm with practical work.

One member of the Sunshine Valley Association, Chas. E. Craig, has promised no less than three acres, while several have promised two acres each. Below is a list of canvassers to date who have sent in ten or more forms and I hope to acknowledge others in due course. At the time of writing J. J. Aitkin, of the Yellow Lake Association, holds first place with 37 forms to his credit. Who will be the first to go one better?

Canvasser	Association	Farms	Acres
J. J. Aitkin	Yellow Lake	37	37
Robert Rountree	Waldorf	27	26 1/2
A. J. Robertson	Davidson	24	24
P. L. Craigen	Vanguard	20	20
W. J. Kenyon	Lemberg	20	21
H. Bate	Belle Plaine	20	20
R. Bounier	Gravelbourg	20	20
J. S. Donaldson	Little Lake	17	17
S. L. Poulter	Sunshine Valley	16	18
Harry L. Gillett	Shaunavon	14	14
H. P. Taylor	Dinsmore	14	14
George Greenfield	Gibbs	14	13 and 5 bu.
C. Billings	Sunny South	13	14
F. J. D. Smith	Duff	10	14
A. E. Steele	Ruddell	10	10
W. H. Dodds	Cut Knife	10	10
Harry S. Smith	Belmae	10	10
D. M. Strath	Seplatte	10	10
T. J. Fox	Wild Rose Valley	10	10
John Jones	Naseby	10	10
J. E. George	Grandview	10	10
W. A. Herberston	Bellmuir	10	10
Robert S. Urquhart	Poplar Park	10	10
Hugh Guy	Senlac	10	10
George A. Merryfield	Monarch	10	10
Robert Hamilton	Uren	10	10
W. Nicholson	Rolling Plains	10	10
Ira Creed	Netherhill	10	10
M. A. Steele	Pontiac	10	10
T. M. Morzan	Thunder Valley	10	12
S. S. Ashley	Broomfield	10	10
Robert Milne	Catarqui	10	10
G. A. Stock	Burnham	10	10
Thos. Norris	Burnham	10	10

### BELGIAN RELIEF FUND

Central Secretary, S.G.G.A.—I have much pleasure in acknowledging receipt of a draft for \$2,174.35 towards the Belgian Relief Fund kindly contributed by the various locals of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association and beg to extend my best thanks to the generous donors for their whole hearted support.

This is one of the largest contributions received toward the fund and I beg you to convey my deepest gratitude to all the members for their generosity.

GEORGE POOTMANS,

Honorary Sec'y Belgian Relief Fund.

We are pleased to report that in addition to the above the Colleton local remitted thru the Prince Albert Board of Trade the sum of \$210 to the Belgian Fund.

CENTRAL SECRETARY.

### FOR THE RED CROSS

Central Secretary, S.G.G.A.—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 29, enclosing draft for \$240.20, this amount having been collected from the locals of your Association.

On behalf of the Provincial Branch of the Red Cross Society, please convey to all those who have so generously contributed the thanks of the society for this donation to the funds.

E. D. McCALLUM,

Hon. Secretary.

### WHITE VALLEY ORGANIZED

I take leave to present to you report of our organization meeting of March 1, with attendance of sixteen. The meeting confined itself electing officers and a name for the local, which is to be White Valley.

Officers elected were as follows: Fred Bjorge, president; W. Will, vice-presi-

dent; D. B. Halderman, secretary-treasurer; directors, M. H. Swanson, A. Stranagan, A. Hogberg, O. Dale, A. Mickelson, I. Inglisk.

D. B. HALDERMAN,  
Sec.-Treas. White Valley Local.

### THE PRICE OF WHEAT

As there has been quite a lot of speech making in government circles in regard to setting a limit to the price of wheat, I am requested to forward to you the following resolution which passed unanimously at a meeting of the Millerdale Local on March 16.

Resolved:—That as the cost of everything that the farmers buy is advancing, we are strongly opposed to the government taking any action which will set a limit to the price of wheat.

THOS. BOODY,

Sec.-Treas. Millerdale Assn.

### FROM SUNNY SOUTH

Please find enclosed bunch of Patriotic Acre contribution forms which have been collected by some of our members; more to come.

Last evening (Friday, March 26) we held a social and meeting in the Sunny South school house, at which the ladies of the district were asked to join the Sunny South Grain Growers' Association. Sixteen of those present joined, and they are, I believe, going to organize a local of their own. Mr. Redman, our district director, was present and gave an address on the working and aims of the Grain Growers' Association, and a vote of thanks was tendered to him.

FRANK O. BURRILL,

Sec.-Treas. Sunny South Local.

