



MANITOBA SECTION

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HINTS FOR PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATIONS

What Prairie Grove has Accomplished—Mr. McKenzie a Visitor

THE annual meeting of the Prairie Grove Grain Growers' Association was held in the school room on Wednesday, March 30th. The president, David Gray, occupied the chair. Notwithstanding the bad state of the roads quite a number turned out. After the transacting of some business the following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: Geo. Campbell, president; J. A. McGregor, vice-president; S. P. Graham, secretary-treasurer. Directors: Wm. Heather, Wm. Grotkie, D. McCauley, J. R. Morrison, F. Sharland, D. Gray. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring president and secretary-treasurer, D. Gray and F. Sharland, to which they responded in a suitable manner.

After the election of officers Mr. R. McKenzie, the popular provincial secretary, of Winnipeg, was called on to address the meeting, which he did to the satisfaction of all. Farmers stand together in the clarion call to this country, for only by co-operation and unity can we ever succeed in getting our rights. The thanks of the meeting was tendered to Mr. McKenzie, which he accepted very gracefully, and anything that he had done or could do would be well repaid if those present would not only be hearers of the word but doers also.

Although this association has only been running for one year the progress and the usefulness, also the feeling of unity which the meeting together of the farmers has caused is very much in evidence. During the winter the Grain Growers' Association joined hands with the Prairie Grove Club, meeting every two weeks, each evening having a varied program, music, speeches, discussions, etc. The services of Mr. Villnre, cheese instructor of M. A. College, was secured for an evening to speak on dairying, feeding cows, the different foods and their merits. All enjoyed the address to the full. (Dairying is carried on to some extent in this district and pays well, being so convenient to the city).

A fine carload of seed oats was secured from the west through the Grain Growers' Grain Co. Instead of each individual running around the country looking for clean oats, they secure them almost at their door at a much lower price than otherwise. A committee has been appointed to confer as to the advisability of buying twine for the coming season, demonstrating the economy in co-operation.

A THREE MAN COMMISSION

At a meeting of the Balmoral branch of the Grain Growers' Association it was moved by Mr. Jas. Gordon, seconded by Mr. J. Harbour, that we endorse the stand taken by the executive in nominating only three men to operate the government elevators. Carried unanimously.

F. H. BESCOBY, Sec.-Treas.

FINE MEETING AT BETHANY

A special meeting of the Grain Growers was held in the Orange Hall, Bethany, on Saturday, March 26th. The hall was well filled, every seat being occupied. Mr. Wm. Logan acted as chairman and R. G. McArce as secretary. The chairman in a short address introduced the speaker of the day, Mr. Avison, of Gilbert Plains. Mr. Avison expressed the pleasure it gave him to see such a large number present and by special request gave a history of the Grain Growers' Association and showed the great benefits that had been obtained through that organization. The speaker explained the grain act, the grain commission, the elevator bill, special binning, cleaning machinery, sample market, and concluded a two-hour address with an urgent request to every farmer to join the association and help the good work along. A number of new members were added to Bethany branch.

A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Avison for his able address. It was then moved by R. Dillabaugh, seconded by Geo. Betteredge,

"That Bethany branch reaffirms the stand taken in reference to Grain Growers' bill and take exception to the clause in government bill, making the commission responsible to government in council instead of to legislative, and also take exception to the sixty per cent. petition clause."

W. J. KENNEDY, Sec.-Treas.

POLITICAL INFLUENCE THE REASON

The Lidstone Association at a recent meeting fully endorsed the action taken by the Grain Growers' committee in connection with the elevator bill, and we are unanimous in our opinion that the commission should be appointed by the association and free from political influence. Yours truly,

S. LOCKHART, Sec.-Treas.

DOUGLAS ASSOCIATION PASSES STRONG RESOLUTIONS

The March meeting of Douglas Grain Growers' Association held in Elton school house, on March 19th, opened with President Booth in the chair. After minutes of former meeting were read

ment of said bill would tend to benefit the agricultural and other working classes of Canada, he it resolved, "That we, the members of Douglas G. G. A., give our hearty endorsement to said bill." Carried.

A copy of this resolution to be sent to Hon. Clifford Sifton.

The secretary was instructed to send a copy of the minutes of this meeting to THE GUIDE. Moved by A. Mitchell, seconded by Brougham, "That we adjourn, to meet again at the call of the president." Carried.

