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for an hour and a half. A vote of thanks was given the speaker and the meeting adjourned. Several came forward to be introduced and shake hands. If Mr. McCuaig ever comes to Ninga again it will be to a crowded hall.

WM. C., Sec., pro tem.  
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#### RIDGEVILLE'S SUCCESS

The Grain Growers' Association of Ridgeville had a most successful meeting on the afternoon of Tuesday, February 1. There were about 40 farmers present and great interest was manifested throughout the meeting, which was rather lengthy, principally caused by the extended report of the delegate to the farmers' parliament held at Brandon for three days, in which some success was reported, showing that the farmers can do things if they organize and stick to their purpose, and not be faint-hearted when the opposition is great, even very great as has been the case with the Grain Growers' Association, a proof of which the dramatic announcement made on behalf of the government of Manitoba by the Hon. Mr. Coldwell. The farmers present recognized the importance of the situation. Some of them expressed fear that the opposition would be too great, and that the object would not be obtained at present, and that there would be quite a struggle before all was settled.

The delegate showed that quite an amount of good things had been accomplished during the past year by the Association, and then went on to tell of the work before the association during the present year, amongst other important measures for the betterment of the condition of the farmer being that of obtaining the lease of existing terminal elevators or the building of new ones, so that the grain shipped may go through to Liverpool and other large markets without mixing and the quality deteriorated. The report of the delegate, Mr. Simeon Smith, was well received and caused quite a lot of discussion on the various matters put before the meeting.

The delegates from Emerson to Brandon, Merris, Bullis and Curran, were also present, and Mr. D. A. Fraser, from Emerson, and they were very helpful. Each gave good addresses, full of encouragement and suggestion for the better working of sub-associations.

Resolutions thanking the visitors from Emerson for their presence and addresses were passed with acclamation and also

SIMEON SMITH.

#### DONATION TO FIGHTING FUND

At a meeting held in the Delta school-house February 24, it was moved by W. J. McPhail and seconded by D. M. Holmes: "That the Delta branch endorse the action of the Grain Growers' executive in refusing to have anything to do with the elevator bill now before the provincial house, and we strictly adhere to the clause that the elevators must be under an independent commission." Carried unanimously.

I enclose a check for \$5.00 as a donation to the fighting fund of the association from this branch. I also take the opportunity of forwarding \$2.50 dues to date.

F. A. SELWYN WEBB.  
Secy.-Treas.

#### THE BROAD SPIRIT AT McCREARY

A box social and dance given under the auspices of the McCreary branch of the Grain Growers' Association resulted in a pleasant surprise financially, and we were all pleased to have a large circle of well-wishers, who devoted much time in providing a splendid program. Mrs. Burgoyne, Misses Campbell, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Morrison, Messrs. F. and W. Riddell, Misses Sarterthwaite and Mr. W. Campbell contributed to the entertainment.

Proceeds from sale of boxes amounted to \$44.03, which fact will be of particular interest to our worthy editor, in that the directors decided to send \$10.00 for the work of the executive and to the editor Sunshine Guild, who will receive \$5.00 for the Sunshine department. That will perhaps act as an incentive to some of the brethren in other associations who are backward in subscribing to the expense of the executive. As for the Sunshine Guild, our directors took the view that this is perhaps as important a department as the Grain Growers, for whilst the latter department is working for the welfare

of the present generation, the other is laboring for ideal conditions for the coming race.

Mr. Avison addressed a gathering on the 25th, and we certainly came away well versed in the tenets of Grain Growers' and government bill for government ownership of elevators. The following resolution was passed:

Moved W. Fletcher, seconded A. Walker: "That this association endorses the decision of the Grain Growers' Association in striving for independent commission and independent control of government owned elevators."

WM. E. CROSSLEY.  
Secy.-Treas.

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#### CRITICIZES GOVERNMENT BILL

The government elevator bill is pretty much what I expected from that source. I was very much of the opinion that they would not give anything that would be of practical value. If there was any probable prospect of revenue they would want to hold both ends and the middle in their own hands. I hope the executive will exhaust every means available to prevent the bill becoming law. I can't see one redeeming feature in it.