I have read your letter in The Guide as to the standing of a municipal secretary. Well, as I hold that position here I am of the same opinion as you express. A secretary must have a good education. As regards languages, if he can read and

### F. W. GREEN SERIOUSLY ILL

F. W. Green, for some years Central Secretary of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association, is dangerously ill at his home at Moose Jaw. Mr. Green has been very active in many branches of public work and is a very useful man to society in general and to agriculture in particular. It is with the utmost anxiety as well as the sincerest sympathy that our many thousands of members will await further word of his condition. The value of his work for organized agriculture has been of such far-reaching importance and the debt we owe him is so great that all Grain Growers, as one man, are hoping for his speedy recovery.

speak the English language I do not think he will have much trouble in the average municipality. As regards the question of real estate, if he is the man he should be he is in a position to stop a lot of this inflating of values of farm lands as he knows the assessed value, and if he gets the opportunity to dispose of land at that value, it certainly should be his privilege.

Your correspondent must certainly be misinformed when he says that the secretaries earn their money easier than a bank manager or teacher. Some might, but I very much doubt it. Any way the question of comparison is not necessary. The whole thing is to make it what it is, a good and upright profession, and if a little insurance or anything else comes along, take it and be thankful.

R. DRAYSON.

### PATRIOTIC FUND

Dear Mr. Musselman:—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 12th inst., with which you forwarded a draft amounting to \$7,438.04, contributed to the Canadian Patriotic Fund by the locals of your Association, and also a draft for \$496.75 to be forwarded to the Prince of Wales' Fund in England.

I wish to thank you personally for the interest you are taking in the Canadian Patriotic Fund and I would like you to convey to your executive our thanks for the loyal support we are receiving from the members of the Grain Growers' Association.

I expect shortly to be in a position to submit a complete statement of the Canadian Patriotic Fund in Saskatchewan for publication and I will be pleased to see that you are supplied with a copy of the same. I am satisfied that your executive and the Grain Growers generally will be highly satisfied with the showing made by the Saskatchewan branch of the fund. I think I can safely say that in every phase of the work, Saskatchewan stands well in the lead, and it is only because of the hearty support we have received from all sections of the province and the various organized bodies in the province that we are able to make such a statement.

Regarding your contribution forwarded for the Prince of Wales' Fund, I may say that a draft was purchased in the name of the Prince of Wales' Fund and forwarded to our honorary secretary at Ottawa, who no doubt has transmitted the same to the proper officers of the Prince of Wales' Fund in England.

Thanking you again most heartily and with best wishes, I remain,  
Yours very truly,

THOMAS M. BEE,

Managing Sec. Can.

Patriotic Fund.

Regina, Sask., May 13.

### WHAT OTHERS THINK OF US

(Canadian Finance, Winnipeg, Man.)

Millions for defence, but not a cent for tribute—to the manufacturers! Thus modernized, Pinckney's memorable phrase defines the attitude of many critics of Canada's emergency taxes. It has been the keynote of journalistic and platform utterances purporting to voice in particular the opinion of the West's farmers.

The Saskatchewan Grain Growers, when recently in session at Regina, went so far as to protest that the new taxes discriminated against farmers as a class. Were it not for the announcement of a movement to have each farmer donate the proceeds of a "Patriotic Acre" to the needs of the Empire, the extreme phrasing of the Regina protest might have led not a few outsiders to doubt the willingness of Western farmers to bear one another's burdens.

It is well within their right to advocate special direct taxation rather than increased customs duties; but this is no time for whining that they are being specially mulcted—particularly in view of the revised decision to allow feed corn still to come in duty free. Indeed, any income tax, if it could be effectively enforced, would almost certainly fall upon Western farmers to pay proportionately more during the coming fiscal year than they will contribute under proposed indirect imposts. Alone as a class, this year, they will have increased instead of decreased incomes. As the Financial Times puts it: "These are the people who have no out-of-works, no half-time wages, no trade losses from the bankruptcy of clients, none of the difficulties which have compelled the people of our cities to effect a radical readjustment of their scale of living in recent months."

Let it be realized by the West that conditions, not theories, have immediately to be faced. Even the farmer, who, in normal times may feel strongly that a protective tariff is a fallacy, can surely stretch his economic conscience to the point of cheerfully contributing something from the comparative affluence that will be this year, in order to help keep at work thousands of Eastern factory operatives. He may still consider some of the industries to have been abortively tariff-born and others to have been fostered to a stage where, in normal times, they should be beyond pap-feeding. But let him, "without prejudice" to his future attitude, ungrudgingly now do what others are called upon to do.