

Manitoba

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NEEPAWA DISTRICT CONVENTION

Neepawa district met in-convention at Gladstone on June 24, and in spite of a rainy afternoon the hall was well filled. A registration of delegates which is known to be complete, credits the branches with attendance as follows: Gladstone 12, Winchester 8, Keyes 7, Berton 5, Ogilvie 4, Mayfield 4, Howden 2, Springhill 3, Neepawa 2, Franklin 2, Osprey 1 and McCreary 1. The actual attendance, however, was well up to 100, but apparently a large number were bashful about recording their names.

The chair was occupied by the president, T. H. Drayson, of Neepawa, who in his opening address earnestly urged the strengthening of our forces and the concentration of effort upon the uplift of social, commercial and political conditions in Canada.

R. C. Henders gave a strong and inspiring address dealing with matters of practical detail in the working of the movement. He emphasized the importance of the district work, the district association being the clearing house for the local branches and the channel thru which their work is correlated and effectively forwarded to the provincial organization. He touched on the importance of the petitions being circulated in reference to the woman suffrage movement and the amendment of the infamous Dower law, and the necessity of each local branch doing its share in order that there may be no failure in securing the names needed. He showed by reference to specific cases how the farmers' movement is securing recognition from the transportation and other corporate interests and predicted the establishment of a wider and more effective co-operation which would mean that the whole economic structure would be placed on a new basis. Passing to the political aspect of the movement he scored the ultra partizanship which has wrought so much public evil and predicted the speedy coming of the time when the party boss and all his tribe shall be frowned out of society in our land. He held that the farmers' movement has always tried to secure that character shall count for something, that the governing power should not be in the hands of the few but the many. For these ends it is desirable that the farmers shall get close to the actual exercise of political control, that they shall have their own representatives in the House of Commons, that independent and progressive men should be selected as representatives. For these ends he urged unity of endeavor, the conservation of the energies of the movement in order that they may be effectively exercised, and the sympathetic co-operation of all that our social, economic and political life may be redeemed from scandal and established on a basis of which no one shall need be ashamed.

Josiah Bennett, of Pine Creek, followed with a very practical and original address on "What the Grain Growers have done, and what Bennett thinks they ought to do."

An interesting paper on "Women Grain Growers and their work," was read by Mrs. J. Bennett. She emphasized the social power which might be wielded by the women and the desirability of co-operating in the movement for economic emancipation and political cleaning up. The women's place is growing to be recognized as of the very first importance in the movement.

Some time was then spent in receiving reports from local branches and in discussing the strengthening of the organization in places where it is slack, after which the following resolutions were presented and passed:

1. That whereas the Grain Growers' Association at their annual convention have adopted resolutions endorsing Direct Legislation, and whereas the Liberal party when in opposition promised a measure of Direct Legislation along the lines of a draft bill prepared by the Direct Legislation League, and whereas the Liberal party is now in office in this province, be it resolved

that we look to Premier Norris and his associates to implement their promise at the earliest possible moment.

2. That we reaffirm our position on the question of equal suffrage, believing that the extension of the franchise to women will be of great material and moral advantage to the province.

3. That whereas the situation created by the war has shown more clearly than ever the nature and magnitude of the menace to our citizenship which lies in the continuance of the liquor traffic, and whereas we believe there is evidence to show that public opinion has during the past year advanced to such a degree that provincial prohibition is now a possibility, and whereas Premier Norris has recently replied to a delegation on this question that the government recognizes the changed opinion and will at the earliest possible moment submit a measure of provincial prohibition by means of a referendum, be it resolved that we endorse such referendum and promise such a measure our enthusiastic support.

4. That we recommend the Grain Growers' Association to unite with other organizations and institutions in their districts for weekly meetings at least during the winter months for the study of such subjects as will tend to the development of a better citizenship and a completer social, intellectual and religious life.

At the evening session inspiring addresses were delivered by Rev. A. C. Strachan, of Gladstone, and Rev. H. G. Crozier, of Neepawa.

P. Broadfoot and W. R. Wood (of Franklin) also spoke, and the singing of the National Anthem brought the convention to a close.

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R. M. MORGAN,
Sec., Fairville G.G.A.

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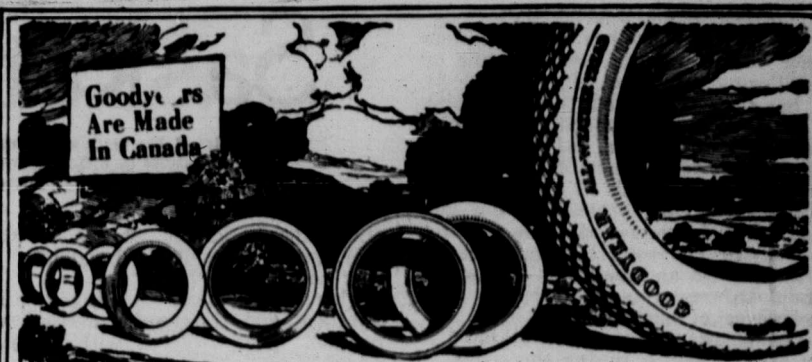
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MARQUETTE DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Marquette District G.G.A. will hold a convention in Pearson's Hall, Minnedosa, on Wednesday, July 21, at 2 p.m. Each local association is entitled to send delegates at the rate of one to every five paid-up members for the year 1914. Representatives from the Central will be present. The secretary of each association is especially requested to attend.

When buying your ticket be sure to get a standard certificate, so you can get reduced fare on the railways. Hoping that you and your full number of delegates will be present, I remain, yours truly,

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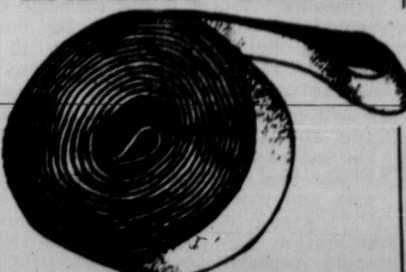
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