

meetings, I would be glad of any literature or pamphlet you could send me that would assist in the matter. I also wish to know if your executive have any scheme to recommend the branches to adopt in the matter of election of representatives to our provincial and Dominion parliaments. To my mind we ought to have our representatives in both houses; men of our own class pledged to a platform that will suit our needs. I wish to know your personal views on the subject as I think that if the central executive made a move in this direction the branches would willingly follow. It would, to my mind, be commencing at the very foundation to secure our just rights, and be a beginning of bringing to an end the combines and monopolies that have been formed to exploit the profession to which we belong. The proposed division of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association to correspond with the electoral divisions would materially help the above project if there was any move made along these lines.

JOHN ROBINSON, Pres.
Marleton, Sask.

INDIAN HEAD RESURRECTED

Enclosed please find express order for \$13.50, being membership fees for twenty-seven paid up members of the Indian Head branch of the G. G. A. We hope to add a number of new members to our roll and I will forward fees as soon as collected. Being new at this work I do not know if you require the names of members. If so, kindly let me know and names will be sent.

W. D. LANG, Sec'y.
Indian Head, Sask.

WANT AN ORGANIZER

I have been asked to enquire of you what the charges are for us to secure the services of an organizer of the Grain Growers' Association. We have called a meeting for Friday, January 27, at the Woodmere school house for the purpose of organizing a local branch, but I am instructed to say that we are hard up financially and cannot stand any extra expense. Some are of the opinion that the expenses are paid by the general association.

S. H. LARMER, Sec'y.
Elbow, Sask.

RECEIVED DELEGATE'S REPORT

We held our annual meeting today, January 13. Geo. Gordon was elected president and Oliver Millham, secretary-treasurer. The report of James Brown, Jr., our Ottawa delegate, was very favorably received. Jas. Brown, Sr., was appointed to attend the Regina convention. I herewith enclose you \$9, being membership fees to date for 1911. This is, of course, outside of our life members.

OLIVER MILLHAM, Sec'y.
Hazelcliff, Sask.

WANTS TO COME IN

I want to ask you if you would send a man up here to Luseland to talk to the farmers about the aims and objects of the G. G. A. There is no doubt but we can start a branch here. A few weeks ago an agricultural society was formed with a membership of one hundred and sixty. I believe the most of these members will join the G. G. A. Luseland is a young but mighty growing town on the Macklin-Outlook branch. The surrounding country is well settled for miles and miles.

K. W. STERZER.
Luseland, Sask.

QUERY FROM DELL WOOD

The farmers in this district are interested in the Grain Growers' Association, and would like to see a local branch started here. We would be very much obliged to you if you would send us such information as may be required for organization. Would it be possible to get any speakers to come out here between now and spring? We intend having a meeting on February 2, to organize. Our meetings will be held in the Poplar Park school. We are about 9 miles north of Watrous and about eight miles south of Plunkett. Please send us required information as soon as possible, as we have only one mail a week here.

J. A. HALLIDAY.
Dell Wood, Watrous, Sask.

CHELLWOOD CONSCIENCE SMITTEN

A few of the farmers of this district being somewhat conscience smitten, are calling a meeting with the object of forming a branch of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association. In fact, we have an idea of forming several small associations to meet at convenient school houses and centralize periodically. This district is calling a meeting on the 25th inst. and it struck me that you might kindly assist us by literature and advice if applied to—hence my presuming to write to you. Notices calling meeting have been sent out by the secretary of our school district.

A. E. CROWTHER.
Chellwood, Sask.

MAIDSTONE WISHES SPEAKERS

Our association will be pleased if you can arrange to give us one or more speakers during the winter months on some afternoon. The chief objection to strengthen our association by an increased membership, pointing out the benefits to be derived by co-operation and any other subjects that the speaker or speakers may choose which should be helpful to our association.

J. A. GORDON, Pres.
Maidstone, Sask.

BROADVIEW REPORTS

I am afraid that I am very late with my membership fees this year. Our annual meeting usually forces this matter upon my notice in December, but this time our annual meeting comes on January 21st. Our membership for 1910 was thirty-five. Of this, six are life members, so that I have to remit 50 cents each for twenty-nine, or \$14.50, which please find enclosed.

