

## A GOOD START AT SEAMO

An inspiring gathering of farmers was held in Seamo Hall, five miles east of Clarkleigh, on the afternoon of Wednesday, June 6. Jos. Burge was called to the chair and T. I. Ferguson acted as secretary. After a statement regarding the aims and work of the Grain Growers' movement by W. R. Wood, it was unanimously decided to organize a branch to be known as the Seamo Grain Growers' Association. With an initial enrollment of 20 members the following were elected the first officers: President, Henry Seaman; vice-president, A. King; secretary-treasurer, T. H. Greenham; directors, D. McMillan, W. H. Bennett, W. H. Harris, T. J. Wells, J. Clark and J. Scarife. The newly organized branch is setting itself to enlist as far as possible the whole farming population of the district, and to this end are planning a community picnic to be held at the Clarkleigh Consolidated School on Saturday, June 30, when it is expected that it will be possible to double the male membership and to enlist a large proportion of the farmers' wives as active co-workers in the movement. Problems of co-operative buying, providing a comfortable hall and other practical matters will occupy the attention of the association immediately. Seamo branch begins its work under the most encouraging circumstances and bids fair to be an energetic unit in the movement from the outset.

## AN IDEAL MEETING AT IDEAL

On an ideal summer day, Thursday, June 7, an ideal Grain Growers' organization meeting was held in Ideal school house, a dozen miles, more or less, north-east of the little town of St. Laurent. The settlement was out en masse, Scotchmen (including at least two Orcadians), Irishmen, Englishmen, Frenchmen, Scandinavians, ladies, children and babies—all were out. Mr. Ennis was chairman and Mr. Morrison, secretary. After a talk on the organization and work of the movement by W. R. Wood, there was a general discussion and a unanimous desire was expressed to proceed to organize. Twenty names were enrolled in ten minutes. It was ultimately decided to send a representative committee to a meeting arranged for in St. Laurent on June 13, with a view to interesting that section of the community and securing a still larger membership before completing the organization. The wisdom of this plan is very apparent. It will be possible then to choose the executive from the very best material in the whole district. Whatever name may be ultimately decided upon for the branch, there is every reason to expect its development into an "ideal" Grain Growers' Association, entering into all the activities of the movement and doing worthily its share toward the general progress.

## MANY IMPROVEMENTS AT McCREARY

Final arrangements have been completed and material placed on the ground for the elevator which The Grain Growers' Grain Co. are erecting at this point and we expect the builders to arrive in about ten days' time to commence work on the building. The site selected is in every way satisfactory and the best to be had. McPherson's warehouse has been purchased by the company and will be removed to make room for the flour house. We are very pleased to see so many local improvements, such as our new school costing about \$10,000 or \$12,000, new sidewalks of cement, etc., one elevator and the one to be built by The Grain Growers' Grain Co. which will make quite a difference to the business activity at this point.

## TO NOMINATE FARMERS' CANDIDATE

A convention for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the Marquette federal constituency who would stand for the principles set forth in the Farmers' National Platform as adopted by the Canadian Council of Agriculture, will be held in the Masonic Hall, Shoal Lake, on Thursday, June 28, at 3 p.m. All in favor of the above platform, whether Grain Growers or not, and all people who hold for progressive legislation generally, are invited to attend. Please give this as much publicity in your district as possible. It is desirable that every sub-association should recognize this opportunity of vindicating the above platform.

## Manitoba

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Trusting that a large representation from your district may be present.

(Signed) BERT McLEOD,

Acting Secretary.

Note.—The above paragraph is a call from the constituency of Marquette and we hope that all parties interested will get busy to make this convention both large and interesting.

## A NOVEL OUTING

The Morris Grain Growers' Association introduced a new feature in connection with the carrying out of their summer program. The committee in making plans for a day's outing drafted a well arranged program to give the members and friends of the association a very full day of education and enjoyment combined. In planning their outing they arranged an auto ride from Morris to the home of A. P. Stevenson, Esq. (old Nelson), the apple king of Manitoba.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Stevenson not only were his spacious grounds placed at the disposal of the Grain Growers, but he also favored them with a tour through his various gardens and orchards, explaining the nature of the work he is doing, the variety of fruit trees and shrubs he is growing and the results he is reaching in connection with the practical solving of the problem of producing a large variety of high class fruit in the province of Manitoba.

Lunch was served on the grounds and addresses covering important features of the Grain Growers' movement were delivered by Peter Wright, of Myrtle, and R. C. Henders, of the Central office, after which the party re-organized and made the trip to the Morden Demonstration Farm, adjacent to the town of Morden. Here the party had the privilege of looking over the various demonstration plots and of seeing the variety and scope of the work carried on. Owing to the absence of rain neither the farm of Mr. Stevenson nor the Demonstration Farm were seen at their best. Nevertheless, in connection with both places sufficient was in evidence to satisfy the minds of the most critical that there were great possibilities in store for the province.

