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A GOOD START

The farmers of Willowview district have lately formed a branch of the Grain Growers' Association. On February 22 organizer McCuish was present and addressed a meeting called for that purpose in the Willowview school. After the organizer had given an outline of the aims and objects of the Association, it was moved by A. McGregor and seconded by J. Williams, that a branch of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association be formed in this district. The motion was carried. H. Whittle moved, L. C. Noraccon seconded, that this branch be called the Henders branch, Willowview, in honor of the president of the Association. H. Whittle was elected president and H. Dewar secretary-treasurer.

It was decided that the branch should meet twice a month in the evenings on the first and third Fridays of the month and that business should be transacted on the first Friday and that the meeting on the third Friday should take the form of a social evening. Mr. McCuish was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for his presence and address at the meeting.

At a meeting held on March 4 C. B. Neve was elected vice-president by acclamation, and a motion was put to the meeting changing the day on which this branch of the Association should meet from Friday to Thursday.

This branch at date of writing (May 15) has a membership of 69, which argues well for its future existence and usefulness.

H. DEWAR,
Sec.-Treas. Henders Branch.

PINE CREEK MEETING

At a meeting of the Pine Creek Grain Growers' Association, held March 5, Ben Richardson, secretary of the Portage District Association, was present and gave us a real live talk on co-operation and the aims and objects of the Grain Growers and The Grain Growers' Grain Company. We had a good turnout and Mr. Richardson was listened to with great attention, a hearty vote of thanks being passed to him for his address. J. Bennett read a paper on the subjects for discussion in "Studies in Rural Citizenship," "Has immigration been detrimental to the best interests of Canada?" "What economic causes are responsible for the drift to the cities?" "Is there a tendency towards big farms?" This paper was well received, as Mr. Bennett had given a lot of time to the subject and received a hearty vote of thanks. The paper drew out quite a discussion on the different subjects brought up.

Then we had a discussion on the tariff as now imposed, which ended in a resolution being passed unanimously: "That we pledge ourselves not to buy 'Made in Canada' goods until we have Free Trade with Great Britain and a square deal on Canadian made goods." This resolution was ordered to be taken to the Portage convention on May 10. It has since been sent to the Finance Minister at Ottawa, also another resolution condemning the action of the Dominion government in ignoring the demands of the organized farmers in the three Western Provinces. This resolution was also passed and sent to Finance Minister White at Ottawa, just to let him know that the Grain Growers are watching our legislators and will know how to vote when the time comes. The most noxious thing in the tariff to our mind is the increase in the tariff against Great Britain after Britain voluntarily loaning us \$40,000,000 to carry on this terrible war. Oh! those flag-wavers, how loyal they are so long as it does not cost them anything.

Sec.-Treas. Pine Creek G. G. A.

GRAIN COMPANY'S DONATION

R. McKenzie, Sec. Man. G. G. A.,
Winnipeg.

Dear Sir:—I have pleasure in enclosing to you our check for \$750.00, being the balance of the \$1,500.00 granted by our Company to your Association during the present year. We accompany this check with the wish that the work of your Association will be greatly extended and with the hope that this check will assist

in the extension of the same in outlying districts which may not yet have been covered.

Yours truly,
THE GRAIN GROWERS' GRAIN
CO., W. Moffat, Secretary.
Winnipeg, May 19.

SOURIS DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the executive of the Souris District Association, of the Man. Grain Growers, was held at Boissevain on May 20, President Oscar A. Jones in the chair. Members present were: Jas. Fleming, Mountain Side branch; Geo. Love, Ninga; C. S. Watkins, Langvale; W. A. Frazer, Fairfax; A. D. Longman, Regent; Reg. H. Holditch, Royallen; Ed. Brown, Boissevain; Wm. Alison, Sec.-Treas. District Association, Deloraine; Jas. Steedsman, Vice-President, Deloraine. The following visitors were also present: D. D. Powell, Ninga; H. E. Powell, Ninga; R. F. Chapman, Ninga; D. Henderson, Boissevain; J. J. Musgrove, Boissevain; G. Orrus, Boissevain; J. J. Musgrove, F. Howell, Royallen; Geo. Gowanlock, Mountainside.

After registration the president outlined the purpose of the meeting, giving a history of the formation of the District Association and its work up to date. The secretary-treasurer also gave his ideas of what the work of the newly formed Association consisted of. A good and very interesting discussion followed on such subjects as the overlapping of territory in forming this organization with its limited advertisement notice, the advisability of dividing it into three or four different units as sub-associations with one head, the best way to bring together a fuller attendance of all branches at such meetings as the present one, the most central meeting place for executive or convention purposes, the best place and method of choosing next year's director on the Central board, date of convention for that purpose, the best way of increasing our membership list, individual effort or by paid organizer; the benefits of social gatherings as an effective medium of advertising our Association, the difference between co-operative buying and co-operative selling and the different methods employed by the various secretaries who spoke on the subject emphasizing the educational value of co-operation.

President Jones gave an outline of Post Office savings banks which are in operation in the United States and giving better satisfaction than the chartered banks in providing a more free system of credit for the agriculturist and hoped by a later date to be able to go more fully into this much needed reform for this side of the line.

Reg. H. Holditch, secretary of Royallen, offered accommodation to as many delegates as they could put up should our next meeting be in Boissevain and required the stopping over night to meet train convenience. The secretary of Boissevain branch looked upon this meeting as being the guests of the local branch and paid for the rent of the hall used. The following motions were placed before the meeting and carried:

Moved by Jas. Fleming, seconded by C. S. Watkins, that the secretary-treasurer be instructed to ask the Central Association to place the increase of 25c per member levied this season and paid to Central at our disposal to help in organization work in the Souris division, placing it in a more thorough position than at present.

