



SASKATCHEWAN SECTION

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NEW ASSOCIATIONS

The following new associations have been formed since the 28th of February. The figures signify the number of the organization district the association is in, and the name of the secretary is also given:

- 11 Battle Vale . . . J. W. Freeston
- 2 Byrne Harry McAlpine
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- 4 Froude J. P. Gordon
- 14 Gorkendon George R. Abbey
- 10 Holar Birch Creek F. W. Stittle
- 10 Haglof Sam Nelson
- 11 Harlan C. R. Walker
- 4 Kronan Wm. M. McCall
- 11 Keatly Wallace P. Graham
- 3 Lampman G. E. Noggle
- 10 Langenburg Paul Mitschke
- 10 Ladstock W. E. Williamson
- 13 Long Valley R. L. Smith, Macklin P.O.
- 10 Leslie Fred W. Barnett
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- 2 Lewvan C. C. Downs
- 13 Mosten J. C. Johnson, Dinsmore P.O.
- 10 Marchwell Otto Nelson
- 13 Macklin Joseph Herscheider
- 11 Margo Charles De Gallier
- 11 Mount Hope Walter Sidebottom, Forest Hall P.O.
- 14 Mazenoid James Lindsay
- 11 Nolin W. G. Walker, North Battleford
- 5 Odessa Jacob Hoffman
- 2 Parry H. Y. Day
- 14 Palmer H. North
- 1 Riverside No. 2 Nathaniel Accorn
- Starthoaks C. A. Handfield
- 11A St. Helens Mr. Scott, Blucher
- 10 Skalholt S. Stevenson, Leslie P.O.
- 11A St. Dennis A. R. Racicot
- 14 Spring Valley Floyd Je Pevias, Chaplin P.O.
- 10 Sheho E. O. Johnston
- 2 Thorndyke Bernard McKay, Ogema P.O.
- 14 Uren John S. Reid
- 11 Wood River R. W. Hanham, Alhambra

At our last meeting the following resolution was passed:

"That this Association is strongly against the attitude expressed by Mr. Tregillus and Mr. Langley at the Grain Growers' Convention in favor of Secession." I would like to have a letter from you on this subject to place before the members, as the people here are very interested in this matter. I am still waiting for a reply to my letter asking if you could draw up a syllabus of subjects for discussion at the monthly meetings of the various branch associations.

A. BLOOMFIELD BARRATT,
Sec. Northminster G.G.A.

A. B. Barratt, Esq.,
Northminster.

Yours of the 15th. inst to hand containing a resolution from your association regarding the Secession movement, and statements said to have been made by Mr. Tregillus, of Calgary, and Mr. Langley, of Maymont, at the Grain Growers' Convention in favor of Secession. In reply to this I must say that in so far as Mr. Langley is concerned I am not aware that he ever expressed himself in favor of such a proposition, or anything tending to disturb the integrity of either the Canadian Federation or the unity of the Empire. Neither did I personally hear one word of this at our Convention. If I had I should certainly have made an attempt to give an expression of my own aversion to such an idea. I can assure you that if such a proposition was

entertained by our Convention or could find expression in a resolution I would at once sever my connection with the organization. To my mind it is too ridiculous to consider for a moment and if within the realm of possibility, we would be cowardly in the extreme. There is a world's work. There is that which is best for humanity. Great Britain has ever stood for this. There is no place in the wide world where suffering humanity is better protected than beneath the fluttering folds of the old Union Jack. No greater necessity today than for a strong outstanding factor for maintenance of the integrity of the Empire. No greater calamity could befall the human race today, and no greater calamity could befall the Canadian people than to be separated from Great Britain, and thus separated and prevented from taking part in leading the Anglo-Saxon race in giving to humanity all that is best in our civilization. The sanctity of our home life, reverence for law and order, universality of all the individual freedom compatible with the same freedom for all, sufficient free education to make all that is best in our religious ideals available to all living. Looking at the great work our race is called to perform for humanity, this Secession talk, in my humble opinion, is rank, selfish ignorance, only equalled by its egotistic arrogance.