A. L. BROWN.
Broadview, Sask.

A GOOD MISSIONARY

It is some time since you heard from me concerning the work I have been able to do for the Grain Growers' Association in the Maple Bush district. Though I tried my best to work up sufficient enthusiasm to organize a local branch last fall, I did not seem to be able to get the farmers to see the necessity of combining most of them saying: "They would see later." I think that if we could get a good speaker to come up next fall and tell some of the unbelievers the exact situation that we might be able to form a branch that would be a credit to the association. I have noticed, too, and think it very strange, that the flourishing little town from which I write has no local branch. I am sure it is not for want of material. Though it is out of my district I would like to see one here. If you have time please keep me posted as to any way I may be of use to you or the association up here, and if at any time you may be in the Maple Bush country, don't forget to call at Fairmeade Farm.

HARRY T. GOULE.
Maple Bush, Sask.
Elbow, Sask.

BLUE HILLS OFFICERS

President, Samuel Stott; vice-president, J. W. Hefner; secretary-treasurer, Wm. Levere. Directors: A. J. Davis, S. Stott, A. E. Sellers, T. G. Payne, J. B. Glover and B. Hefner. Program committee, S. Stott, A. H. Nettleton, W. Hefner, J. G. Waterson and H. Etherington. Delegates to the convention at Regina, Samuel Stott and Wm. Levere.

WM. LEVERE, Sec'y.
Blue Hills, Sask.

TWO AT CENTRAL BUTTE

We have organized an association at Central Butte school. We are calling it Central Butte Association No. 1. The president is Ben. Stewart, and secretary, Wm. Chapman. We have twenty annual members and three life members. The life members joined at Tugaska last year, also some of the annual members. Our idea is to have the association nearer home instead of driving eight or ten miles. It is no trouble to get every one to join when you meet them at their door. The big drawback is asking people to join when they have to drive long distances. Enclosed please find \$10.25; \$10 for twenty annual members, and twenty-five cents for membership cards. We are holding a regular meeting once a month and literary evening every two weeks. We would like information on the following questions. Regarding premiums on

wheat before navigation closes I am told that as high as three cents is often paid. Now we have never heard of a farmer getting over 1 cent per bushel, and that on No. 1 hard wheat. Who gets the balance? Is pressure being brought to bear on our government at this season so that we will get compulsory hail insurance? Can you suggest a few topics for debate? Does that will educate as well as in keeping with the times.

WM. CHAPMAN, Sec'y.
Central Butte G. G. A. No. 1.
Tugaska, Sask.

RE ELEVATOR REPORT

At the annual meeting of the Zelma G. G. Association held on Jan. 7th, 1911, the following resolution was passed: "That we, the members of this association, regret the finding of the Saskatchewan Elevator Commission, as it places to much responsibility on the farmer and gives our government too much opportunity to delay the putting of their plan in operation, and because in new or poorer districts it would be impossible to get enough stock subscribed, equal to the cost of the proposed elevator, or even to collect 15 per cent. paid-up capital necessary to start an elevator."

T. JOHNS, Sec'y.
Zelma, Sask.

MOUNT GREEN ANNUAL

The annual meeting of the Mount Green Association was held in the school house on Dec. 16. There was a fairly good attendance. J. H. Holmes of Midale occupied the chair. Quite a number from Excelsior branch attended, and entertained us with songs and music. M. M. Stowe addressed the meeting, his subject being co-operation. One new member was added to our list. I am sending you fees for twelve new members, making a total membership to date of forty-two. Am also sending five dollars for membership buttons, and one dollar for copies of the constitution and by-laws. The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows:—President, Jos. Perry; vice-president, W. Gresham; sec.-treas., A. J. Reynolds; directors, W. N. Shultz, R. Rudolph, T. Carlson, J. Block, Leo Feller, and Fred Bohler.

A. J. REYNOLDS, Sec'y.
Mount Green, Sask.

NEW ASSOCIATION

A deputation from the Kempton branch of the Grain Growers' Association attended a meeting on the north side of the Gully, on Tuesday, December 20th, to advocate the formation of a branch there. The objects of the association were explained and the meeting decided to establish the Highfields branch with Mr. Lomas as president, and J. Duclos as sec.-treas., Post office, Landrose. Over twenty members were enrolled, which augurs well for the success of the new branch.

