

G. G. A. Conventions

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democracy which was bound to come at some time, and now would have to be fought to a finish before the war could end. While admitting the horrors and sacrifices of war, Mr. Maharg thought that humanity in the long run would be benefitted by the struggle, and that England was today a New England, a greater, better England, because of the war and her share in the conflict.

Mr. Maharg spoke of the recent vote on Church Union in the Presbyterian Church, and said that as a Presbyterian he was disappointed at the narrow spirit shown by so many members of the denomination, more especially in Eastern Canada. He said that if the people in the east are going to continue their present attitude towards the west, and carry this spirit even into matters of religion, in so far as the question of religion was concerned he was prepared personally to draw a line between Fort William and Winnipeg between the East and the West.

The President expressed his satisfaction at the cordial relations between the business men of Wadena and the Grain Growers, as shown by the attitude of the town towards the Convention, but he said that the business men of the west might as well recognize clearly that the Grain Growers' Association is in business to stay.

Mr. Sales urged the delegates to go back to their locals with a full report of the convention, and to spread the slogan of "Every Member a Life Member." Referring to the war he said that the British were accused of being slow, it was a national characteristic, but the bulldog had now got his teeth in and if slow, he was sure.

The bar had been closed largely through the efforts of the G. G. A., and he urged the members to patronise the local hotels and make them social centres as far as possible.

Mrs. Thompson spoke on the question of better rural education, and expressed the opinion that proper use was not made of the present facilities. School grounds should be improved, parents should take greater pride in the appearance of the school ground, and the school garden idea should be encouraged and assisted.

The convention closed about 2.30 a.m. with a hearty vote of thanks to the Mayor and town of Wadena.

DISTRICT No. 11 IN CONVENTION AT NORTH BATTLEFORD

The slogan for 1916 is: "Every Member a Life Member."

The Convention, held on Dec. 8 and 9, was fairly well attended, 78 registering on the roll despite the fact that the notice given had been somewhat short. The meeting was held in the Collegiate, which was placed at our disposal by the city authorities. The delegates were welcomed to the city by Mayor Foley, and Commissioner Wright of the Board of Trade. Mr. J. H. Wesson, Forest Bank was elected secretary.

Thomas Sales, Director for District No. 11, then gave a stirring address, dealing with the work in the district for the past year very fully, also reviewing the actions of the Central Executive. Amongst the most important things dwelt upon in his address were free wheat, the very mention of which was received with applause by the audience. The work of the Canadian Council of Agriculture the recent meeting with the commercial representatives in Winnipeg, the appointment of a permanent board of appeal re grading of grain, and our attitude to the Patriotic Fund, he taking the position that the raising of funds for the dependents of the men who had gone to fight the battle of the nation should not be a matter of voluntary charity, but should be a national duty. He also dealt with the Hafford appeal case, which was successfully contested by the Association, and the right of our incorporated locals to carry on their own business established beyond any doubt. Also the question of compulsory education was mentioned. A resolutions committee was appointed consisting of Messrs. Collins of Warral, G. Truscott, West Eagle Hills, and G. Orchard, Halcyonia.

Organisation work was then dealt with and short addresses were given by the

various sub-organisers, Mr. J. Wesson, Maidstone, Mr. Truscott and others. Mr. C. Davis of Willow Heights, another of the sub-organisers also gave a splendid address on this subject. The central secretary, Mr. J. B. Musselman, was in attendance on Thursday morning and dealt with the new distribution of districts after which nominations for district director for 1916 were taken.

Thomas Sales was the choice of the convention and the names of Mr. C. Davis and Mr. B. Saloway of Halcyonia were voted on for second choice, resulting in Mr. C. Davis winning out.

At the afternoon session the meeting was addressed by Mrs. John Ames of Hanley, executive member of the Women's section of the G. G. A., who delivered a very thoughtful, capable and interesting speech on the various lines of work being carried on by the W.G.G.A.

Mr. Schaefer, of Meota, followed with a very interesting account of community laundries as carried on in various places in the State of Minnesota.

Then followed the event of the Convention. Mr. J. B. Musselman in a clear cut, forcible speech, outlined the work not only of the past but of the future. Dealing with the closer federation of the various farmers' organisations, the attempted boycott by established trade interests, the need for capital to carry on the co-operative enterprises of the association, and the plans for the raising of such capital, he showed a masterly grasp of his subject, and many times he aroused his hearers to tumultuous applause.

At the close of this speech the following resolution was carried unanimously:

Resolved, That this convention heartily commend the work of the various executive officers of all the western farmers' organisations and of our central executive for their effort to bring about a federation of all these bodies on the basis of local units, provincial central bodies, and inter-provincial central bodies. Further, that wherever feasible and in so far as practicable the profits of all the bodies should, after paying interest only on capital, be distributed to their shareholder members on the basis of the business done.—Carried unanimously.

Then followed a very interesting discussion of the ways and means of raising capital, many questions being asked as to the debentures to be issued, and the life membership scheme. Finally the following resolution was handed in:

Resolved, That this Convention heartily approves of the plan of the Central executive for raising capital for the Trading Department by the sale of life memberships and capital debentures as outlined by the secretary and we hereby pledge ourselves to support the plan.—Carried unanimously.

Did they support the plan? As the chairman, Mr. Thomas Sales, declared the resolution carried, he made the remark, "Now, boys, it's up to you," and amidst enthusiastic cheering they stormed the platform, surrounded the central secretary and kept him busy signing up applications for life memberships and debentures. There is no wonder after a scene like that, at the Central secretary making the remark that he came to North Battleford to receive his inspiration, as it establishes beyond any doubt that the plan for raising capital is going to be both popular and successful.

Resolutions carried are as follows: Resolved, That we place on record our appreciation of the work done for this association by the late F. W. Green, and that we feel deeply the loss sustained by his untimely decease.

Resolved, That this Convention heartily endorses the stand taken by the Canadian Council of Agriculture in its demand on the Dominion Government for immediate steps to be taken to secure free wheat.

Resolved, That this convention favors the establishment of Co-operative packing plants and stock-yards.

Resolved, That this Convention deem it advisable that every child in Saskatchewan shall be taught the English language.

Resolved, That the Seed Grain Competition of 1916 is in the best interests of the association and that each local should carefully study the conditions governing the competition, and do their utmost to make it a success.

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