

## GRAIN EXHIBIT

1,100 Locals of S.G.G.A. to Compete for 100 Money Prizes and Medals

To give the greatest industry of Saskatchewan its proper place in the Provincial Agricultural Exhibition a monster grain exhibit has been planned for 1916, to be open only to locals of the S.G.G.A. This will be made the leading feature of the fair, and will afford the Grain Growers of the province a first rate opportunity to place their industry before the public in its true relation to the other interests of Saskatchewan.

The association reaches practically every nook and corner of the province, and is recognized as comprising amongst its members nearly all grain growers who are sufficiently public spirited to take any real interest in the advancement of this, our greatest industry. It is, therefore, recognized by the provincial exhibition authorities that all growers may have a part in this competition thru one or other of the 1,100 locals of the association.

Locals should act at once, in order that the best grain in each district may be saved for this purpose. The exhibits will consist of groups of one-half bushel each of any kind of wheat, oats and barley, and each local must exhibit an entire group. The awards will be made in the order of merit of the respective groups as such, but there will also be sweepstake prizes for the best samples of each kind of grain from amongst all the groups. The exhibition board has decided to be very generous in the matter of prizes and handling of exhibits. The following is the list of prizes suggested by them:

1st \$100.00, 2nd \$75.00, 3rd \$50.00, 4th \$40.00, 5th \$30.00, 6th \$25.00, 7th \$20.00, 8th \$15.00, 9th to 14th \$10.00 each, 15th to 20th, \$5.00 each, with the addition of 5 prizes of \$10.00 each and 5 of \$5.00 each for each additional 100 exhibits above the first 100.

Besides giving these liberal cash prizes the board has undertaken to pay the freight charges on all exhibits submitted by the locals, no local being permitted to submit more than one group. One of the rules of the exhibition provides that every sample in a group must have been grown by a member of the local exhibiting the group, and that no member may supply more than one kind of grain in a group. Full information of this competition will be published later. This preliminary outline is published now in order that there may be every opportunity for saving the best grain in each district. With the very large number of prizes which are offered there ought to be an excellent opportunity for any energetic local to win something. The advertising value to a district winning any prize in this contest will be very great, as it is sure to attract wide attention.

It is confidently expected that every local in the province will show itself

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sufficiently alive to the value that such an exhibit may have for the organized farmers, the paramount industry, and every legitimate interest of the province, to notify the Central Secretary that it intends to enter the contest. There will be practically no expense to the local as the grain will be exhibited in uniform boxes, supplied by the exhibition board, and not in the containers in which it is received. Twine sacks or any cheap sack may therefore be used for shipping the samples, so that there will be no expense in this connection to the local. The grain exhibited will become the property of the provincial agricultural exhibition board.

J. B. MUSSELMAN.

## BEWARE OF FIRE

The attention of all concerned is called at this time to the great need of care with fire.

Canada is engaged in harvesting the biggest crop it has yet produced, and while the fine dry weather is ideal for this work, it is also very favorable for fires. There never has been a time in our history when wheat has been so plentiful or so valuable to the Empire. It is a patriotic duty we owe our country to move this crop with the least possible delay and loss. With such dry conditions we can expect some losses by fire, but with watchfulness and care such fire losses will be kept down to a minimum.

We may not all be able to go to fight in Europe, but preventing fires and conserving the grain for the Allies is one of the very important ways we can "do our bit" for the Empire right here in Canada.

M. H. MACLEOD.

Gen. Man., Can. Nor. Railway. Winnipeg, Aug. 20, 1915.

## LAMPMAN DOINGS

Enclosed find order for fruit taken at our last meeting, which was held at the secretary's home. During the two hours of business and discussion Mr. Rupp moved the following resolution: "That this association is in favor of having one day each spring set aside as 'Gopher Day,' and that this resolution be brought up at the district conventions."

A motion by Messrs. Light and McInnis was passed, that we ask the Central to approve of two district conventions in District No. 3, and that this association favors Estevan for the Souris line, and any good place on the Arcola line.

It was decided, on motion of Messrs. Rupp and Henderson, that the secretary write Central to see what steps if any, had been taken to secure a live stock commission firm in Winnipeg to which the members can consign shipments of livestock.

G. E. NOGGLE, Sec.,

Lampman Local.

## WHAT OTHERS THINK OF US

(From North Battleford News.) According to arrangements Mr. Musselman, secretary of the S.G.G.A., of Moose Jaw, accompanied by Mr. Sales, of Langham, director for this district, toured the North Battleford country in the interests of the Association's work.

Beginning at East Hill, on Aug. 10 they spoke in Mount Hope, Hatherleigh, Glenbush, Nolin and Hyde Park schools to many interested listeners—men, women and younger people. At Hatherleigh, the meeting was especially interesting, some driving as far as 15 miles to attend, and keeping the speakers long hours talking of the work. Unfortunately Rabbit Lake and Knowles meetings were not held. This was due to shortness of time in advertising.

The addresses were exceedingly interesting and helpful. The speaking was principally along the line of social, moral, religious, buying and selling, co-operation, with a short report on the progress of the trading department, which for 1915 took 4,000,000 pounds of twine, approximately one-third of all twine which came into the province. Our price was 9½¢ per pound

for 550 foot twine, while if the association had not been at work for the past few years we would be paying the old prices of 14¢ or 15¢ per pound. Mr. Sales emphasized the wisdom of not biting at their baits when they cut prices now, for if they can induce us to break we will at once be at the mercy of those who break us. The association is supplying locals today with goods at or below the price general merchants pay. This is due to large purchases, spot cash payment, no travellers, no collection fees, no middlemen.

