



# MANITOBA SECTION

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## MANITOBA GRAIN GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

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### WORKING IN EARNEST

Jas. B. Benson, secretary of the Dauphin branch, writes as follows: "At the regular meeting of the Dauphin Grain Growers, held on January 7, one of the many interesting questions discussed was that of organization and education. It is the opinion of the majority of the members that something radical should be done to interest more farmers in the great movement that is being carried on by the Grain Growers' Association and to educate them to the point where they can see and understand what the organization is doing for them not only socially but financially. With this end in view, and after a general discussion, it was decided to work along the lines suggested by W. H. Armstrong, which was to hold social gatherings in the various school houses in the district where a pleasant evening could be spent by the farmers and their friends as well as their wives and children. The matter was then left with the directors to work out details and put the scheme into effect. They soon got down to business, held a directors' meeting, with the effect that each director is responsible for the work being carried out in his own district. He will be assisted by the other directors and members of the association in his district. The programs will consist of music, songs, recitations, and speeches. While the directors wish it understood that they are all welcome, the speakers will be limited to farmers who will discuss the various questions affecting all classes of agriculture. Refreshments will be served by the ladies who are taking an active part in the movement. The first of these social evenings will be held in the Mount View school on January 18th. There will be no admission charge."

### GLENHOLM ORGANIZED

On December 10 a meeting called for the purpose of organizing an association at Glenholm was held and addressed by Mr. Avison, of Gilbert Plains. Mr. Avison proved a very fluent speaker and capable man and held the undivided attention of everyone present, while he spoke on the elevator question, the tariff and reciprocity with the United States, the Hudson's Bay Railway question, and the great work that is being done by the organization. The Guide, and the Grain Growers' Grain Company. After the address the following officers were elected to represent the Glenholm branch for the year 1911: President, R. T. Elliott; vice-president, Jas. Sutherland; secretary-treasurer, S. H. Turner. Directors: E. S. Haggarty, T. Turner, D. J. Walker, G. Scott, T. McMillan, W. Hiscok. Auditor, A. A. Turner. The association decided to meet every first and third Wednesday in each month, and after giving Mr. Avison a hearty vote of thanks the meeting dispersed.

### MINIOTA DELEGATE REPORTS

The Miniota Grain Growers met recently to receive the report of the Ottawa delegates. Mr. Lindsay presented the report explaining how the delegation originated, and taking up each of the questions upon which presentations were made to the Dominion government. He stated that the farmers from East and West alike were a unit on all these questions. He then gave an outline of the social functions they attended; first a banquet at Winnipeg on the night of the 12th December before they left for the East, then at a reception given by Earl and Lady Grey at Government House, and a banquet given by Hon. Frank Oliver. The delegation from start to finish was conducted in an orderly and business-like manner.

### BALMORAL ANNUAL

The annual meeting of the Balmoral association was held on December 10. The president, Alex. Polson, and the vice-president, E. R. Sutherland, were re-elected. J. H. Slater was elected secretary-treasurer. Eight new members joined the association during the month

of December and much interest is being taken in the questions before the farmers. E. R. Sutherland, Wm. McLeod, T. W. Silbald, and J. H. Slater have been appointed delegates to attend the Brandon convention.

### DELEGATE SUGGESTS PLEDGE

The Neepawa Grain Growers were called together for the first time in 1911 on January 4th. The chief business was the report of the delegate to Ottawa and the unusually large attendance was evidence of the interest taken by all. The first part of the meeting was taken up with the election of officers and resulted as follows: The president, T. H. Drayton, was re-appointed, and Bert F. Davidson was appointed secretary-treasurer. Mr.



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Benson retiring. Then followed Mr. Drayton's report of the delegation. He assured those present that he thought the Grain Growers have the sympathy of the government as well as that of the opposition, but stated that he thought nearly all the influential members of both parties were in some way tied to the big monopolies, while the smaller members were tied to their party. He considered that the next Dominion election would be an opportune time to act and only elect members who would pledge themselves to support the farmers in the issues at stake.

### HOLD LITERARY MEETINGS

Mr. Verrall, secretary of the Sanford branch, in remitting the annual dues writes that they have decided to hold a literary and social meeting every second and last Wednesday of the month. The first of these evenings was held on the 28th of last month, and proved a decided success. They have asked for a speaker from the executive to address one of these meetings.

