

## PATRIOTIC ACRE FUND

## Towards the Five Thousand

The Patriotic Acre Fund is growing in volume week by week. At the time of writing promises of 4,150 acres have been received, whilst 10,500 bushels of grain and \$1,350 in cash have been actually paid into the fund in redemption of the promises given. The five thousand acres to which we look forward are certainly coming into sight. Will those farmers who have not yet subscribed to the fund help us to reach this mark? It will be a magnificent result and will not only bring honor to our Association, but will at the same time help those who are destitute thru the deplorable war now being waged in Europe. An ounce of help is worth a ton of sympathy; please send along your ounce.

## Big Contributions

The following are the largest contributions per acre promised which have been sent in since our last report. Many of these, we are assured by the donors, are the actual average productions of their land. The average contribution per acre is still thirty bushels.

Contributor	Association	Bus. per acre
Percy Hill	Uren	62
Jas. Sutherland	Harwood	57
Wm. Carr	Watrous	57
O. Stephens	Swarthmore	56
A. E. McGowan	Juniata	56
Sidney J. Bush	Briercrest	51½
D. McKinnon	Cupar	50
John Haggerty	Belle Plaine	47
Geo. A. Watson	Shaunavon	47
Jas. Swan	Zealandia	44½
John Dickson	Landis	42½
J. H. Wardlaw	Woodlawn	42.20
Chas. Binnie	Tregarva	42

G. A. Hope of Wolverton has sent in a contribution of eighty-five bushels of oats.

## Industrious Canvassers

The following canvassers have sent in ten or more forms since our last report, the number of forms and acres, etc., being as under:—

Association	Canvasser	Forms	Acres
Colleston	Andrew Knox	20	20
Rocanville	A. H. Johnson	20	19
Colleston	Geo. Neilson	16	16
Swarthmore	J. Wallace	13	13
Abernethy	A. Beman	10	10
Fairview	Robt. Cairns	10	10
Silton	Alf. Flavel	10	10
Swarthmore	O. Stephens	10	10
Waterloo	E. B. Cressma	10	10

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## Saskatchewan

This section of The Guide is conducted officially for the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association by J. B. Musselman, Secretary, Moose Jaw, Sask., to whom all communications for this page should be sent.

## ADVICE WANTED

## Central Secretary:—

You have been instrumental in benefiting the farmers here on some important measures, so once more needing assistance, it seems natural again to turn to you. It appears probable that many people seeking a location in new towns might inquire of you as to opportunities. We want to get a first class blacksmith to locate in Vidora and there is an opening for a good man to work up an excellent business here as Vidora serves quite a large territory of very good farm land. While we think it would be more satisfactory to all concerned to get a man financially in a position to start himself, yet if a good man should be forthcoming, who is unable to stand all the expense incidental to opening up a shop, the Association is willing to advance financial aid. If you could put us in touch with a good workman we should be very well pleased.

Our membership roll is still on the increase and I enclose \$1.00 fees for Emil Zilkie and John A. Soderberg, our latest recruits. Enclosed also please find one Patriotic Acre form, No. 15981. I am sorry not to be able to send more, but tho all were enthusiastic over the idea some while ago, the actual results are very discouraging. This brings me to a question upon which I should be glad to have the benefit of your experience. The farmers will join the Association in a most enthusiastic and satisfactory way, but all interest seems to die down in a very short time.

Altho co-operation is the strongest argument for an organization, yet I do not believe one of our members has shipped a car to The Grain Growers' Co., all going to some rival concern. What is the reason for such a remarkable state of affairs? We have planned to hold frequent socials, etc., a little later on—at the present time owing to the work it is not practicable—in order to keep up the interest, but it seems to me there should be something that could be done right away to check the growing apathy and to bring home to the farmers the fact that should be obvious to all, but is realized by lamentably few, that only by steadfastly sticking together can we hope for any material improvement to our condition.

I am trying to the best of my ability to make our local a success and if you can offer any suggestion for holding the members closer together I shall be only too glad to act upon it. Thanking you for the interest you have taken in our welfare and hoping to hear from you, I am,

LEWIS JOHN HARVEY,

Sec'y Vidora Local.

