

Saskatchewan

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NIPAWIN RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions have been passed by Nipawin Locals:

"As it is well known that the present system of party patronage in all branches of the Civil Service is unjust and unwise, inasmuch as good men are often dismissed and less efficient ones substituted, causing great inconvenience and ill feeling.

"Therefore, the Grain Growers of Nipawin petition that the Civil Service be placed on an independent commission outside of party politics, and that all positions in the same be given according to merit, and in respect of country post offices that the municipality shall have the placing of such post offices according to the convenience of the residents of such municipality.

"The term Civil Service to include the postal service, government railways, customs, inland revenue, forestry fire rangers, game wardens, land department and public works and all cases where government money is spent."

Election Campaign Funds

"That whereas, under the present system, each political party has its own separate campaign funds and whereas such funds are raised from unsatisfactory sources and fall mostly on the business and manufacturing classes we desire to have this fund raised from all classes of the electorate, especially as the present method of raising funds is popularly supposed to bind members of parliament and put a restraint upon their actions. Therefore we, the Grain Growers of Nipawin, do protest against such funds being raised by the present system, and petition the respective governments of the Dominion to set aside enough funds for the use of such persons who shall run as candidates at all government elections. Such funds to be available to all persons nominated by a responsible convention of the electors of such constituencies. Such convention to represent at least 10 per cent. of the electors of the constituency and such funds to be available to any party candidate, also to any independent candidate if nominated by such convention as aforesaid. Also that each candidate shall give an accurate account of such funds used by him to an independent committee; and that each such account be published in at least two of the papers printed in the constituency he shall contest. Also that the use of funds from other sources be made illegal."

ROY McVAGH,
Sec., Nipawin Assn.

UNA FOR CO-OPERATION

The Una Branch of the Saskatchewan G.G.A. held their last regular meeting on March 31, when 71 of our members renewed their membership fees for 1914 and one new member joined.

Orders were taken for gopher poison. A carload of coal was ordered. This makes our third car of coal ordered, and all our members are very much pleased with the grade of coal we have been receiving. I might also say that on this coal we have realized a saving to the members of \$2.50 per ton. We find there is nothing like co-operative buying to keep the association alive. Our association is just a year old, consequently we are just getting nicely started on the right road, and we intend to go right after it this coming year. During the past winter we have been holding regular meetings twice a month, and have had some interesting programs, discussions and debates. We find it necessary to have programs if we wish to have regular attendance of the members. At our last meeting we enjoyed the following interesting program: Selection, "Jolly Boys Overture," Una Orchestra; address, Co-operative Selling; Harold Halvorson; comic recitation, "A Joy Ride," Carl Mousing; remarks, Hon. E. W. Everson, M.P., North Dakota; closing remarks by chairman.

A. E. ROSWOLD,
Sec., Una Assn.

HARPTREE HAS BRASS BAND

Many thanks for supply of membership cards, also constitutions received, all of which we have used in forming new locals, one at Cow Creek, the other at Lake View, in our Sub-District No. 7, District 15. Altho we are a long way from town and Central, yet we are very much alive in Harptree and surrounding locals. Our annual plowing match, sports and dance are fixed for June 12, and we expect a big crowd, a brass band being one of the great attractions.

May we ask for further supply of membership cards, as we have other openings in view.

MR. AND MRS. C. Y. KING,
Secs., Harptree Assn.

MILLY IS GROWING

Enclosed you will find \$22 membership fees. We have 44 members, and each meeting adds several names to our list. We have had pretty good success with our association so far. At our last meeting we ordered a carload of lumber direct from the manufacturer. The following is a list of our officers: President, W. L. Hogins; vice-president, W. G. Graves; sec. treas., P. R. Belcher; directors, Percy Hannon, Chas. Dezall, Joe Guimond, J. A. Thompson, J. Clermont, John McManus.

P. R. BELCHER,
Sec., Milly Assn.

A GOOD START

A public meeting was held in the town hall at Viewfield recently to organize a local of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association. G. E. Noggle, of Lampman, sub-director and organizer for this district, spoke at some length upon the benefits of the association. There were forty-five farmers present, and the following officers were elected: President, Jno. Argue; vice-president, J. A. McIntyre; sec. treas., B. Gray.

