

TWO NEW ASSOCIATIONS

I am pleased to report to you the rapid progress of our organization work. On the 16th we organized the White Valley G.G.A., at Amelia, with nineteen new members. President, J. M. Swanson; sec.-treas., A. P. Brown; directors, A. Husley, John Evanson.

On the 17th an association was formed at Wrightville with twenty-six members. President, Wm. Past; sec.-treas., H. G. Dealing; directors, H. Johnston, F. Bjorge.

In the evening of the 17th we held a revival Grain Growers' meeting at Glenedyth school, and a very royal welcome company greeted us. Several local speakers assisted, and the meeting turned out very enthusiastic.

G. SPENCE.

Waldville, Sask.

FARMERS' LUMBER COMPANIES

Central Secretary:—Enclosed you will find a letter from the F.M.T.C. Lumber Co., Vancouver, which I received today. Will you please inform me if you know anything about it, and if the offer on separate sheet is an attempt to bribe me. It looks that way to me, or why write two letters. We know we can buy lumber thru our association, but am merely sending this to you for your judgment and information.

W. B. NISBET,

Swanson, Sask. Sec., G.G.A.

W. B. Nisbet, Esq., Swanson, Sask.

Dear Sir:—I have your favor of the 1st instant, enclosing circular letters of the F.M.T.C. Lumber Company. Copies of these circulars have been sent to the Central office by a good many of our loyal secretaries. This whole question of the effort which various lumber concerns are making to secure the business of the association direct and without having to pass thru their own Central organization has been dealt with time and again on the pages of The Guide. All kinds of inducements have been offered and all kinds of fancy, high-sounding names have been adopted by various lumber brokers, and even by a few millers in their hope of benefiting by the work the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association has done in organizing the farmers in such manner that they are able to purchase in carload quantities. But nearly all our local secretaries now fully understand that no matter what name the company may adopt, if it is endeavoring to secure the business of the association without securing it thru the recognized officers of the association, its purpose can be no other than to secure business for its own benefit, and whatever its purpose, the effect if our members and locals should place their business direct with them would certainly be to break down the organization of the farmers and to place the farmers again at the mercy of the lumber yards just as they were before the association became active.

There is today in Vancouver a man whose name is well known to the writer, and whose one employment is to endeavor to create a boycott of the Grain Growers' Association, and it is more than likely that some of the concerns which lavishly advertise themselves as being the farmers' friend, and which are endeavoring to secure the lumber business of our members direct, are fully in league with the organization which employs this man at Vancouver for the purpose first, of breaking down prairie organization, and second, of preventing all direct sales by lumber manufacturers to consumers on the prairie, whether such consumers are organized or not.

Our L. M. Mutton, of the purchasing department, has been at the coast during the past two weeks. He has come face to face with this campaign against the organized farmers. He has succeeded, however, in securing a lot of good lumber, but the association's lumber business would not look very tempting to a lumber manufacturer who, by dealing with us, necessarily breaks down all connection with the regular line yards, if that business is to be divided partly with the Central office and partly amongst half a dozen so-called farmers' or co-operative companies, none of which have, or can have, any real interest in the success of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association.

J. B. MUSSELMAN.

# Saskatchewan

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RAILROAD SCHEME PROGRESSING

At our meeting held June 3, we decided to hold a box social and dance to raise funds for our railroad scheme. It was held on June 16, and realized a net profit of \$93.30.

On June 17 another meeting was held, at which G. Spence, of White Water local, was appointed special organizer, and W. J. Gillespie was appointed our director for the special board of directors, which is to take up the railroad scheme. D. J. Cummings, A. Bennett, W. Parkins, Mr. Laidlaw and Joe Mowbry were appointed directors, the directors to thoroughly canvass our district for members. I enclose \$5 for new members' fees to Central. We have now a total of thirty-six members. I have also been instructed by our local to send for fifty Grain Growers' buttons, and as I do not know price, am enclosing \$10 for them.

W. J. GILLESPIE,

Sec.-treas., Lone Tree G.G.A. Patriot, Sask.

ROUND PLAIN PLOWING MATCH

The Round Plain local held a successful plowing match, at which the following were the prize winners: Walking plows, 1, Roy Hall with 97½ points; 2, R. Beckett, 90½.

Sulkies—1, D. Gillespie, 95½; 2, J. Beckett, 88½; 3, P. Zimrak, 88½; 4, E. Richardson, 88.

Walking gangs—1, G. Long, 83½; 2, N. Hall, 80½.

Riding gangs—1, R. Glenn, 87½; 2, R. R. McRae, 84½; 3, H. Cosnar, 83½.