Upwards of 40 autos, suitably decorated for the occasion, lined up at Morris promptly at nine o'clock, the hour arranged for beginning the day's outing, and altogether the trip was a most enjoyable one and though the people returned home in the evening somewhat weary with the exertions of the day, everyone was delighted with the outing. The Morris people are to be congratulated upon their enterprise in pulling off this program as they have clearly demonstrated the value and importance of setting apart a certain amount of time for recreation and social betterment. Other associations might profit by the example set by the Morris Association in this direction, and we are of the opinion that the features of this day's program—enlarged upon to take in the different associations in the district—would make the Grain Growers' day in that district the great social function of the year. I would like to suggest that the secretaries of our various branches think this matter over and see if they cannot arrange a district outing at which all the associations in that district might unite to some central attractive spot where they could spend an enjoyable day in getting better acquainted. They could also hold a short program of sports and perhaps a convention of from one and a half to two hours could be held, at which the subject of "How Grain Growers' work in the district can be more successfully carried on" could be discussed by a few speakers, either local or visitors.

## LITTLE SOURIS PICNIC JULY 2

The annual picnic of the Little Souris Grain Growers' Association takes place on Monday, July 2. With an ideal spot, convenient to all the district, good program provided, good speakers and the reputation of the Little Souris ladies for providing ample and excellent refreshments on all occasions, this should prove quite as enjoyable as any of the many former picnics held at the popular little summer resort of Lake Clement.

## PERSONAL INDEPENDENCE

In nothing is the Grain Growers' Association more effectively serving the best interests of Western Canada than in its encouragement of personal intelligence regarding public affairs, independent thinking on community and national questions and unhampered individual initiative in the activities of citizenship.

The overthrow of the older despotisms and the establishment of what we are sometimes optimistic enough to call "our modern democracy" has not secured all that prophets foretold and eager reformers hoped for. Ignorance, carelessness and apathy on the part of many have opened the way through which other tyrannies have climbed to dominance. The land speculator, the timber-limit exploiter, the railway autocrat, the party boss, the expert lobbyist, the unscrupulous heeler have often made our boasted democracy a by-word and a scandal, and the common man is still ground under a bondage scarcely less better than the older slavery.

By honeyed phrases, by fair seeming policies, by specious promises, by party catch-words, by appeals to selfishness and race pride and ecclesiastical bias, by false generosity, by sheer bluff, the modern autocrat has found it possible to corral the suffrages of the multitude and to extort from them the hard won products of toilsome lives, leaving them but the barest subsistence.

And the cry of the passing years has been increasingly the cry for something by which men might deliver their lives from the bitter domination of their taskmasters. The deliverance could not come from without. "Who would be free, themselves must strike the blow." But there was needed something to stimulate the intellect, something to quicken the perception, something to rouse from apathy, in order that the movement of emancipation might become a reality. The farmers' movement has been conspicuously successful in that task. It has led thousands to realize that they must think if they would avoid being over-reached by other interests, that they must be acquainted with the significance of policies and the effect of tariffs and the incidence of taxation if they would not be hood-winked by the "wise" politician.

And so today common men are more fully and more widely than ever before becoming in things economic "wise unto salvation." That they are becoming acquainted with the means through which they have been out-witted and robbed and from that knowledge it is but a step to the deposition of the autocrat and the interests that have been enriching themselves at the people's expense. Personal intelligence, independence and initiative is the secret of economic emancipation, of fiscal and electoral reformation, and of the creation of a democracy worthy of the name. These ends and others beyond them in the region of social and moral developments, the Grain Growers' movement is consciously and purposefully seeking. It aims at the full and complete enfranchisement of the ordinary individual so that there shall be secured to him his rightful share of the good things of life and so that he shall gladly and manfully accept his full share of responsibility for conditions about him. As that status is attained, tyranny and exploitation must gradually but surely be overcome and the whole level of life be raised. Men escape from the glamour of party catch-words and can no longer be hoodwinked by the guile of the protectionist spell-binder or the subtle pseudo-logic of the crafty tariff artist. The day of intelligent and informed citizenship draws near and the modern autocrat may read the handwriting of his approaching doom. It is today each one's opportunity to support the promotion of such ideals in our local relationships with the branches of the association.

W. R. WOOD.

The Shoal Lake Grain Growers' annual picnic will be held at Shoal Lake on Wednesday, July 4. Excursions will be run from Neepawa and Russell. The usual sports program is provided and the best speakers available will be present.

## Have You Thought of STUCCO

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