



MANITOBA SECTION

This Section of The Guide is conducted officially for the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association by R. McKenzie, Secretary, Winnipeg, Man.

TO MEET THE PREMIER

The central executive will hold a meeting on Friday, 7th, to make arrangements for a delegation to meet Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his party on their Western trip. It is expected that the M. G. G. A. will extend to the premier a hearty welcome to the West and at the same time present the views of the association on what the Western farmers expect from the Dominion government by way of legislation.

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VERY MUCH ALIVE

Seeding being practically over, Valley River Grain Growers' Association re-suscitated their thoughts along economic lines by holding a meeting on May 26th. President Kelly occupied the chair, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, he pointed out that some progress had recently been made in the elevator situation, and that the personnel of the commission was satisfactory to him and asked the members for an expression of opinion as to petitioning for a government elevator.

After several speeches it was moved by F. Boughen and Thos. Taylor, "That, the secretary be instructed to write D. W. McCuaig re getting up a petition to acquire the existing elevator at Valley River." Motion was carried.

The following motions were also passed: "That the secretary be instructed to make arrangements with nearby associations for purchasing twine."

"That we have a Grain Growers' picnic distinct from any other function." "That the secretary be instructed to write the Ladies' Mutual Benefit Society of Valley River, asking them to co-operate with us in getting up the Valley River Grain Growers' picnic."

"That the secretary be instructed to write nearby associations arranging consecutive dates for picnics and Central Association for speakers for picnics."

A picnic committee of five was appointed. It was moved by Ben Boughen and William Jones, "That we hereby express our warm approval of the course pursued by THE GRAIN GROWERS' GUIDE in exposing the mixing scandals at the terminal elevators and express our condemnation of the other papers, who tried to hush the matter up." Motion was carried with enthusiasm.

F. Boughen informed the meeting that by advice of J. G. McIntosh, a long time rural councillor of this part, he wished to introduce the following motion: "That the secretary be instructed to send our resolution re taxation of unoccupied lands to the municipal council, asking them to bring it to the attention of the union of the municipalities." Motion was carried.

The meeting adjourned to meet in two weeks when it is hoped the elevator petition will be in readiness for signatures, as this public utility is required complete for this next crop.

W. J. BOUGHEN, Sec.-treas.

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HOLD JOINT PICNIC

The branches of Pine River, Firdale, Berton and Mayfield are arranging for a joint picnic somewhere about the 18th or 20th of June, the date not yet being fixed.

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SECRETARIES CAN HELP

One way in which secretaries of the branch associations can help the work carried on by the Central Executive Committee, is by supplying the secretary with any information asked for. The main reason why farmers do not secure the reforms they ask for is the lack of data on which to base their demands. This deficiency could easily be corrected if the secretaries of the branches were more prompt in supplying information asked for. Perhaps the excessive price farmers have to pay for lumber for building purposes is the greatest drawback to improvements on the farm and it is generally admitted that the excessive

price is largely due to combinations among dealers and manufacturers of lumber. The central association has made an effort to secure information to enable them to arrive at a conclusion on which they could suggest a remedy. With that end in view, some weeks ago the secretaries were asked to send to the provincial secretary the retail prices for lumber at their shipping points. The number who gave the information was so small that it will be of no use for the object for which it was intended.

Recently inquiries have been sent out asking for information as to the effectiveness of the cattle guards supplied by railways and the losses sustained by

AFTER GOVERNMENT ELEVATOR

At a meeting of the Pine Creek Grain Growers' Association, held May 26, the following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, "That the Pine Creek Grain Growers' Association and the Royal Templars of Edrans hold a union picnic on or about the 21st of June, date to be fixed later, on section 19, 14, 12." Motion was carried.

Resolved, "That J. Bennett, E. Manus, D. McCuaig, and E. Stewart, be a committee to meet the committee of the Edrans Templars to arrange a program and fix a definite date." Motion was carried.

Moved by E. Stewart and seconded

WILL MEET SIR WILFRID

The executive of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association held a meeting on the evening of the 3rd. The principal business taken up was that of making arrangements to present the views of the Manitoba farmers to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his party during their Western tour. The secretary was instructed to arrange for a hearing for the Grain Growers' delegates, at some point that would meet the convenience of Sir Wilfrid, preferably Brandon as being more convenient to the Grain Growers.

The special questions to be taken up will be the taking over of the terminal elevators by the Dominion government, the building of the Hudson's Bay Road, the tariff; emphasizing specially the importance of the Dominion government taking advantage of the offer of the United States government for a Reciprocity Treaty and the accepting of the offer of the United States government for reciprocal Free Trade in agricultural implements. The farmers will also press for the Dominion government to take up the chilled meat proposition.

farmers owing to stock killed on the track. It is very important that this information be supplied. There is no use whatever in farmers complaining unless they put themselves to the trouble of preparing an effective case when they apply for remedies to the proper authorities.