The conference in North Battleford was particularly helpful to those in attendance. It was thought best to have our locals incorporated as "Locals of S.G.G.A. Ltd.," with shares at not less than \$50.00, with \$5.00 paid up, balance on call, and to have the locals appoint a joint committee to do business for them in North Battleford and for the time being not to put in a general stock but handle in car lots such things as twine, lumber, coal, apples, wire, fence posts, etc. The work of the North Battleford Central received the hearty approval of both gentlemen, the name by which we are known being the only thing criticized, as it is conflicting with the Central at Moose Jaw.

Our next meeting of this Central will be called as soon as the rush of harvest is over, when we change our name, etc.

There are three items connected with this tour deserving special mention:

1. These men came in our own auto with our own button stamped on it. It runs in the interest of equity, a co-operative car, a Ford.

2. Men remark that Mr. Musselman's addresses were first class sermons. Perhaps he is not ready to accept invitations for church anniversaries, but he is equal to the task. Dr. Gunsaulus, of Chicago, says: "True statesmanship consists in discovering the way in which God is going and getting things out of the way for Him." This man fills the bill.

3. It looked for a while as tho the headquarters of the S.G.G.A. would be permanently located at Meota. They would not leave the car and the button. It took a team to start them. The beach claimed them as soon as they stopped at our beauty spot. You could not blame the beach. Will ye no come back again?

## ECLIPSE HAS ARRIVED

A number of grain growers in this neighborhood (10 miles north of Carleton Place) decided to form a local of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association. We met and appointed the following officers: President, Duncan Joss; vice-president, Wm. Thomas; secretary, Norris Oughtred; directors, Howard Joss, Jack Stewart, Alex. Barrie, Wm. Cowie, and Harry Neshaw; auditor, Wm. Barrie.

Crops are in splendid shape around here, and our association has every hope that its members will be able to erect a hall this fall.

S. NORRIS OUGHTRED,

Sec., Eclipse Local

## A LETTER OF THANKS

J. B. Musselman,  
Moose Jaw, Sask.

Dear Sir:—A short while ago I passed thru a trying period of sickness, and I now wish to express my thanks thru the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' page of The Guide for the kindness shown to me at that time.

It is said that "A friend in need is a friend indeed," and I felt that to be true when I received a letter from Herbert Moffat, of Glenavon, enclosing money order for \$92.65, making, with a previous remittance, a total of \$189.65. This had been contributed by a number of friends in the Glenavon district, and was accompanied by a letter expressing their sympathy and best wishes for the future of myself and my wife.

I also wish to mention that last spring both Mrs. Readmond and myself were away in the hospital undergoing operations, and during that time our neighbors kindly put in my crop and also helped in other ways.

Tho this has been unavoidably delayed, I felt that I could not let the matter pass without some public acknowledgment of my appreciation. These were services that I shall not soon forget.

Yours fraternally,

WALTER READMOND.

## THE PATRIOTIC ACRE FUND

"Where There Is No Vision"

A member of our association, writing to the Central Office with respect to the return of two Patriotic Acre pads, says: "As the government does not seem inclined to be honest with the farmer, and is using the means it is to collect for seed grain, etc., we do not think it reasonable to ask the farmers here for anything further." If this were a gift to the Dominion government no objection could be taken to this attitude, but, under the circumstances, is it quite fair? Evidently our friend is under the impression that the proceeds of the Patriotic Acre Fund are to be turned over to the Dominion government to be used in some way for government purposes. This is a mistake. The fund is intended as a gift to the Imperial government to be used for the relief of those who are suffering from the effects of the war, and in withholding his support because of the action of the Dominion government, our friend is simply depriving needy Britishers and the poor outcast refugees of Belgium of the help they so much need. The Dominion government will not be one cent the worse off for our friend's action, but these poor people will be infinitely worse off. Is it quite fair? "Where there is no vision the people perish." Surely our farmers will enlarge their vision, in face of the great need.

S.W.Y.

## PRESSING TOWARD THE MARK

Our friends are still pressing on for the honor of standing at the head of the list in connection with this great Patriotic Scheme. Messrs. Tarbat and Ransdell, of Percy Association, still hold the field. Who is going to oust them? Another spurt, Friend Aitkin, only five forms and you will do it. Below are the latest to send in ten or more forms. Association, canvasser, forms and acres are shown respectively:

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| Wagner—J. H. Hannah       | 29 | 29 |
| Wagner—Fred G. Moses      | 12 | 12 |
| Cadillac—F. E. Buckley    | 12 | 12 |
| Red Jacket—D. D. McDonald | 10 | 10 |
| Glenavon—J. A. Edwards    | 10 | 10 |
| Glenavon—C. J. Bristol    | 10 | 10 |
| Pangman—Andrew Prentice   | 10 | 9½ |

S.W.Y.



## COAL!

**LAST SEASON** Saskatchewan farmers secured coal equal to about 900 thirty-ton cars thru this, their own trading department. We were feeling our way.

**THIS SEASON** we are ready and organized at the outset with the best coals from all districts at lowest mine prices, and can promise the best of service.

**We Expect to Put Last Year's Total in the Shade**

**The Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association**

J. B. MUSSELMAN, Secretary MOOSE JAW, Sask.



## Apples!

We are negotiating for supplies and shall shortly quote prices. Consult your local secretary on this and all matters of supplies before buying elsewhere. Remember that Co-operation means helping yourself by helping others.

As last year, every effort will be made to ensure the shipping of only sound fruit, and the price will be the lowest which can be secured for good stuff. Watch this page for further announcements.

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