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HARVEST HANDS FOR MANITOBA

Now that the indications are that Manitoba is going to reap a fair average crop, the question of providing farm help to secure the harvest is becoming important to farmers. To meet the requirements of our members, the association has arrangements made to supply a limited number of farm laborers if application is made to the central office. The usual practice of depending altogether for harvest hands on the Eastern harvest excursions is not always very satisfactory and at times uncertain, as the rush in securing men at the moment the grain is ripe and threshing commences places the farmers, usually, at the mercy of men arriving on excursions from the East. The executive is making an effort to overcome this in a measure by making provision to supply our members, who make application, as far as the supply available will permit. When writing to make application for a man state whether or not you would be willing to pay the man's fare from Winnipeg, to be refunded out of his wages, as we find a large number of men, who are willing to go to work on the farm, are not able to pay their own fare to country points. Applicants should state wages offered.

COMMISSION ON OATS

The attention of our members is called to the following resolution passed by the members of our branch at Shoal Lake. I think if this idea was carried out by our members generally it would go a long way towards forcing the Grain Exchange to reduce the commission on oats to 1/2 cent per bushel.

"Resolved that the Shoal Lake branch of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association advocates that all sub-associations take united action to get the commission for selling oats reduced to 1/2 cent per bushel, by collectively agreeing to ship oats only to the Grain Growers' Grain Co., until such time as the Grain Exchange shall have changed their rules re commission on oats so as to make 1/2 cent per bushel the general charge."

NEW BRANCH AT CAMPER

M. McCuish, organizer for the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, was in Camper on June 26, and held a meeting in Camper school. Mr. Gilmore called the meeting to order and called on Mr. McCuish to address the gathering on the work of the different branches of the farmers' organization. The result of the meeting was a new branch of the M.G.G.A. at Camper, with 150 new members. The officers are: President, Mr. Gilmore; vice-pres., Mr. Poulson; sec. treas., Mr. Fudge.

ANOTHER AT LAKE FRANCIS

Mr. McCuish, of Roblin, visited this district on Monday, June 22, in the interest of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association and the Central Farmers' Market Association Limited, and held an organization meeting in the Lake Francis new school. L. D. Moore called the meeting to order and introduced Mr. McCuish, who addressed the meeting on the different farm problems, but devoted the greater part of his address to explaining the object of the Grain Growers taking hold of the Central Farmers' Market, and gave some instructions on the proper methods of packing eggs, butter and dressed poultry for shipment so as to demand the highest price on the Winnipeg market. The election of officers was next in order. A. R. Henderson was elected president, E. B. Godfrey vice-president, and L. D. Moore secretary-treasurer, the directors to be elected at the next meeting, July 6. H. Keep, a local poultry man, was next introduced and spoke on feeding and marketing of poultry, and informed the meeting that he had received 50 per cent. more for his poultry by shipping to the Central Farmers' Market.

POPLAR POINT PICNIC

Poplar Point Grain Growers held their second annual picnic in McLean's grove, on Tuesday, June 30. The day was dull and threatening, but that did not deter the crowd from coming in large numbers. Around the grounds could be seen autos, buggies, wagons, bicycles and a few came on horseback, the crowd numbering between 650 and 700.

Letters were read from W. F. Nickle, M.P., and R. B. Bennett, M.P., in reply to the letters of congratulation which we sent, on the stand they took with regard to the Canadian Northern Railway aid legislation.

One feature of the day was the presence of a brass band from Winnipeg, seven in number, brought specially for the occasion, and during the afternoon and evening they played selections, much to the delight of all present. Dinner was served in good style by the ladies. Thereafter baseball, sports, races (foot and horse-back) were entered into with great enthusiasm. Supper was then served, almost everyone present participating therein, the ladies meriting the praise and goodwill of all. The picnic is recognized as the best ever held in the Point, and much praise is due Mr. Harper, president, together with the staff of willing workers.

ROARING RIVER BRANCH

The June meeting of the Roaring River Branch of the Grain Growers' Association took place on Friday, June 26, when there was a full attendance of members, with President C. H. Spicer in the chair.

The question of sending produce to the Central Farmers' Market came up for discussion, and it was decided to commence by shipping eggs for a trial and if it proves a success, to go in for all kinds of produce. The following resolution was passed: "That the secretary write Sir Rodmond Roblin and T. C. Norris, M.P.P., asking if, in case of their return to parliament, they are in favor of renting the government elevators to the Grain Growers' Grain Co., at a reasonable rent." It was also decided to write the Board of Railway Commissioners, with regard to the building of a loading platform at Sevik Siding. Our next monthly meeting will take place on Friday, July 17.

JOHN LIVESEY,
Secretary-Treasurer.

FENCING SUGGESTION

I just read a suggestion in your paper of 27th how to stretch fence wire with a wagon wheel. Now I will give you my plan. Instead of a wagon take a set of sleighs (they do not slip very good at this time of the year) and place the bottom or frame of a hayrack on the sleighs. Have two uprights, two by four scantling will do, each piece to be 2 1/2 feet long, secured to the hind part of the rack. Bore a hole thru the uprights large enough to pass a crowbar or any other bar of iron thru, and have the holes high enough that a spool of wire will turn around and unwind clear of everything. Then put your bar in one hole, lift your spool of wire and slip bar thru into the hole in other upright. You are now ready to string out the wire. Have a steady team, drive along your row of posts for about sixty rods, then stop; fasten a small chain to the reach of the hind bob of the sleigh and to the chain fasten an old mower guard. Hook the mower guard to the wire, slowly step up the team until the wire is tight. The sleighs will prevent the wire from becoming slack. If they do slacken a little, load them with a few rocks or any other heavy article convenient. Miles of wire can be stretched in this way in a day. I find it more satisfactory than a wagon.

—J.C., Man.

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