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THE PATRIOTIC ACRE

It is now nearly two and a half years since the Patriotic Acre Fund was so enthusiastically adopted at the Regina Convention of 1915. In response to the appeal subsequently made to the Grain Growers of the province the proceeds of about 6,400 acres were promised to the fund. We are now almost in the middle of 1917 and there are still outstanding, roughly, about 2,000 farms, representing, approximately, at least as many acres.

That our people have not forgotten the fund which made Saskatchewan famous is evident from the fact that contributions are still coming in, though very slowly. The great war, as we all know to our cost, still continues, and the need is as great as ever. Many of those who signed forms have, I know, since made the greater sacrifice of offering their lives for their country, and it would be unreasonable to ask for anything more; they have abundantly liquidated their debt. To those, however, who remain at home, and whose promises are yet unfulfilled, I would say that the fund is still open, to be administered by the central executive for the benefit of those whose need, in their opinion, is greatest. Will you, then, reduce the 2,000 by one?

S. W. Y.

THE ASSOCIATION HONOR ROLL

Since the close of the convention at Moose Jaw in February last we have received several lists of men who have gone to the front, with a request that they be placed on the association's honor roll. When this honor roll was instituted it was intended solely for use at the convention above mentioned. Whether a permanent record of these names shall be kept is a matter for future consideration. In the meantime, however, we shall welcome the names of any men who were not included in the convention honor roll, and will see that a faithful record is kept of the same. We shall also be glad of any information as to casualties or military honors not previously reported, but please do not duplicate.

S. W. Y.

WHAT OTHERS THINK OF US

In the Weekly North-Western Miller for April 11 appears the following by the editor, Wm. C. Edgar:—

"There is some disappointment at Ottawa over the refusal of the farmers of Western Canada to accept in advance an offer of \$1.50 a bushel, Fort William, for their wheat of the crop of 1917. Much disappointment is natural, and grows out of an intense desire that Canada should do everything in her power to help the Allies win the war. Possibly a little further thought will lead to a more workable offer which the farmers can accept.

It is unfair to the farmers of Western Canada to question their good judgment and unselfishness in making this refusal. They may see difficulties in the way that were not apparent to the government. Certainly their position is not like that of British or Australian farmers, to whose example their critics are pointing. It is doubtful if a fair price can be fixed in advance for the Canadian wheat crop of this or any other year; and moreover, it is unnecessary. No farmer anywhere in the Canadian west would refuse to give the government possession of his grain the moment it is ready for market, but no one can say what the price should be. That will be governed by influences over which there is no control.

If this offer were intended to stimulate production, its authors may be assured that this will reach its limits without stimulus, and with the United States united with the Allies in the war no desirable object would be served by segregating the Canadian wheat crop, either as to marketing or price."

ROCANVILLE G.G.A. GIVES \$2,438

Since so much is said and thought by certain people in the eastern part of Canada as well as by some in the west that the organized farmers exist wholly for material things and that as a consequence they must necessarily be selfish and for their own interests only, it is but fair to point out that the real purpose of the Grain Growers as an association is essentially first the improvement of our social and community life; and if it be for the community, then it cannot be selfish.

To show that the ideal mentioned above is true of the Rocanville G.G.A., that it goes even further than the community with us, and as monies are much needed for patriotic purposes at the present time, I thought of taking this opportunity of explaining just how we have succeeded during the past two years along these lines.

In March, 1916, we held in Rocanville a patriotic sale, clearing over \$1,400, half of which was given to the Red Cross and the other went to St. Dunstan's school for the blind soldiers. In March, 1917, we held our second sale, clearing \$1,038, which was again divided as before. Owing to crop conditions in these parts and also to the way in which our people have responded to the many calls during the past year, we consider that although the proceeds of this year's sale were not so great as those of last, that the sale was even a greater success.

J. F. HERMAN.

Sec. Rocanville G.G.A. Ltd.

RUBY HILL ORGANIZED

Just before seeding a meeting was held in the Bohemian Hall, West Valley Centre, for the purpose of forming a local of the S.G.G.A. James Archibald presided. Mr. John McNaughtan, district director, briefly addressed the meeting, outlining the past and present work of the association. Much had been accomplished, but the real history of the movement had only started. It was now being realized that certain phases of economic reform could only be reached through political action. A general discussion followed. W. Dollansky gave fraternal greetings from Ailen-Craig local. After deciding to organize, the following officers were elected: President, James Archibald; vice-president, George Wilde; secretary, J. Eder; directors, Messrs. L. Kerchod, J. Taylor, H. Moncrief, W. Wilson. Twenty-three members were enrolled and it was decided that the name "Ruby Hill" should be given to this local.

