

# Manitoba

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## SPRINGHILL ANNUAL MEETING

Springhill Grain Growers held their annual meeting December 10, 1915. The attendance was fairly good. The ladies provided lunch and we had a pleasant and profitable time. The indications are that Springhill will continue as one of the most active associations.

Resolutions in favor of Free Wheat, Free Trade with Great Britain, and Machinery Contracts were carried unanimously.

The Secretary addressed the meeting, stating briefly his reasons for taking an active part in the Association; why the farmers should be more interested and appealing to the farmers and their wives to take a more lively interest in the Association. The President spoke on Rural Credits. J. M. Poole addressed the meeting on a system for supplying water on farms where wells were hard to get. The following officers were elected: President, Fred Harper; vice-president, J. M. Poole; secretary-treasurer, A. J. M. Poole; directors, Mrs. J. Yerex, Mrs. T. Pearson, Geo. A. Baker, A. E. Clark, S. Ward and R. Jackson.

Mrs. Yerex and R. Jackson were appointed delegates to the Brandon Convention. Five others volunteered to attend as associate delegates.

Mrs. Yerex and Geo. A. Baker were elected to represent the G.G. Association on the executive of the Springhill Community Club. This meeting was conducted according to the order of business as found in the constitution, and the proper order observed throughout the meeting. We propose to conduct our meetings this way in the future, and thus fulfil one of the functions of the Association—that of training men, particularly the young men, in the proper way of conducting a public meeting. Rev. A. W. Kenner, who is a member of our Association, occupied the chair during the election of officers.

## Resolutions for Brandon Convention

The following are the resolutions we wish forwarded to the Brandon Convention:—

Resolved that this Association is of the opinion that the Central Association should endeavor to have the Legislature draft and make law a uniform machinery contract which will be fair and equitable to purchaser and vendor alike—a contract that will be free from those clauses which tend to restrict to the minimum the responsibility of the vendor to the detriment of the purchaser, and which will make due provision for the responsibility of the vendor as to the representations made by his respective agent or agents.

Resolved that the members of Springhill Grain Growers' Association urge the Dominion Government to at once take the necessary steps to take advantage of the offer of the United States to admit wheat and wheat products free from customs duty.

Further, that whereas the present war has plainly shown that the British Empire must stand or fall together, and whereas we believe that a tariff on goods from Great Britain entering Canada should not be tolerated any more than a tariff imposed by one section of Canada against goods entering from another section would be tolerated; therefore, we urge that the Dominion Government at the next session of Parliament take the necessary steps to bring about Free Trade between Canada and the Mother country at once.—Springhill Grain Growers' Association.

## A LARGE ASSOCIATION

The secretary at Foxwarren remitted this office \$60 in dues for eighty members for their branch at Foxwarren. This is about the same membership as last year.

## FORREST STILL TO THE FRONT

The secretary at Forrest writes: Enclosed please find a cheque for \$18, being balance due from Forrest Grain Growers' Association for 121 paid-up members for 1915. Kindly send receipt.

## CYPRESS RIVER BRANCH

W. B. Thomas, the secretary of Cypress River, writes as follows:—Enclosed please find money order for \$6.50 balance on dues for 58 members for 1915 from Cypress River Branch of the G.G. Association. We are still alive, but have not had any regular meetings lately. Since harvest started everybody has been very busy, but we expect to get together again for our annual meeting, when you will likely hear more from us.

## WANT FREE WHEAT

At a meeting of the Pine Creek Grain Growers the following resolutions were passed unanimously:—

"Seeing that we, the farmers who have shipped our grain from Pine Creek, have lost during the month of October, 1915, the sum of \$6,800.00 thru not having the American market open to our grain, this loss having been on the high grades of wheat, the spread on the bleached wheat and tough wheat having been in some cases as high as 18c. per bushel, be it resolved, therefore, that we ask the Dominion Government to take advantage of the United States offer and remove the duty on wheat and wheat products coming from the American side where they on their part will remove the tariff from our wheat and wheat products entering the States; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Premier Borden.

That we the Pine Creek Grain Growers endorse the action of the Canadian Council of Agriculture in asking the Grain Commission to institute inquiries into the advisability of appointing a permanent Board of Appeals and an Independent Sampling Bureau and to investigate the effect on the grading of grain of the discretionary powers conferred on the Grain Inspector by the Inspection Act, and also as to changing the description of Nos. 1 and 2 Northern Spring Wheat to provide for Marquis and kindred types of wheat.

JOS. BENNETT,  
Sec., Pine Creek G.G.A.

