

KEEN FOR GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP

The annual meeting of the Glaston G.G.A. was held in the school house on Friday afternoon, December 24. The president occupied the chair and although the attendance was not large, there was a marked improvement in the interest taken by the members. Several important questions were discussed among them being the Government ownership of elevators and a strong resolution was passed favoring the same and endorsing the action of the central association on the question. The following officers were elected for ensuing year: President, Geo. Wilker; Vice-President, Geo. Noggle; Directors, J. B. Powers, Thos. Cameron, Robt. McInnis, M. H. Doyle, Geo. Rupp, and John Kitter; Secretary-Treasurer, A. C. Moynes. The secretary was appointed delegate to the annual convention.

A RECORD ATTENDANCE

The Whitewood branch of the Grain Growers' Association held their annual meeting in the Armstrong Hotel on Saturday afternoon of last week. The attendance was the largest ever held by the association and those present were enthusiastic and entered freely into the various important matters that came up for discussion.

In the absence of the secretary, Mr. A. B. Gillis, Mr. N. Gillis acted in his stead.

The meeting was presided over by the President, Mr. A. Wiley.

The financial report of the year showed a small balance on hand after all expenditures had been paid.

The general feeling of the meeting was that in supporting an association of this kind, the farmers were providing protection for themselves and that the Central Association were accomplishing each year a higher and better market for all farm products. It is only by united efforts that great undertakings are ever secured for any association and if farmers will only realize that by becoming members of an association that works in the interest of their special benefit many of the plans being drafted will eventually become a reality.

The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—H. A. Wiley, president; Chas. Davis, vice-president; A. B. Gillis, sec.-treas. Directors, John Coleman, D. McIntosh, John Munro, L. Robertson, Mal. McLean, Thos. Reid, F. Hill, D. W. Taylor and H. Gibson.

Mr. H. Gibson was appointed delegate to represent Whitewood at the annual convention.

MANOR'S FOURTH ANNUAL

The fourth annual meeting of the Manor G. G. A. was held in the old School House on January 8. The discussion of current events in the grain world, showed that the members are keenly alive to the situation. The business of this association it might be said, is principally, to express by resolutions passed at branch meetings, the opinions of the Grain Growers of the West. It aims to reflect public opinion. It aims to reflect the aforesaid public opinion on our legislators and the powers that be, in a current of such high voltage that they will be electrified into immediate action when any question of public importance is brought to their notice.

Routine business was hurried on to get at the resolutions that had been previously prepared by a committee appointed for that purpose. These were:—

1. That we object to the slanderous statements published in five Winnipeg papers and directed against the G.G.A. and Grain Growers' Grain Co.

2. That we petition the government to take up the matter of government hail insurance at one cent an acre on all taxable farm land. Carried.

3. That we approve of the past editorial policy of THE GUIDE. Carried.

4. That as long as the railways demand demurrage we favor having it made reciprocal. Carried.

5. That we approve of government elevators under an independent commission. Carried.

The storm centre of discussion undoubtedly settled around the question of government Elevators, and argument for and against was given every satisfaction. It might be said that the game has now shifted from a local to a central position. Just before adjournment it was decided that a thorough canvas of the Manor district should be made, and a grain grower

not a member should be made the exception rather than the rule. One scheme that has since been mooted was that the canvassers go out in bunches of four. The first man corral the subject and proceeds to brighten up his intellect to the most approved point of education. The second man's duty would be to separate the subject from such collateral as is necessary to furnish his share of the sinews of war to the organization. The third man keeps books, keeps order and might be alluded to as the man with the big stick. Number four was intended to move the crowd away from the subject, accept his congratulations and good wishes and see him happy on his way.

The following officers were elected for 1910.

President, O. B. Gould; vice-president, J. W. Cunningham; secretary-treasurer, C. A. Burr. Directors, J. Cusack, W. McMurray, J. L. Williamson, J. W. Beaty, D. Kingsbury, G. Hopkins. Resolution committee, W. Moffat, C. Dean, W. Procknow, J. W. Cunningham, E. W. Fleming, J. Scott.

Convention delegate, William Moffat.

BOOK-KEEPING ON THE FARM

Paper read by W. H. Dickinson before Rouleau, Sask. Grain Growers' Annual Meeting:—

It is being realized more every day that farming is becoming more of a complicated business than in the past. A few years ago a farmer was not looked upon as a business man, but to-day his success as a farmer largely depends on his business ability as well as his ability as a farmer.

In order to conduct any business properly some system of record is necessary. Each business has its own peculiar system. Farmers do not need to think that in order to keep books that any intricate system is necessary. In book-keeping as in other things, simplicity is the order of the day.

The simplest form of record and the most necessary is the cash account, or record of cash paid out and received. This, however, is not sufficient alone. An expense account, is after the cash account, the most necessary in order to keep track of all expenses such as labor, threshing, seed, coal, veterinary bills, taxes and all household expenses, should these not be kept in a separate account by themselves. Anything sold off the farm whether poultry, eggs, butter or stock should be recorded also whether the article is sold or traded. An account should also be opened or at least some record kept of land, the price paid, the balance owing, showing due date of payments and interest. All payments as made should be deducted from the balance. A separate heading should also be made for implement and stock, and each implement, horse, or cow entered under this heading showing the price paid or the value in the case of stock raised on the farm. At the end of the year, the values should be adjusted so as to show the worth of this property at the selling value.

Accounts are also necessary to keep track of all grain raised showing both threshing weights and sale weights, also the price received for each car or load of grain. The grade and yield per acre should also be recorded.

Liabilities in the shape of store accounts, or notes should also be carefully recorded with the due dates and place of payment mentioned.

It must not be thought that the foregoing system outlined is in any way intricate. All that is necessary is to keep a RECORD so that at the end of the year a farmer can tell exactly how he stands and by comparing with the previous year see whether money has been lost or made.

The remark was once made to the writer by a successful farmer that "No farmer lost money farming in this country now" but that he frequently lost money in his business. This statement is perfectly true for by carelessness in business transactions, much money is often lost.

In the case of farmers with children who are old enough, what better training could they be given than by making them keep the books for the farm? A few minutes in the evening are quite sufficient to record all transactions. By giving children work of this character, it will train them to business habits they will never forget and also teach them that farming is just as important a business as any other.

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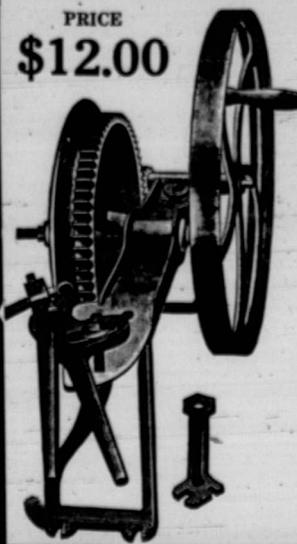
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