In the discussion on this system of financing it seemed the opinion of quite a few that this would be no drain on the Central funds, as the increase in members secured thru the money being judiciously spent would cover this grant and strengthen the Association as a whole and for any extra money spent in this direction, the levy of 10c per member would be called upon.

Moved by R. F. Chapman, seconded by D. Henderson, that the executive secure an organizer for the purpose of instilling new life into some of the weaker branches and carry on the work the Central Association has placed upon us. The Secretary-Treasurer acknowledged receipt of \$50.00 from Provincial Secre-

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tary McKenzie for organization expenses. Also an amount of \$10.00 from the secretary of Deloraine branch as amount left over by the previous district Association, which is now out of existence.

A GOOD REPORT FROM KEYES

The secretary of Keyes branch reports that they had a record attendance at their meeting on May 19. About twenty ladies were present—the first to attend any of their meetings. Mr. Bennett, of Pine Creek, was present and enumerated the good work the Association has already done for the farmers and appealed to the members to be independent voters, as our Association would become the most powerful organization in this country if when we ask for legislation every farmer would support it with his vote.

Mrs. Bennett read a paper asking the ladies to join the Association and how to help the social life on the farm. She also asked the men to cut out their excuses and take their wives to the annual convention at Brandon.

Albert McGregor, of Winchester branch, urged every farmer to take an independent paper which was not afraid to find the truth about either party. At the close of the meeting four of the ladies present joined. We have now 65 paid up members. We hope to have more meetings of this kind soon and will expect some more of the ladies to join our Association.

A. W. MCGREGOR,
Sec. Keyes Association.

MR. ALISON'S ADDRESS

In outlining the future work of the Souris District Association at their recent meeting in Boissevain, Wm. Alison, the secretary-treasurer, in a review of the present situation, expressed himself as follows:

Gentlemen:—There never was a time in the history of Canada when the minds of the common people were so receptive and open to influence and guidance as at the present time. The extensive reading of newspapers created by the horrors of this great world war now being fought out in Europe—the interest and indignation felt thru the recent graft exposures in our parliaments—the reading of the pure and unadulterated gospel as it appears in the Grain Growers' Guide from week to week, showing up the selfishness of the moneyed class in shifting their portion of this so-called war tax onto the shoulders of those that can least afford to bear them, also the abuse of the manufacturers of the strong national and patriotic feeling that has been generated by the war to exhort these people to buy Canadian made goods for the manufacturers sole advantage. The knowledge of these and other conditions are all helping to contribute to a good, healthy upheaval in the minds of the mass of the common people. To offset and combat these under-hand methods and to take advantage of the newer ideas of thought and living created by the war and economic conditions, we must engage in an educational campaign that will develop the brotherhood of man and keep alive the spirit of helpfulness by words of appreciation and constant interest. Our schoolhouses must be made the centre of social life and its influence tend to the uplift of the surrounding district. Woman's influence as well as her interest must be secured by her addition to our membership lists.

Education, to be effective for the adult members, must be from a money-producing aspect and herein lies the value of our co-operative plans. We have a broad outlook in this country of ours, for the needs of our Canada demand of us the very best that is in us—not merely for the safe-guarding of Canada, but for keeping the whole Dominion in good, steady, reliable working order.

FARMERS' MARKET RE-ORGANIZED

The first annual meeting of the shareholders of the Central Farmers' Market was held on May 25, when the following trustees were elected for the coming year: R. McKenzie, Secretary Manitoba Grain Growers' Association; Wm. Moffat, Secretary Grain Growers' Grain Com-

DIRECTORS:	
Peter Wright	Myrtle
J. L. Brown	Pilot Mound
P. D. McArthur	Langburn
Frank Simpson	Shoal Lake
W. H. English	Harding
R. J. Arison	Gilbert Plains

pany Limited; Colin H. Burnell, Secretary Oakville Co-operative Association; Peter Wright, J. S. Wood, directors of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association; R. R. Gray, F. W. Haack, C. H. Paul, market gardeners; J. H. Woodside, Winnipeg.

At a subsequent meeting of the trustees R. McKenzie was re-elected president, R. R. Gray, Vice-President, and Wm. Moffat, managing director.

A change was made in the management of the market, the former manager retiring and Wm. Moffat, secretary of The Grain Growers' Grain Company, being placed in control as managing director, thus bringing the management of the market more directly under the control of the Grain Growers' Association.

An arrangement was made to place the market immediately on a sound basis financially to assure prompt returns for produce consigned to the market.

Committees were appointed to solicit subscribers to the stock of the Central Association so as to increase the capital sufficiently to enable immediate advances to be made on consigned produce when the market was not favorable for immediate sale.

The Central Farmers' Market was established as an agency to sell farmers' products direct to the consumer and is prepared to handle all kinds of farm produce on commission. The new board of trustees under the new management and increased capital bespeak the confidence and support of the farmers and solicit their consignments of all kinds of farm products.

"Education is now leading our farmers to look on co-operation much more sympathetically than ever before. We intend to give a square deal and we want one in return. We do not want to antagonize any legitimate business man who is making a normal profit and giving good service in return, but we do not see why men who handle our products require a return of 50 per cent. for so doing. We do not wish to see middlemen become millionaires at our expense."



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