T. P. KENNEDY, Sec.

SHORT COURSE FOR WEED INSPECTORS

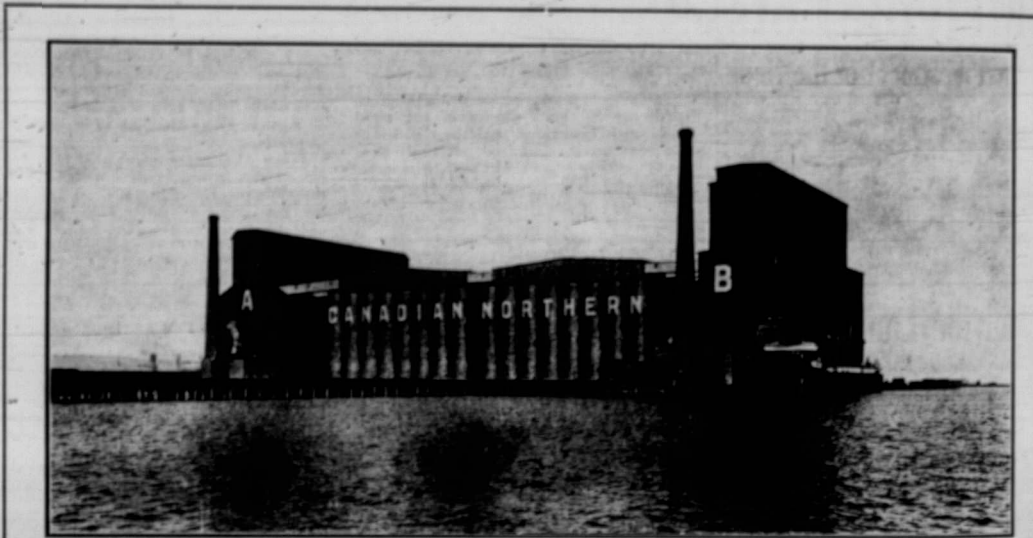
A convention and short course for Manitoba municipal noxious weed inspectors will be held at Manitoba Agricultural College from June 14th to 17th. The object of the short course is to provide an opportunity whereby municipal inspectors may improve their knowledge of methods of identifying and eradicating weeds. A program of demonstrations and lectures of a practical nature is being prepared by the faculty of the college. Weeds which do not flower until late in the season are now being grown in the greenhouse in order to be ready for class-work. Weed seeds have also been col-

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and Dominion Government Binder Twine. Chas. Cuntz—Geo. Smith—That the tender of J. H. McLean for the supply of twine for the year 1910 be accepted, which is as follows: Deering Standard twine, 500 feet, \$8.10; Deering Manila twine, 600 feet, \$8.85. Cash on arrival at Shoal Lake, and in car lots of not less than 24,000 lbs. Orders for twine to be in the hands of the secretary or J. H. McLean not later than the 20th of June. Twine to be delivered at Shoal Lake not later than the 1st of August, 1910. Carried.

At the close of the meeting, F. Simpson, president, on behalf of the members of the Shoal Lake Grain Growers' Association, presented the secretary, Chas. Findlay, with a beautiful gold watch, chain and locket, suitably inscribed. The secretary thanked the members of



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and adopted, the secretary read some circulars and showed samples of seed oats from Cut Arm Farm Co., also letters from R. McKenzie about subscribing to THE GUIDE.

After a discussion on the elevator bills before the house, it was moved by Brougham, seconded by McKeand: "That we endorse the action of the elevator committee in demanding an independent commission." A copy of this resolution to be sent by the secretary to Hon. R. Lyons, M.P.P. Carried.

Moved by A. Mitchell, seconded by McKeand, "That we suggest that all sub-associations in a constituency shall previous to an election meet at some central point for the purpose of drafting the demands of the farmers and with a view of pledging the candidates, independent of party, to support the demands of the farmers." Carried.

Moved by Brougham, seconded by A. Mitchell, "Whereas, there has been a bill introduced at the present session of the Dominion parliament, the main purpose of which is to co-ordinate the laws affecting co-operative societies to provide cheap and simple machinery for incorporations of institutions where the principle of co-operative effort is involved, and the regulation and control by a government department thereof, and, whereas, believing that the enact-

lected and will be used for systematic study.

The union of municipalities of Manitoba at its last annual meeting endorsed this short course, which was then outlined by Principal Black. It is believed that a large number of those interested in the campaign of education for the eradication of the weed pest, will take the course.

MR. MALCOLM SUBMITS HAIL INSURANCE BILL

A meeting of the Shoal Lake Grain Growers' Association was held in the Council Chamber on Saturday, March 26th, at 3 p.m. F. Simpson in the chair. Minutes of last meeting read.

Communications were read from Cut Arm seed farm re seed wheat and oats, and G. H. Malcolm, M.P.P., re hail insurance bill, also GRAIN GROWERS' GUIDE re subscribers.

Considerable discussion took place re G. H. Malcolm's hail insurance bill. J. R. Tucker—J. M. Cameron—That the discussion on the hail insurance bill be adjourned till our next meeting, and that meanwhile the secretary obtain a few copies for distribution. Carried.

Tenders for binder twine were received from the following: J. H. McLean, J. W. Kennedy, J. & A. Menzies, Brantford Cordage Co., Canadian Cordage Co.,

the association for their beautiful gift and their appreciation of his services, and stated that he valued their esteem and confidence better than gold.

INSPIRATION AT GLENELLA

Mr. Avison held a very successful meeting under the auspices of the Glenella branch of the G.G.A. on Thursday evening, March 31. The ladies of the district supplied a bounteous lunch for the occasion, and the programme for the evening was interspersed with choice selections on a gramophone.

The local association received fresh impetus and encouragement to go on with the good work of the association from the speeches of Mr. Lamb, of Plumus, and Mr. Avison.

Mr. Lamb gave an address on the labor and wealth problem, and Mr. Avison addressed the meeting on the work of the G.G.A. with special reference to the elevator question.

We were not treated to any flowery language or great flights of rhetoric, but we got what we needed most—good sound logic and solid facts.

Mr. Avison emphasized the necessity of getting the ladies working in the associations to make it go; and also the young men, so they may learn and understand the problems that are confronting our older men today.