BERTRAM GRAY, Sec.

WARREN ORGANIZED

I beg to advise you that a local union of the Grain Growers' Association, to be known as Warren G. G. A., was organized here on Wednesday evening last, with fifteen charter members. The number in attendance would have been larger, only we had not sufficient time to notify many of the people, but prospects are for a good membership here, as our farmers are deeply interested in the co-operative principles of the G.G.A., and feel that they may have some chance for successfully combating the big interests that are allied and working against them.

The following officers were elected: President, J. W. Boulter; vice-president, A. R. Hart; sec. treas., S. P. Daniels; directors, G. W. Patterson, J. Seaton, W. Jensen, R. J. Warren, A. F. Theobald, R. Oxley.

S. P. DANIELS,
Sec., Warren Association.

MORE NEW ASSOCIATIONS

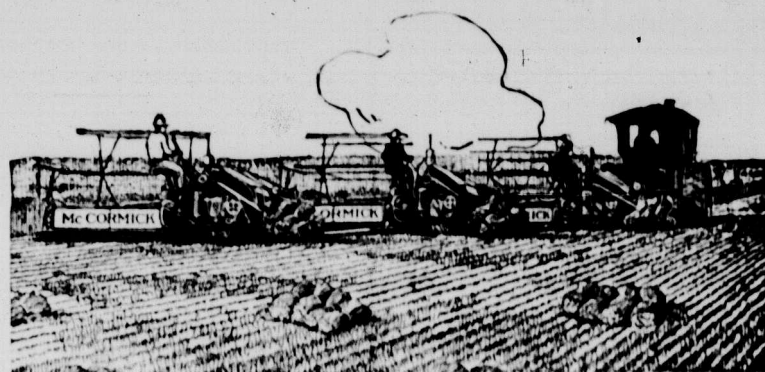
Enclosed please find money order for \$10.50 from the newly organized branch of Grain Growers under the name of the Spencerville G.G.A. J. F. Gates was appointed president of our association. We have twenty-one members enrolled and hope to increase our membership shortly.

T. H. BRAY, Sec.

On Wednesday a meeting was held at Hazel schoolhouse for the purpose of organizing a local of the G.G.A. Mr. Donald McKee, of Foam Lake, kindly addressed the meeting and helped us with the work of organizing. We secured ten members, and fourteen others have promised to pay their fees at next meeting. Kindly send us all information and necessary forms for organizing under the Co-operative Trading Association Act.

PERCY W. SMITHERS,
Sec., South Beaver G.G.A.

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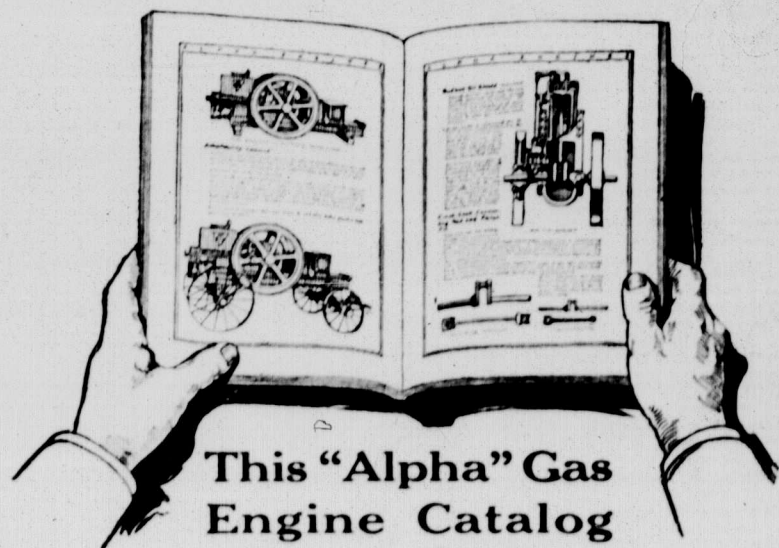
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