I would ask you to read over carefully "The Association and Its Work" for topics.

F. W. G.

At a meeting of the Harlan Farmers' Association held April 24, it was unanimously decided to become a branch of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association. The present name of the Association will be retained as will also the present officers, which are as follows: President, W. S. Gibbs; Vice President, J. Shore; Committee: G. A. Gardiner, A. W. Lewis, J. H. Hill. Treasurer E. W. Stephenson; Secretary, C. R. Walker. The Treasurer is collecting the 50c. from each member and this will be forwarded to you at the earliest convenience.

C. R. WALKER,
Sec. Harlan G. G. A.

C. R. Walker, Esq.,

Yours of the 25th. inst to hand. We are glad to receive your notification that you are affiliating with the farmers' movement, the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association. This is the biggest aggregation of men today in Western Canada. Their combined property holdings involves the largest aggregation of capital, the largest aggregation of annual products, and on their shoulders rests a larger per capita amount of responsibility in connection with the administration of affairs in this country. Saskatchewan farmers pay the largest percentage of taxes incidental to our system of taxation, and on them depends, in a larger manner than on the men in any other province in the Dominion, the sacred honor of guarding the integrity of the Canadian Dominion and the great Empire, which owes allegiance to the fluttering folds of the old Union Jack. We are glad to welcome you and shall await your further communication.

F. W. G.

The Rutland branch has had a splendid run of meetings throughout the winter, combining education with entertainment. Various papers were given by members. Our president, Mr. B. R. Pratt, gave us two very good ones, namely, "The Just Burden on the Land," and "The Unjust Burden on the Land." Mr. L. M. Chambers gave us one on "Should the Farmers Boycott Canadian Manufacturers." Mr. A. McLean a paper on "Spring Cultivation," Mr. O. H. Brown on "Horticulture," Mr. T. M. Ricketts on "Weeds," Mr. T. O. Gwartney on "Alfalfa," Mr. R. T. Ricketts on "Co-operation," and Messrs. C. Oliver and J. A. Krigg debated on the relative merits of "Light and Heavy Soils." We also had three papers by members of the Senlac branch with whom we have exchanged speakers this winter. Mr. Reid gave us

a very instructive and interesting talk with illustrations on a "Comparison of the different depths of sowing wheat, oats, and barley." Mr. Holgate gave us a paper on "Cheap Powers on the Farm," and Mrs. Edmunds one on "Breadmaking." We have also had readings and recitations by some of the ladies who are not behind in taking an interest in our meetings, instrumental music, songs and also a few recitations by the children, have all helped to make the meetings popular. We also had a general discussion on "Direct Legislation," and have since distributed fifty copies of the pamphlet on the same. We are hoping to start a Co-operative Elevator here this year, and have been working for two or three objects of purely local importance, and altogether I don't think we have been as much asleep as we may have appeared to be.

R. T. RICKETTS,
Sec'y Rutland G.G.A.

R. T. Ricketts:—

We herewith enclose receipt for \$10 membership fees as per yours of the 28th ult. I must say I was really pleased to read your letter setting out the splendid series of meetings you had held during the winter and discussions on questions you had taken up. You can imagine what 600 branches throughout the province of Saskatchewan in the rural districts would mean to the men, women and children on the prairie, working on the lines set forth in your letter, with a chain of regular interchange of ideas and ideals, the cementing and welding together of all to a common idea and purpose. The effect of all this on our Western citizenship cannot possibly be overestimated, while all the time through it all we are bettering our financial and economic relationship with each other and the different classes with which we have to deal. Go ahead, Rutland, exchange with Unity, Adanac, Phippen, Evesham, Macklin, Yonkers and Senlac. Do not rest short of the highest and best citizenship in the rural municipalities all around you.