H. McMILLAN.

Margaret, Man.

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Strong resolutions endorsing the stand of the Grain Growers Committee on the Elevator Bill were received too late to publish, from the Killarney and Birtle Associations.

#### DISPELLING THE MISTS

Mr. F. W. Kerr addressed a large and enthusiastic meeting of Grain Growers at Neelin on the evening of March 1. He explained that the reason he was present was to dispell the erroneous ideas which some people seem to have with regard to a public owned system of elevators.

This he certainly accomplished, for at the end of his forceful and lucid speech a resolution of endorsement was unanimously passed and he received a rousing cheer. Six or seven new members were enlisted and co-operative buying of binder twine was discussed but left over till the next meeting.

R. P. WILLIAMS.

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#### ARIZONA DISCUSSIONS

A meeting of the Arizona branch of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association was held on Friday, March 4, with Mr. T. A. North in the chair, when Mr. J. D. Hunt gave an address on the elevator bill, stock trade, cold storage and other subjects of interest to farmers. The address caused considerable amount of discussion, the members feeling satisfied with the stand taken by the executive re elevator bill.

THOS. ZACHARY,  
Sec.-Treas.

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#### MACGREGOR WANTS INDEPENDENT CONTROL

The MacGregor Grain Growers' Association held a meeting March 2, which was largely attended. The elevator bill and the proposed stockyards and abattoirs formed the chief subjects of discussion. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted: Moved by Mm. G. Collier, seconded by N. Chant, "Resolved, this association has full confidence in the committee of the Grain Growers' Association appointed to convene with the government on the elevator bill, and request them to hold out for the terms asked for in their memorial."

Moved by Jas. Bousfield, seconded by N. Chant, "Resolved, that this meeting expresses itself as strongly in favor of government owned stockyards and abattoirs in Winnipeg to insure that they remain public and free from monopoly. And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to R. F. Lyons, M.P.P., and also to THE GRAIN GROWERS' GUIDE."

The other business was of a routine character.

T. ROWAN,  
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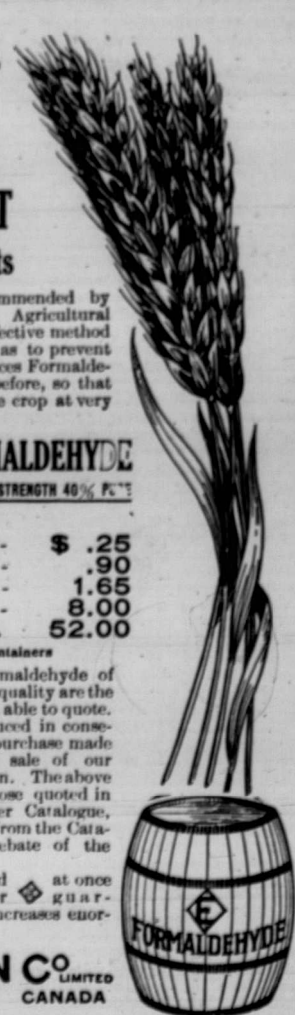
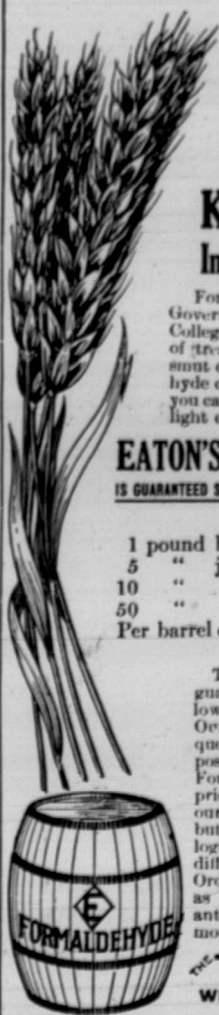
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