### GILBERT PLAINS' RESOLUTION

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Gilbert Plains Grain Growers at their regular monthly meeting on January 7, and copies forwarded to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Richard Cartwright and Glen Campbell, M.P., the local member. "That we are convinced that nothing short of government ownership and operation of the terminal grain elevators will give justice and satisfaction to the farmers of this country, and trust that your government will see its way clear to grant our request as early a date as possible, and place in this year's estimates a sufficient sum to carry through this project." J. R. Dutton, the delegate to Ottawa, addressed the meeting at some length, going fully into the various questions submitted to the government, and the general impressions produced by the big delegation. It was felt that the delegation on the whole was a success and well worth the money expended and the time. It has been stated that the reason the farmers never got anything, and Mr. Dutton thought this statement hit the nail well on the head, but that the farmers were beginning to wake up and the Ottawa delegation was only a start. Thirteen delegates were appointed to the Brandon convention, making a good representation from the district.

### LORNEDEALE ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Lorne-ale Grain Growers was held in Lorne-ale school house on Saturday, December 31, at 2 p.m. The day was very cold and consequently the attendance was not very large. Eleven memberships were received for 1911. If the interest taken is any indication, this is to be another very successful year for this branch. Considerable time was taken up in hearing the report of John Allan who was our delegate to Ottawa. He gave a good account of what was asked for at Ottawa and the general opinion seemed to be that a beginning had at last been made. The election of officers resulted in Mr. Channon

being elected president; W. W. Sykes, vice-president; Jas. Allan, secretary-treasurer. Directors, Andrew Jamieson, Alex. McKee, J. F. Grashy, H. S. Shipman, C. M. Rear and Andrew Allan.

### ST. ELIZABETH ANNUAL

At a meeting of the St. Elizabeth branch on January 7th, Mr. Collette presented his report of the Ottawa delegation, and the following resolution was passed: "That the Grain Growers' Association of St. Elizabeth congratulate the Ottawa delegation on their attitude, and approve the resolutions they passed at their meeting on December 15 and presented to the government on the 16th." If the same opportunities present themselves next year the association is in favor of sending another delegation to Ottawa, to demand from the government legislation in favor of the farmers. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, A. Lacharite; vice-president, J. B. Desautel; secretary, Leopold Landry; auditor, O. Desautel. Directors: A. Marion, O. Desautel, J. Leblanc, H. Bellerive, M. Dupuy and A. Champagne. Mr. Champagne was appointed as delegate to the Brandon convention.

### MERCHANT SIGNED PETITION

W. E. Keefe, secretary of the Ashville branch, in sending in the petitions re the co-operative bill writes that in his district only three or four to whom he presented the petition refused to sign. The local merchant signed it saying he was in favor of the farmer having all the honorable advantages he could secure.

### ANOTHER NEW BRANCH

A new branch of the association has been formed at Albert school, six miles north-west of Carman. The association will be known as the Albert branch. This branch has started off with a membership of nineteen. The president is W. F. Somers, and the secretary Harry Armstrong.

### CHAMPION BRANCHES

The secretary of the Killarney Association writes us that they have a membership of two hundred and twenty. This is the second largest membership in the province. Ninga has the largest with a total of 236.

## Let the People Rule

The REFERENDUM gives the veto power to the people. It means that a percentage of the voters may demand a popular vote on a new law before it is finally enacted.

The INITIATIVE means that a percentage of the voters, usually 8 per cent, may propose a new law, which must then go to popular vote.

Only by the use of the INITIATIVE and REFERENDUM can the people really rule.

The MANITOBA FEDERATION FOR DIRECT LEGISLATION will send you literature on the subject for the asking. We have a booklet entitled "Direct Legislation; What It Is, and Why We Need It." The price is 5 cents per copy, or 5 copies for \$1.00 if you want to distribute price is 5 cents per copy, or 25 copies for \$1.00 if you want to distribute will send you a membership card, together with free copies of all literature that we circulate, including the booklet.

If you would like to arrange for meetings to be addressed by MR. FRANK E. COULTER, of Portland, Oregon, and other speakers whom we will have in the field shortly, please let us know. No charge for their services.

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