



MANITOBA SECTION

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MANITOBA GRAIN GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

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DESFORD BRANCH
Desford branch of the association have forwarded the Central office \$5.50 and we are glad to know that this amount is not in full but that there are still unpaid members. We wish to thank the secretary of this branch for their hearty congratulations of the work accomplished at the Ottawa session this year. It was indeed fortunate for the farmers of Western Canada.

THOS. E. HARPER, Sec'y.

INGELOW BRANCH
At a meeting held in Ingelow on April 5 the following resolution was passed by the Ingelow branch of the Grain Growers' association on the motion of Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Smith:

"That the Ingelow branch hereby convey our thanks and appreciation to R. McKenzie, and the other Western delegates, for the magnificent stand taken in opposition to sub-section E. of section 807 of the Grain Act which resulted in the recent victory for the farmers. Carried unanimously.

J. W. BROUGHAM, Sec'y.

SWAN RIVER VALLEY COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A few lines from the Swan River Valley County association states that they are arranging for a series of picnics to be held in their district on June 18, 19, 20 and 21, four in all.

MEDORA

T. E. Helem, the secretary of the Grain Growers' organization at Medora, forwards a remittance of \$9.00. This branch is also desirous of having a special speaker. We might say that arrangements are being made whereby these applications are to be supplied in the very near future.

VIRDEN

The secretary, W. J. Donohoe, of the Grain Growers' association at Virden, Man., has forwarded the Central association \$30.00. We desire to express our thanks. This is not by any means their total paid up dues to date, simply one payment. Virden is a self-reliant branch, and we can always count on Virden as being a source of inspiration to each of its surrounding branches who are struggling for existence.

EDEN

Eden branch of the Grain Growers' association remit dues \$8.50. Our secretary at that point has no particular reason to be discouraged. Seventeen members is by no means a poor showing for that district. But there is sure to be an improvement where there is a discontent over lack of numbers. It is only at those places where there is perfect content that we see no advancement, and we feel encouraged to know that you are in any way dissatisfied with your showing. A great deal can be accomplished in a social way, that is by interesting the younger members of your district. Try and arrange a good social evening and a concert so that some of the young people might have the opportunity to take part and feel that they are part and parcel of the organization. Try and interest

the young men also, give them a subject to debate on which will be the means of bringing them more in touch with the aims and objects of the association, and ultimately train them to be efficient speakers on the public platform, where they will no longer hesitate to present their views in favor not only of the principles of the organization but humanity in general. After seeding is accomplished, it may be that much could be done in this direction, perhaps in the form of a picnic in your locality. In any case make your meetings of such a nature that they will attract the younger members of the farmers' families as well as the farmers themselves.

GILBERT PLAINS

We beg to acknowledge receipt of \$10.00 dues from J. R. Dutton, Secretary-Treasurer of Gilbert Plains branch last week. This branch is one of our staunch strongholds, and we are expecting more news from Gilbert Plains in the future. We might mention one of their activities at this juncture. The energetic secretary at that point sent a circular letter to each



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of the branches within the electoral district, which I am sure will be of great benefit to all the members connected with the various branches. The same is brim full of information and setting forth the duties of each branch in conjunction with the Central office and with the association as a whole if they are going to attain real success. The Central Office certainly wishes more of the secretaries would take this stand of self-reliance.

WARREN BRANCH

We wish to thank Warren branch for their fees last week, \$12.50 which is a very good showing. Before the end of our association year no doubt Warren branch will have increased numbers.

MANSON BRANCH

Manson branch of the Grain Growers' association have forwarded \$14.00 dues for twenty-eight paid up members. They also appear to be very optimistic about the future and expect to have a much better showing before the end of the year. Success to you.

CRYSTAL CITY

Crystal City branch of the association sent in a short letter this week stating that it would be very desirous for them if a series of meetings could be held along their line of railway. A series of meetings is being arranged for at the present time at the Central office, and something that spells like "Automobile" might possibly be the means of transportation for the

speakers who are scheduled to address the meetings. A great deal of enthusiasm is being worked up in connection with the next batch of meetings.

SPRINGHILL

The secretary, C. E. McKenzie, of Springhill branch sends the following: The regular meeting of Springhill branch of the Manitoba Grain Growers' association was held at Oakbank Hall on Thursday evening, May 2.

This was the first Grain Growers' meeting held at Oakbank, and it is gratifying to know that the attendance was very good. Secretary McKenzie, of the Central association, was present and gave a very interesting address along the lines of co-operation and marketing. This address was very much appreciated by all present. In it the following thoughts were especially emphasized: (1) That the sub-associations should be made the centre of attraction for the young people of the locality and that they should be interested as far as possible in the study of economic and trade questions. (2) He outlined a plan of co-operative marketing for farm products, such as pork, butter, eggs, etc., which was very interesting information for the audience. Among those who addressed the meeting were R. Fisher and the president of the association, both of whom created a considerable amount of interest in the meeting.