R. MCKENZIE.

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ELI BRANCH ACTIVE

The Eli branch is arranging to hold a public meeting on Saturday June 11, at 2 o'clock. This is one of the branches of the association that has been dormant for two or three years. Last winter it was re-organized with a new set of officers and is now doing very effective work. The larger number of the members speak the French language and they desire a French speaker to explain to them more fully the aims and purposes of the organization.

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WILL ORGANIZE BRANCHES

Mr. R. Lemieux of Somerset will make a tour of the French settlements east of the Red River, in the course of a couple of weeks, to organize branches of the Grain Growers' Association. The French speaking people of the province are becoming very much interested in the work of the association and all that is required to get them in line is to have speakers, who are familiar with the work of the organization, explain it to them in their own language.

by M. Watson, "That J. Bennett write the Elevator Commission and get all information re Government elevator at Pine Creek." Motion was carried.

Moved by J. Bennett, and seconded by M. Watson, "That the Grain Growers' Executive arrange to have a deputation to meet Premier Laurier while in the West and urge upon him the necessity of government ownership and operation of the terminal elevators, and also to lay before him the private prosecution of owners of said elevators; that we the Grain Growers condemn this private prosecution of these rich criminals, whereas if it had been a poor woman or man stealing a loaf of bread for a starving family they would have been tried in the public court, and all the newspapers in Winnipeg would have published it, but in this case we have to send to Ottawa to find out anything about the matter." Motion carried unanimously.

JOSIAH BENNETT
Pine Creek, Man. Sec.-Treas.

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MANITOBA TECHNICAL EDUCATION

That the Manitoba government has decided to appoint a commission which will at once take up the question of technical education in the province was announced at a meeting of the Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council Thursday night.

H. Strange, the secretary of the legislative committee of that body, announced that during the afternoon a conference

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PRESIDENT: D. W. McCUAIG, PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE

VICE-PRESIDENT: R. C. HENDERS - CULSWORTH

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had been held with G. R. Coldwell, the minister of education, who was most anxious that the Trades and Labor Council should discuss the matter as soon as possible, as he wished the council to depute six or more members of the commission. The members of the commission will be the chairman of the Winnipeg school board, Superintendent D. McIntyre, a representative of the Manufacturers' Association, one from the agricultural college, two from the Brandon Trades and Labor council, one from Portage la Prairie Trades and Labor Council, Brandon school board one, Portage school board one, Dauphin one, Winnipeg Board and Trade one, Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council about six.

The following were elected to represent the Trades and Labor council: Delegates Yuill and Chambers of the Amalgamated Carpenters' Union to represent the building trades; Delegate Rigg of the Bookbinders' to represent the printing trade; Delegate Ward of the Machinists' to represent the running trades (railway workers); Rev. J. S. Woodworth, general trades. The chairman of the legislative committee is the sixth delegate.

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SHOAL LAKE PICNIC

Shoal Lake has selected July 7 as the date of their annual picnic. Excursions will be run from Russell on the west and Minnedosa on the east, and the officers of the association are making arrangements for a picnic that will be better than ever.

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MANY NEW SUBSCRIBERS

Ed. Brown, secretary of Boissevain branch, in sending the secretary the dues from his branch to the Central Association enclosed ninety-four subscriptions to THE GRAIN GROWERS' GUIDE. Boissevain Association has now 135 members.

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RAT VIRUS DISTRIBUTED

The Manitoba department of agriculture is again starting a very active campaign against the rats, which are gradually, in spite of all that has been done to stop their progress, making their way towards Winnipeg and also in a westerly direction. A large quantity of virus has been prepared and will be sent direct to those who desire the same. It can be obtained by writing to the department, which also desires the applicant to state the size and number of his buildings, so that the officials will know about just what amount to send.

It has been found that by sending quantities of the poison to the clerks of the different municipalities or to one party for distribution that a large number who wanted the virus did not obtain it, and also in many cases when it was received by the farmer it was found to have lost its strength due to not being properly handled by the man who had care of it, or through him having it too long in his possession. In future the virus will be sent direct to the party asking for it, and he will thus be assured of receiving it in first class condition. The furthest north the rodents have reached is St. Agathe, about eighteen miles direct south of Winnipeg on the C. N. R. They are, however, gradually working west, and have reached points west of Sanford.

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Brit Krulitzkij was run over by a train at Netley and instantly killed. In attempting to board a work train he slipped and fell under the wheels.



Outfit of Geron and Cox, Berensford, Man.