Special prizes were awarded as follows: Best groomed team, H. Cosnar; best matched team, R. Hall; best handled team, R. Hall; championship cup, R. Hall; boys' class, G. McInnis; outsiders, E. Holmes. Mr. McKenzie, of Hamiota, gave good satisfaction as judge.

D. F. McRAE,

Wynot. Sec., Round Plain Local.

NEW LOCAL AT MILLY

I take pleasure in reporting as follows: A few of the farmers of this district met at McDonald Creek school house, Saturday, June 10, when it was decided to form a local of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association. Officers were elected as follows: President, Jas. Switzer, Fournierville P.O.; vice-president, Chas. Dezell, Fournierville P.O.; sec.-treas., R. S. Morrison, Milly; directors, Wm. Wallace, F. Freddy, R. Buzz, L. Williams and M. Buchene, of Fournierville, Sask., and D. Myles, of Milly, Sask.

On account of the rainy evening we did not have a very large gathering. We start with twelve members, eight of whom have paid membership fees of \$1.00. I am enclosing money order for \$4.00, this being 50 per cent. of fees collected, which I understand goes to the Central association. Our next meeting is called for July 7, after which date I hope to be able to make a better report.

Please mail to our president constitution and by-laws, and pamphlets Nos. 11, 13 and 14. Perhaps our vice-president should have these also.

In conclusion I might say that we are not counting on a great big membership, as there are other locals near us, but every member we have is going to be a good one.

R. S. MORRISON,

Sec.-treas., MacDonald Creek G.G.A. Milly, Sask.

WANT GRAIN GROWERS' SUNDAY

At a meeting of the North Gully local of the G.G.A., the following resolution was moved, seconded and passed:

"That we, the members of the North Gully G.G.A., assembled here in regular meeting on June 15, desire that a Grain Growers' Sunday be appointed, and that that Sunday be set apart as the Grain Growers' Association's Sunday."

Altho we do not expect you to be

able to take any definite steps regarding the above matter before the annual G.G.A. convention, we considered it none too early to think about the subject, and perhaps you might be able to find out the opinion of other locals regarding a G.G.A. Sunday.

GUY F. W. MERRY,

Sec.-treas., North Gully G.G.A. Northminster, Sask.

WANT STREET PRICES POSTED

The following subjects were brought up at our meeting, and we would like to have them placed before the Grain Board for consideration, viz.:

"It is the opinion of this local association that each day's street prices for grain should be posted on a notice board at each elevator in a conspicuous place."

"It is the opinion of this local association that the gross tare and net of load be figured on each storage ticket, also duplicate weight certificate of car be forwarded to shipper."

A. W. STEPHENS,

North End Local.

GOOD SCHOOL PICNIC

This week we had our school picnic, and we did have such lots of fun, running races and swinging, and eating ices, and at supper time we took two little pails and asked the friends to give us some money for the Red Cross. We got \$5.00. Then a neighbor, who has been selling cabbage plants for the Red Cross fund, brought us \$4.50, so that makes \$9.50 which we are glad to enclose herewith for you to please give to the society with our good wishes.

MALVINA MATHEWS (8 years)

CLARA SHRENSTEIN (8 years)

Macoun, Sask.

RECEIVE PATRIOTIC DONATION

Central Secretary:—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 12, enclosing cheque for the magnificent sum of \$4,085.58. This donation from the locals of your association in this province is the most generous contribution which this society has received in one sum for a long time, if ever, and I can only say that it is received with the most sincere gratitude of the provincial executive of this society.

The members of the various locals of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association have often shown their practical sympathy in the work of this society in the past, but in this union contribution they have made a most enviable record.

I enclose official receipt for this amount and due acknowledgment of the gift will be made in the daily papers of the province. Yours sincerely,

R. B. FERGUSON,

The Canadian Red Cross Society.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND

Central Secretary:—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 12 enclosing \$1,277.94, being contribution to the Canadian Patriotic Fund. I am enclosing herewith an official receipt for this amount. Kindly accept the best thanks of the Saskatchewan Executive of this Fund for your generous donation.

THOR. M. BEE, Managing Sec.

BELGIAN RELIEF FUND

Central Secretary:—I have much pleasure in acknowledging receipt of your cheque for \$773.93 so kindly contributed by the locals of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association in aid of the Belgian victims of the war, and thank the generous donors most heartily on behalf of my countrymen for their assistance and support. Yours gratefully,

GEORGE FOOTMANS,

Hon. Sec., Belgian Relief Fund.

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