At this meeting the "Farmers' Fighting Fund" was augmented by the sum of \$15.25.

A few representative farmers from the Millbrook district were present and arrangements have been made for the organization of a branch in that locality in the near future.

Our Springfield branch is in a very flourishing condition, having at the present time a membership of over fifty in good standing. The next meeting of this branch will be held at Cornwall school-house on Saturday evening, June 1. A cordial invitation is extended to all farmers in that district to be present at the meeting.

FISHERTON

A voluntary call from Fisherton to be a part of our association was received at Central on the 1st of May. This is now the second locality which is the centre of farmers of Swedish or Icelandic descent. It is a source of satisfaction that people of many nationalities are joining our ranks, and we hope to give out what will help these people as their numbers will benefit the association.

We believe that the above mentioned nationalities represent the most progressive and intellectual class of foreign born immigration to our country. They have shown us by their quick adaptability to the Canadian customs, as well as by their untiring industry, that they are quite equal to keeping pace with our own people and will surely make a splendid class of citizens. A branch is likely to be formed there in the near future.

LA SALLE

La Salle branch of the Grain Growers' association are in very great need of a French speaker to go in their midst.

If any of our readers know of a good French speaker who is in sympathy with the aims and objects of the Manitoba Grain Growers' association will you kindly let us know so that we might correspond with him in connection with this matter.

J. A. CORMIER, Sec'y.

KILLARNEY

The Grain Growers' association at Killarney appear to be as active as ever in the cause. A remittance of \$8.50 has been received and a desire to have speakers visit them again in the near future is now engaging their attention. It is encouraging to know that Killarney is a progressive branch and we are expecting great things from them in the near future.

CRANDALL

Crandall branch of the Grain Growers' association have sent in a remittance of

\$10.00, which is a very good showing for that district. The secretary states, however, that owing to a prolonged visit to Ontario this winter he has been unable to round up all his members. It is sometimes good to know that there is still a balance due.

ASHVILLE

We are indebted to the secretary of Ashville branch of the Grain Growers' association for the social and political standing of the thermometer in his community. We agree with the secretary that co-operation would be the means of increasing the membership in some localities to a greater extent than before.

However, this should not screen the fact "numbers" will gain more for organized interests in fighting for reforms, which materially affect the welfare of the farming community, than almost any other thing. It is proved by the fact that when Special Interests are opposing us in the House of Parliament they invariably claim that we do not represent the views of the farmers as a whole, and that those who are not members of the association are not in sympathy with the reforms that the representatives are fighting for.

We feel certain if this thought was impressed upon the minds of the farmers in each community the numbers would be very much increased.

MORE CARS FOR G.T.P.

The Grand Trunk Railway Company has announced that it has placed an order for 6,000 new box cars and sufficient engines to handle them, which will be ready for moving the 1912 crop.

NEED OF EDUCATION

One of our representatives writes us as follows:

I think it is time to let you know how the subscriptions are at ——. I have seen a lot of farmers in my spare time re the taking of The Guide. I am surprised to see so many pessimistic against The Guide through party politics. I asked a good Grain Grower if he took The Guide and he said he would not read it if I sent it to him. I met two farmers and asked them if they took The Guide. They said they did not believe in anything like that as they put all their trust in God and had treasures in heaven. I asked them what was the cause of the good prices in wheat over the old system and if they would take shares in the Grain Growers' Grain company. Of course the Lord saw to that and they did not put any trust in that kind of business either. I met Mr. ——— and he did not like The Guide because he did not get the market prices at the same date as the Free Press. He said it was a Tory paper and killed the Laurier government. Some said they could not afford it and borrowed their neighbors' papers. Another man said that he fell asleep when he read any paper. Another farmer said he had no time to read. But take it on the whole The Guide is pretty well read at this point. We have some good Guide supporters. When I get through with The Guide I leave it at the Farmers' Store to give to farmers who do not take it. I say to him, "Take this and read it and if you are satisfied with it shoot in your dollar to The Grain Growers Guide. I do not know how it is but I am always meeting farmers who are looking to be done up, and if they are not done up they are disappointed. And if you try to keep them from being robbed they will kick because you are helping them from being robbed. You may doubt this but it is so. Party politics has gone to seed and Direct Legislation is in full bloom. Manitoba.

FARMERS' FIGHTING FUND

Subscriptions to the Farmers' Fighting Fund received during the past two weeks amounted to \$19.25, bringing the total to date to \$524.30. A donation of \$6.05 was by error credited to Mr. Gibson in The Guide of May 1. This contribution to the fund was made by F. P. Graham, Prairie Grove.

Subscriptions Received

Amount previously acknowledged	\$505.05
Robt. Stewart, Firdale	2.00
A. J. M. Poole, Neepawa	4.00
Springfield Branch	13.25
Total	\$524.30