## INGELOW BRANCH

Secretary J. A. Wilson, of the Ingelow Branch, writes as follows:—"Enclosed please find annual report of Ingelow Branch, also P.O. order value \$1.50 due you for two members' dues for 1915, paid today, at our annual meeting. At this meeting a discussion took place on the act of railway companies taking large timber off edge of the loading platforms. Since this was taken off last year, several of our members have had their horses slip and fall over the edge between the car and platform, both at Ingelow and Brookdale. Fortunately without any loss, except one case of a horse being sprained. At Harte Station the other day a Mr. Bulard lost a valuable horse by slipping off between car and platform. It is the unanimous wish of our members that this matter be brought up at the Convention with a view of this timber being replaced by railway companies. It was moved and seconded by Jas. Miller and E. Taylor that the delegate bring this matter before Convention, and ask them to assist us in getting timber replaced."

## PATRIOTIC BOISSEVAIN

The secretary writes: At the annual meeting of the Boissevain Grain Growers held here today I was instructed to write and give you a report of the number of pledges signed for the Patriotic Acre. The following is the list to date (Dec. 11):—143 signed, 85 paid and 58 unredeemed yet. Total received \$1,621.05; an average of \$19 per acre. Some only signed for half acre and others for \$5.00 or \$10.00. The largest part will be for the Red Cross Fund—very little for any other. Of course the canvassers were Red Cross men, so naturally we turned all we could our way.

We have no less than 14 members nominated for the Convention, so ought

to be well represented there. We also have a good undercurrent running our way—the opposition is not so strong, and I hope to have a larger paid-up membership than we have this year—namely, eighty-one.

ED. BROWN,  
Sec., Boissevain G.G.A.

## PATRIOTIC ACRE REPORT

The following contributions have been received at the Central Office up to date for this fund. We are informed that some of our members and some of our branches are applying their contributions to the Patriotic Fund direct. It is expected that all members and all branches who contribute to the Patriotic Acre Fund send their contributions direct to the central office, so that the Grain Growers' Association will receive credit. All contributions given thru the Grain Growers' Association will be credited to our own organization, when if given thru other organizations they will receive the credit.

Wm. Bertram, Rounthwaite, \$20.83; H. McMillan, Margaret, \$15.00; R. Lamb, Sanford, \$28.22; Thos. Paterson, Springfield, \$30.00; Thos. Cooper, Cameron, \$42.55; H. Graham, Culross, \$33.00; A. E. Hill, Brandon, \$30.10; Jas. L. Patten, Benito, \$13.12; Alex. McGregor, Rapid City, \$30.00; Jas. Spiers, Wapella, \$9.80; J. M. Jamieson, Gladstone, \$17.00; Glenella G.G. Association, \$10.25; Austin Smith, Glenella, \$20.00; R. A. McConnell, Birnie, \$25.00; Jno. G. Corbett, Goodlands, \$20.00; Arch. J. Wright, Glenella G.G.A., \$34.00; M. H. Cameron, Cameron branch, \$32.35; J. W. Scallion, Virden, \$30.00. Total to date, \$441.22.

## SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Springfield District Association was held at Oak Bank on the 14th. An afternoon meeting was held at which the election of officers and other business matters was taken up. John Holland, Dugald P.O., was re-elected president; Mr. Horton, Hazelridge, vice-president; H. W. Lathwell, Dugald, secretary-treasurer, and Robt. Fisher, Oak Bank, a veteran of many years standing of farmers' organizations in the West, was nominated director on the Central Board. The Dugald branch entertained the visiting delegates to a supper at Oak Bank. All the branches in the district were well represented. An entertainment under the auspices of the Oak Bank branch was given in the evening, at which a large number of ladies and young people were present. The program consisted of musical selections, both vocal and instrumental, given by local talent and members of the Grain Growers' Association. The branches in the Springfield District are devoting a good deal of attention to the developing of the social side of rural life and meeting with very encouraging results. Rev. Mr. Bowes, of Oak Bank Methodist church, gave a very inspiring address. Secretary R. McKenzie was present at both afternoon and evening meetings, and gave an address in the evening on Rural Credits. The Grain Growers' movement is growing in this district.

## BENITO ANNUAL MEETING

The Benito Grain Growers held their annual meeting on December 11, and it was of a very encouraging nature. The spirit is to stay together and continue the good work. A vote of thanks was tendered the secretary for his faithful services. C. Banks was the choice of delegate to attend the Convention. An alternate delegate was voted to go in case Mr. Banks could not. The election of officers resulted in the election of R. Gordon, president; J. Best, vice-president; J. S. Patten, secretary-treasurer. Directors, Messrs. Woodward, McIntyre, Hawe, Aubrey, Dylkeman. Orders for fish were given the secretary. On motion a life membership certificate was granted the secretary for his very able work and management, the same to be paid for by the association.

## GRAYSVILLE BRANCH

Geo. Gray, the Graysville secretary, forwards his cheque for \$22.50 for their members' dues. They have thirty members on their roll.

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