GOOD YEAR FOR FROBISHER

Frobisher local held their annual meeting on December 9. The president was in the chair and a full house was in attendance. Minutes of last annual meeting were read and approved. After transacting the monthly business in connection with the association, it was moved by Mr. Ward and seconded by Mr. Mulhigan that Mr. Ernawine audit the secretary's books and report. Auditor found books correct, showing 65 members and \$25.75 of a balance to the credit of our local after our year's business.

It was moved by Mr. Ernawine, seconded by Mr. Pratt that the secretary be paid \$25.00 for his services to the local for the year and that a vote of thanks be given him for the way he conducted the work entrusted to him by our local. After finishing the work for the year we had some good discussions as to ways and means for the betterment of the association for another year. Election of officers being the next item to attend to, all the positions were filled by re-electing all the old officers: President, Mr. A. E. Sherwin; vice-president, Mr. J. H. Ward; directors, Mr. J. H. Ernawine and Mr. A. Moffat; secretary-treasurer, Angus McMaster.

ANGUS McMASTER, Sec.
Frobisher S.G.G.A.

BUSINESS INCREASING

The annual meeting of the Wingello G.G. Local was held at Brocton school on Friday, December 15. The following

officers were elected: President, E. Newell; vice-president, Jas. Bird; secretary, treasurer, S. J. Greer; directors, Geo. O. Tutton, P. Strom, R. Treleave, Chas. Linguard and Wm. Kinsley. H. L. Martin was elected delegate to attend the district meeting to be held at Moose Jaw, December 19 and 20. We have 38 members in good standing for the past year. Our volume of business transacted during the past year has greatly increased. Any communications you may have with our local may be addressed to S. J. Greer, Secretary-Treasurer, Wingello P.O., S. J. GREER, Secretary Wingello S.G.G.A.

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

Our meeting of May 22 was very successful. A very interesting paper on "Best ways to keep our boys and girls on the farm" was read by E. Laird. We held a debate on "Resolved that free trade and direct taxation is a greater benefit to Canada than the protective tariff." Affirmative: H. C. Flemming, A. E. Swayze and W. J. B. Smith. Negative: S. Lee Fraser, E. Laird and Wm. Foster. Discussion in favor of affirmative.

Our membership contest since last meeting gave good results. The president secured 18 members, while the vice-president secured 26, so that on the president and his supporters will fall the burden of a nice supper. This gives us a membership of 75 paid-up, 17 of which are lady members. Our next meeting will be in charge of the fair sex and we sure look forward to something good.

A. E. SWAYZE.

Sec. Tate G.G.A.

On Wednesday afternoon a meeting was held here for the purpose of re-organizing the Hearne local which had fallen into a somewhat apathetic condition. We were much pleased to be favored with a visit from our district director, Mr. Johnson. His time was very limited and he was also laboring under the effects of a recent illness, but gave us an interesting talk during the short time at his disposal on the work, aims and objects of the association. Prospects are excellent for a good live local at this point.

The following officers were elected: President, Wm. C. Clark; vice-president, J. V. Patterson; Secretary, F. M. Livingstone; board of directors, John Shaw, F. M. Livingstone, J. E. Clark, L. Graham, N. F. McCrea, A. H. Pixley. F. M. LIVINGSTONE.

Sec. Hearne G.G.A.

The annual rally of the Waldorf G.G.A. was held on Tuesday in the Waldorf school house. Our district director, W. J. Orchard, of Tregarva, was asked to come and give an address as we had had nothing of this description before. After a few selections of music and a few songs rendered by our local people, Mr. Orchard was called upon. In his address he reviewed the Farmers' Platform, and a hearty vote of thanks was tendered him for his very interesting and instructive address.

ROBT. BOUNTREE.

Sec. Waldorf G.G.A.

Find enclosed M.O. for \$4 membership fees from Hitchcock association. At present we have 16 members. At our last meeting three shares were fully subscribed for a co-operative elevator at this point. A resolution was passed unanimously endorsing President Maharg's stand on the proposed purchase by the government of the 1917 wheat crop at \$1.50 per bushel on the basis of No. 1 Northern at Fort William.

T. S. EVANS.

Sec. Hitchcock G.G.A.

Enclosed find postal note for \$3.50 membership fees for 1917. Our annual meeting was held on April 7, it being the earliest date we could arrange to have a meeting on account of late threshing and a long trail. You will know by the remittance that it was impossible for our members to attend on account of water and slush. The following officers were elected: President, H. Arian; vice-president, J. H. Westworth; secretary, H. R. Logan; directors, George Arian, Charles R. Gibson, Wm. Cotter, H. R. Logan, Thos. Smith and A. G. Fisher.

H. R. LOGAN.

Sec. Crocus G.G.A.

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