



# MANITOBA SECTION

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## MANITOBA GRAIN GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

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### DUCK MOUNTAIN

A. H. Detmould reports 20 paid up members so far, and promises a further remittance after seeding. This is also one of our energetic branches. We wish them every success.

### OAKLAND BRANCH

This branch is another which has formed on its own initiative recently. They have had two meetings already, February 27 being their first. They have started out with 11 members, and the following were the officers elected: President, John H. Gray; vice-president, Jas. Fulton; secretary-treasurer, M. D. McCuaig;

### OFFICIAL CIRCULAR NO. 10

The executive officers of the Central association are desirous of arranging for a series of meetings, commencing early in June, in different parts of the province with a view of increasing the membership of the association.

In our struggle for reforms in the interests of the farmers and in our endeavors to secure better conditions in rural life, our opponents always remind us that only a small portion of the farmers are members of the association, and we are frequently challenged that the requests we make do not represent the views of the farmers generally.

This leaves the inference that many things which are now denied us would be granted if our membership were largely increased and emphasizes to us the necessity of bending our energies towards securing a larger number of farmers into the organization if we are to succeed in our efforts to secure a "Square Deal."

Would your branch encourage holding a series of meetings along your line of railroad to be addressed by one or two leading speakers say in June. I would be glad to have suggestions from you as to the better method of conducting these meetings so as to make them attractive and instructive. Would it be of additional interest if a few of the neighboring branches met at a central place and make the meetings of such a nature that would attract the younger members of the farmers' families. Or would it be better to hold meetings at each branch separately.

In this matter of extending the usefulness of the organization and multiplying our membership, we want the hearty co-operation of the officers of the local branches and would be glad to receive from you any suggestions you would have to make in the direction of making our organization work more effective in attaining the aims and purposes for which we were organized.

Yours very truly,  
THE MANITOBA GRAIN GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.  
R. MCKENZIE, Sec'y.

### CO-OPERATION NEEDED

Josiah Bennett, of Austin, writes of having held some very successful meetings as below:

"At Pine Creek we had a meeting of considerable interest. Quite a large gathering greeted the speakers and a feature of particular interest was the taking up of a collection amounting to \$9.35 to be appropriated to the Fighting Fund.

"At Bagot a splendid meeting was held. Bagot association is a very live institution and is doing good work.

"At Wellwood, in North Cypress, we had a successful meeting at which a number joined the association. Quite a number of farmers at this point need to take more interest in our work. I am of the opinion that we will require to introduce co-operative buying to a much greater extent before we will secure the amount of support we need at this place."

### ERICKSON BRANCH

The promptness with which Erickson branch have sent in their dues to the Central association is very commendable indeed. This is the new branch which was announced in last week's Guide. They have started out with 28 members, a good showing which augurs well for

### FARMERS' FIGHTING FUND

Receipts for the Farmers' Fighting Fund during the past two weeks amount to \$12.05, which brings the total subscribed to date up to \$503.05.

#### Subscriptions Received

Amount previously acknowledged	\$493.00
Roaring River Branch (second subscription)	5.00
Mr. Gibson	6.05
Jas. Penman, Somerset	1.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$503.05</b>

the future. No doubt the farmers in that locality realize the necessity of a larger representation of the tillers of the soil in order to demand certain reforms which ought to have been the right of every farmer long ago. This is just striking the nail on the head, because those who oppose the farmers immediately confront us with the fact that the organization is only representing a small percentage of the Western farmers and that those who are not members of our association are not in sympathy with the reforms we are asking for. Numbers is what we want and what we will produce if every officer of the association does his duty. We might add that the social and educational welfare of our members is a very important factor, especially since the younger members of the farmers' families are admitted to the association. The Grain Growers' organization should, through the energetic influence of the secretaries and officers of our branches, become the social centre of their own district. Meetings of a social and educational character cannot be held too often, and in addition to increasing the interest of each branch, it will tend to raise the moral and social standard of any community. There is no reason why the farms and surroundings in the country should not be a most inviting atmosphere to spend one's lifetime in if need be.

### SPRINGHILL BRANCH

Springhill branch reports 31 paid up members at the present time, and remits dues for that number. We expect a great deal from Springhill if the people in that locality live up to their name. There will be nothing of the stagnant nature about them at least. Spring is suggestive of bright sparkling water ever flowing on and on through meadows green with grass of the best quality, enriching not only the land round about, but producing feed for the animal kingdom, the surrounding country being productive of the best crops and the largest yields, and in keeping with this the highest ideals for the advancement of the farmers' interests should be uppermost. Good environment even in the vegetable and animal kingdom should afford no barrier at least to the essentials of a higher grade of Grain Growers themselves as the time goes on. We know the Springhill will do themselves justice in this respect.

A. J. M. POOLE, Sec'y.

### SWAN LAKE

We are very sorry to know that the secretary at Swan Lake has not yet recovered from an accident sustained last fall, and is not yet able to be about as usual. However, what cannot be accomplished on foot he compensates in another way, that is by correspondence. His latest effort is to arrange a picnic to be held in the near future to comprise the Swan Lake, Somerset and Ringsley districts. More will be learned of this picnic shortly.

W. H. HOLLAND.

Swan Lake.

### FRANKLIN BRANCH

Franklin branch of the association are doing fairly well, perhaps as well as could be expected under the circumstances, but I have heard it whispered to me that earlier in the history of this particular branch, more activity was displayed, greater enthusiasm prevailed among its members, and, if I remember rightly, there was a larger membership as well. What can be the reason of this backsliding? We wish to thank Franklin branch for their remittance for eleven members today.

WES. BURGESS.

Franklin, Man.

### LILYFIELD BRANCH

We are glad to report 19 paid members for Lilyfield branch. In their note to us a few days ago, they stated their intention to abandon their meetings until the fall as everybody was busy with seeding, etc. That might be all right if the secretary is a good energetic man who has the art of keeping a body of men together and in working order

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