F. W. G.

Enclosed please find list of names and money order for \$15.00. This is not a bad start for Carmichael district. The farmers here are taking hold of the association well. We are busy getting subscriptions for an elevator. After seeding we are going to follow closely the objects of the Grain Growers' Association, that is business, social and mutual advancement. Our officers are as follows: President, Pat. Malloney; vice-president, A. C. Murdock; secretary-treasurer, Phil Brenton; executive committee, chairman, Thomas Trostem; second executive, Edward Cook; third, George Magee.

The membership roll is as follows: Phil Brenton, A. C. Murdock, Pat. Malloney, Edward Cook, Lincoln Mace, George Davis, Theodore Trostem, A. F. Butler, F. D. Magee, H. P. Magee, Chas. McMillan, V. Mace, A. J. Gilman, Herman Jansen, John Stoler, W. J. Barry, T. Butler, Wm. O. Moore, A. C. Butler, W. R. Dilworth, Hans Jansen, George E. Magee, D. J. Barry, Alf. Kirby, Chris Larson, John Kirby, Jacob Schneider, John W. Miles, Charles Willett, Ben Valery.

Phil Brenton:—Yours of May 2 containing list of members and notice of formation of the G.G.A. at Carmichael to hand. We herewith enclose our receipt for the \$15.00 membership fees, for which we thank you very much.

We note your declaration that your members pledge themselves to support the aims of the Grain Growers' Association in all matters that the Central body may require your support, and that you are determined to follow out the mutual improvement idea in business, social and educational matters. That is splendid. I am sure if your members are all possessed with that idea and work together for that purpose as you have set forth, your local association will be of untold benefit to your immediate vicinity, to

the individual members at your point and you will be a source of strength to the organization as a whole which has now close on 600 associations such as yours, working in every part of the province. We have much pleasure in welcoming you as the Carmichael branch of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers. You are in organization District No. 14; chairman, Thomas Conlon, Moose Jaw P. O.

F. W. G.

A meeting was called at Darling's Hall, Sheho, for the purpose of organizing a Grain Growers' Association in this district. E. O. Johnson was chosen chairman, and introduced the speaker, Mr. Ira O'Dill, of Foam Lake, who spoke of the objects of the Grain Growers' Association, what it had accomplished and the measures it was striving for now. He also pointed out the benefits to be derived from the association, both local and provincial. The speaker offered helpful suggestions and good advice to a new branch and new officers. There were about seventy in attendance who listened with keen interest. Twenty-two charter members were enrolled. The following officers were elected: President, R. J. McWatts; vice-president, D. A. Finley; secretary-treasurer, E. O. Johnson; directors, A. Logan, L. E. Gifford, S. Hiltz, S. Wunder, A. L. Wodahl, H. House, C. R. Prouse, John Petudley, J. Pendlebury, George Kuproskie and James Laird.

E. O. JOHNSON,
Sec'y Sheho G.G.A.

The Daybreak branch of the G.G.A. held their meeting on Saturday, April 13. Among other business that was transacted we passed a resolution showing our appreciation of the work that was done at Ottawa by the representatives of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta re the car distribution clause in the Grain Act and congratulate them on their great success, as we think as farmers that it will benefit us all.

HUGH ROBERTS,
Sec'y Daybreak G.G.A.

Enclosed find \$7.50 for fifteen members. We finished our organization April 16 at the meeting of Mr. Hawkes, who was here organizing an elevator company. We have fifteen associate and one life member. We had a splendid meeting. The school house was packed with men, women and children and all had a very enjoyable evening. Our president, Mr. J. Beattie, was elected chairman. We had recitations, songs and instrumental music. Mr. Hawkes favored us with a couple of songs which were much appreciated. We will need some hints from you occasionally as we are new at this business.

D. B. ENGLISH,
Sec'y Gray G.G.A.

Please find enclosed the sum of \$5.50, being membership fees for 1912. They are coming in slowly. I think we need an evangelist in this district. I will call a meeting and discuss the picnic proposition as soon as I am likely to find the members a little less busy. I think the picnic idea is good and hope it will be a success.

A. H. JOHNSTON,
Sec'y Scottville G.G.A.