Secretary Vidora Local:—

I have your interesting favor of the 26th ult. I note that you require a blacksmith to locate in Vidora. There should be no difficulty in securing a blacksmith if the local at Vidora is prepared to put up the necessary capital. I have no personal knowledge of a good blacksmith wanting work. The other question which you raise, that of keeping the active interest of the members in your work is one, the solution of which lies very largely in your own hands. The Central can and does make suggestions from time to time and this should be more or less of a guide to you, but the best suggestions which can come will never solve this problem unless there is enthusiastic leadership in your local. I will outline a few of the things which you might do, and which others are doing, to maintain interest in the local and to advance the best permanent interest of our members.

1.—In the very first place both the secretary and the president should know how to carry on a meeting in good form, that is, in accordance with the accepted rules of good parliamentary practice.

2.—All the members should be encouraged to take part in the meetings and should be taught how to conduct themselves properly in public meetings. Both of these objects can be accomplished by the study of the small pamphlet No. 11, "How to Conduct a Public Meeting," which can be had from the Central at 30 cents per dozen. Very few periodical gatherings manage to retain the interest of their members if suggestions one and two are not carried out.

3.—Set aside one special evening for the study of the pamphlet above referred to and try to carry on your entire meeting in perfect form. Such a meeting should be made intensely interesting and instructive, if you can get your people to take hold of it.

4.—Organize a series of debates.

5.—At the back of pamphlet No. 12 you will find a topic card which should be helpful.

6.—Let some one besides the chairman occupy the chair for a part of each evening and thus pass around the valuable experience. If possible, sing a few good hymns or patriotic songs at each meeting. Every one enjoys singing by the crowd.

7.—Let the women run the meeting for one evening, putting on their own program, with a woman in the chair.

8.—By all means have the women at all your meetings and the boys and girls at those which are not strictly business meetings. Pamphlet No. 12 should give you considerable assistance in making your meetings interesting and helpful.

9.—Send reports of your meetings to the Central secretary from time to time for publication.

10.—Have an evening for the discussion of the enormous value the Association has been to the farmers in creating better conditions in the marketing of grain and impress upon your members the paramount importance of purchasing their supplies thru their own Central office in order to build up a strong wholesale and importing house of their own, also show them the great necessity for marketing their grain thru one or other of the great farmers' companies.

CENTRAL SECRETARY.

Moose Jaw, Sask.,

Nov. 8, 1915.

Enclosed find \$4.50 membership fees, one of which is for my brother Leonard, who has gone with the 65th to England. Our Association passed a resolution that his membership should be kept up by the Association.

I am enclosing herewith another Patriotic Acre form.

PERCY HEUGH,

Sec'y Lacvert Ass'n.

Enclosed find draft for \$22.00 membership fees for 1915, which brings our membership up to fifty-three. There are four of our members away at the front and our Association decided to keep their membership paid up.

Also find enclosed Patriotic Acre forms.

R. CAMPBELL,

Sec'y Middleton G.G.A.

## WHAT OTHERS THINK OF US

(From the Telegraph, Welland, Ont.)  
Appreciation from Boston

Of the papers published in the United States none take a more sympathetic view of Canada and her problems than that excellent journal, The Christian Science Monitor of Boston. The Monitor has always an appreciative word to say about our ideals and aspirations. In a recent issue the Monitor made editorial reference to the project on foot by the Grain Growers of Saskatchewan to present the Imperial government with a great gift of flour for the army in the field.

Secretary Musselman, of the Grain Growers' Association, has assurance from the Hon. George E. Foster, minister of trade and commerce, that the Dominion government will make arrangements for transportation of the flour from the Atlantic Coast to Liverpool. The flour is to be in bags bearing the emblem of the Association, so that purchasers will know it is a loyal gift from Canada. The commodity is to be sent east in solid trains from Moose Jaw. The Monitor says: "No doubt patriots will be found in the United Kingdom who will not permit these bags to fall into the possession of persons unwilling to pay a handsome premium. They should sell as have cotton bales in the United States when offered at auction in a popular cause. If they shall be disposed of in this way the proceeds will buy many more thousands of loaves for the men in the field than could be made from the flour. Canada is showing her devotion to the Motherland in many impressive and practical ways."

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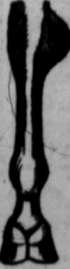
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