WIRRAL ORGANIZED

A very fair attendance of farmers was present at a meeting held in Wirral school house on December 15 last, which had been called for the purpose of organizing a local branch of the Grain Growers' Association. W. Townley-Smith occupied the chair. The meeting was very enthusiastic on the project, and the outcome was to organize a branch immediately; the following officers for the ensuing year were accordingly elected: W. Townley-Smith, president; H. Thornber, vice-president; S. Ilsley, secretary-treasurer; board of directors, A. Cloughton, W. Saunderson, Mr. Reynolds, T. Edwards, Geo. Collins and F. Murray. The first regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 11, at Wirral school house, at 7 p.m. sharp, when an interesting paper on the "aims of the association" will be read by a member. Refreshments, for which a small charge will be made, will be provided by a committee of ladies. All interested are invited to attend and join the association.

S. ILSLEY, Sec'y.

FERN GLEN ACTIVE

The regular meeting of the Fern Glen G. G. A. was held in the school house on Monday night, January 2, with the president, Nicholas Nelson, in the chair. Moved and carried: "That the auditor's report, showing a balance on hand of \$4.40, be received and adopted." Moved and carried unanimously: "That the secretary be instructed to write our member, W. W. Rutnan, M.P., stating that this association was in entire sympathy with the requests of the farmers' delegation to Ottawa, and that we trusted that

he would assist any legitimate carrying out of the said requests." Moved and carried: "That the \$14.50 necessary to pay this association's share of the expenses of the Ottawa delegate, be collected by charging each of our last year's members fifty cents." The following officers for the ensuing year were then elected, as follows: President, R. Wilcock; vice-president, Wm. McGowan, Jr.; secretary-treasurer, M. Fritshaw. Directors: Thos. Shovein, Richard Daniels, David Yab, Peter Goodall, Frank Willock, and Wm. M. FRITSHAW, Sec'y.
Tisdale, Sask. Fern Glen G. G. A.

MR. DUNNING AT WORK

I am sending you a report of the organization of a Grain Growers' Association in the districts of Zorra and Galtmora. They have already appointed a delegate to attend the convention at Regina. The delegate is James McBain, Twp. Please forward him the necessary papers about the convention. Send me any papers I should have and a few of the Grain Growers' buttons. I am enclosing five dollars, being half the amount collected to date. I expect I will have some more to send shortly.

JOHN S. MCBAIN, Sec'y.
Zorra G. G. A.

A SPLENDID IDEA

I would like to make a suggestion to you and your board of directors, for I know from experience that the present subscription to the Central is not large enough to carry on the work and deal successfully with all cases and questions that the association will have to deal with. I may say I have had some experience in this line of business, having been a member of the Durham Miners' Association for over thirty years previous to coming to this country. What I would like to suggest is that we start a defence fund in connection with the general fund, the income to this fund is to be used for purposes of retaining a good counsel or barrister, so that we can have the best legal advice; and to take up and contest all just claims of the members of this association. In the Durham Miners' Association we had a defence fund which proved a great success. It enabled us to have the best legal advice and in nearly all cases we could get a settlement without going to the courts, as our executive knew just when to fight and when to lay down. Now, sir, I hope you will give this a little consideration. Perhaps you may have something better in view than this, as I know you have a much better head than me, but you know that two heads are always better than one, supposing they are sheep's heads. Is the Durham Miners' Union we paid one-half penny per fortnight to the defence fund, so I think if we made it 25 cents per year here, it would help the association quite a bit, and I don't think any of our members would kick at it, as we all know what it would cost if we had to fight our battles individually. Our old motto: "United we stand; divided we fall," is a true one.

I guess you will wonder whether I am a life member. I can assure you that I am, although I have not paid the \$12.00. If all our farmers were as earnest in unionism as I am, there would be no need for the \$12. I know that by being united is the only means whereby we can get justice and equity, and I won't rest until I have every farmer in our district as a member of the association. We held our annual meeting on Saturday last, but owing to the roads being heavy with snow, we had not a very large turnout. Still we got four new members. You will probably hear from our secretary shortly. I enclose copy of our defence fund rules as nearly as I can think of them.

WM. LAKE, Sec'y.
Asquith, Sask.

The above is a splendid suggestion. Several have mentioned a similar one. Mr. Lawrence of Hanley, several times has written us re this matter, and has offered \$50. per year to this fund. We have recently opened an account for this purpose, calling it an "Emergency and Educational Fund," and we have now \$750 placed therein, and are ready to receive and preserve for the purpose outlined in our new constitution draft, which will be presented at the convention, any sum you like to send on. Send us your fees, either annual, life, or for this emergency fund. Never before in our history were we in better shape either financially or numerically, and every member is working well.

F. W. GREEN.