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the doubtful condition of the roads, they came, and all around there was the cordiality and mutual interest and genial greetings and friendly inquiries and neighborly discussion of prospects that indicates the wholesome social atmosphere of the best type of Canadian rural community.

Progressive Thought Permeates

At three o'clock the company gathered for an hour's program in a sheltered corner of the sports area where some seats had been arranged and a platform erected. The chair was taken by Andrew McCleary, the president of the District Association. After a brief address emphasizing the need for extended and continued organization, he called on W. I. Ford, the District Director, who spoke on the necessity for independence and united political action on the part of farmers, and closed with an announcement of an independent convention to be held on June 28, for the purpose of considering the question of farmers' representation in the Federal parliament. He was followed by W. R. Wood of Neepawa who spoke on the democratic ideals of the movement and urged the maintenance of the farmers' organization to deal with the many serious economic, social and political questions still facing the Canadian people.

Following the addresses an attractive program of sports was thoroughly enjoyed, baseball and foot races being the prominent features. But it was noticeable that the intellectual part of the proceedings did not end with the formal speeches. During the latter part of the afternoon, in more than one corner, groups might have been seen discussing public questions. Here were three or four men talking on the ideals of Marx and Kautsky and the fathers of socialism. There was a couple talking earnestly over the vexed problem of federal representation. Around the corner the discussion was of municipal efficiency and the securing of adequate return for the taxation levied. It was obvious that among these people democracy is coming to its own. They are reading and thinking and discussing, and in practical acquaintance with current political and economic theory and with the outstanding occurrences of the day they are fully abreast of any community in the province.

The district organization is hoping to plan a ten days' or two weeks' campaign for the fall, in which it is hoped that a number of new branches may be organized and some of the weaker ones strengthened and enlarged. While the work in under the direction of such stalwarts as McCleary, the president, Livesey the secretary, and Ford the district director, with the support of loyal workers in the offices of the local branches, and George Dickerson to drive his car by day and night, in sunshine or storm, through gundies or mud, corduroy or water, in the interests of the cause, the Swan River District will continue to be an important unit in the Manitoba Grain Growers' Confederacy.

W. R. W.

FARMERS' AND GARDENERS' EXCHANGE

It is a pleasure to note that the Farmers' and Gardeners' Produce Exchange is making steady and substantial progress. It is one of those organizations essentially democratic and co-operative in character, from which much may be hoped in years to come in the way of practical advantage to the individual producer and consumer. The following paragraphs from the address of the president—Mr. R. McKenzie—indicates something of the success that is being attained:

"In presenting the statement of the business of our company for the year ending May 31, 1917, as prepared by our auditors, the directors would like to congratulate the shareholders on the success of our business for the year just closed. The auditors' statement shows that the sales of the company for the year amounted to \$199,978.22, which represents a very marked advance on the business of the previous year. The net profits on the business is shown as \$2,245.97, which with a carry-over from

confined to the last two or three days of the week, it is necessary to retain sufficient help to take care of the Saturday rush and the extra business done during Thursday and Friday. If produce was shipped in to us in sufficient quantities that it would be necessary to find a market outside of our place of business, the employees could be employed steadily looking after that surplus business, and in this way through a largely increased volume of business, the overhead expenses would be reduced, the goods could be handled at a lower percentage of gross profits, and at the same time, the net profits of the company would be maintained."

R. McKENZIE, President



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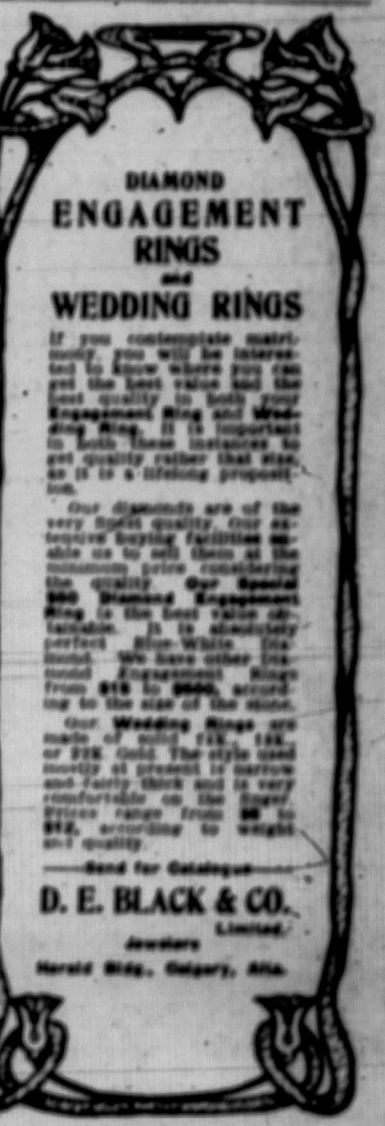
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