

Farm Women's Clubs

FUNDS IN DEMAND

An appeal has this week been sent to all Women Grain Growers' Associations asking that they assist financially the Provincial Equal Franchise Board.

This board is a union of all associations in the province who are working to extend education regarding the important questions of the day that so definitely affect the social, political and moral welfare of the country. Their ideal is "Better Citizenship" and it is to this end that they are working. This board was organized two years ago by Mrs. McNaughtan, president of the W.S.G.A., to unite the efforts of all societies working for the franchise for women. Now that the franchise is gained in part, they are extending educational work. They have been very active in the temperance campaign and have sent out a clever speaker over the province. Expenses entailed in the carrying on of their work must be met and we hope that Women Grain Growers will not be behind in this matter, as the work of the board is simply an extension of our own work. As there is so great a need for assistance by the Red Cross Society and Belgian Relief Society, etc., we cannot expect our associations to give a great amount, but even a little, tho it be fifty cents or a dollar, will be welcomed. Private subscriptions from those desirous of helping in this work, but who do not belong to any organization, will be welcomed and may be sent to the writer.

ERMA STOCKING.

Delisle, Sask.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Report of the provincial corresponding secretary of the Provincial Equal Franchise Board:

The second week in March of the present year began my work as corresponding secretary of the Provincial Equal Franchise Board of Saskatchewan. Our first aim is to carry on the work in a way to unite the various leagues and other organizations affiliated with our board into one harmonious whole. We feel that the problem before us, now that we have secured the franchise with all its privileges and responsibilities, can be coped with successfully only when the women of our province all fall into line. How to unite our women is, I am convinced, one of the most important, if not the first, consideration before our board and our league.

After the board meeting in March we had typed copies of the drafted constitution for local leagues sent out to the leagues for consideration and adoption. As yet I have not received word from all as to whether it has been adopted. We did the same with the proposed platform and asked for criticism, suggestions, improvements, etc. Some leagues are still to be heard from in regard to this point also. The constitution of the P.E.F.B. we had put into pamphlet form for sale at five cents per copy. A number of these were sent to each league and affiliated society. The old problem, lack of funds, met us most obstinately when we could, and would, have put an organizer in the field. This we had to delay, altho we realized that the time was most opportune. A number of our leagues are doing splendid educational work. Excellent addresses have been delivered on themes that bring the members into touch with actual conditions, such as "Citizenship," "The Work of the Mayor and Councillors," "The Municipal Act," etc.

After the question of equal franchise for the Dominion was debated upon in the Federal House, the following resolution was forwarded to Premier Borden:

For Dominion Franchise

To the Hon. Sir Robert Borden,
Premier of Canada,
Ottawa.

Honored Sir:

On behalf of the women of Saskatchewan we respectfully submit the following resolution:

Whereas the women of the province of Saskatchewan, being British subjects who are interested in the welfare and prosperity of their homes and country and are bearing their share of the nation's burdens and responsibilities, financially and generally, do believe that they can best further the interests of all concerned by having the use of the ballot;

And whereas in view of the fact that legislation has been enacted by the

legislatures of Western provinces whereby women have the full status of citizens provincially, we do hereby urgently request that the Federal Government will grant to the women of those provinces equal franchise standing in their relation to the Dominion.

In presenting this resolution we are asking only for justice and fair play, which should be the right of every British subject.

(Signed) E. W. OVENS,
Cor. Sec'y P.E.F.B.

Notes of appreciation were forwarded the Saskatchewan members who spoke so favorably on the question. The members of the executive were called to meet in Regina during the time of the Dominion convention of the W.C.T.U. to consider many questions of interest, the chief of which was the adoption of the proposed platform. We endeavored also to arrange for a conference of franchise workers from all the provinces, with the object of forming a Dominion council. This was accomplished partially, the results of which may be learned from the minutes of the meeting. Considerable correspondence has been carried on with isolated individual workers thruout the province.

After Mrs. Pankhurst's visit to Manitoba, we got in touch with her secretary and after getting her promise that she would later tour Saskatchewan, offered to make arrangements for her trip. This offer was accepted and, altho it entailed much work and thought, we feel more than compensated for it all. There can be but one result following this series of addresses and the personal contact which numbers enjoyed. Wherever Mrs. Pankhurst gave an address a deep desire has been implanted in the hearts of the women; first to bend all their energies toward ending the war, and then to grapple with the evils that are hampering our progress as a people.

Our president, too, has done considerable corresponding with members of the W.C.T.U. who wrote her privately asking for information along franchise lines. Feeling that our women should have a voice in our church courts, our president made an effort to present our claims before the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church which met in Winnipeg in June. Owing to the stress of other business, especially the question of Church Union, and the inability of our representative to remain thruout the entire sitting, we failed to get a hearing, but the matter was brought up before the session closed. It was brought up also at the Methodist conference in Moose Jaw, and, altho nothing definite resulted, we feel that seed has been sown that will eventually bear fruit.

ELIZABETH W. OVENS,
Cor. Sec'y.

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

The Grain Growers' district conventions are a means for local associations to become better informed regarding the work of the association as a whole. They also create an added interest in Grain Grower work, and the visiting delegate returns home in a better position to carry on local work.

Every women's section should be represented at the convention of the district to which they belong. Women who cannot get away to the provincial convention should try and attend their district convention. There will be a woman speaker, director or member of the executive, at every convention, and we would like to see earnest women Grain Growers among the visitors and delegates.

Please refer to Saskatchewan Grain Growers' page for dates of conventions.

ERMA STOCKING.

PROFITABLE BOX SOCIAL

The November meeting of the Dafoe Women Grain Growers was called to plan a box social, the proceeds of which were to be used for Red Cross work. Mrs. Hamilton, who was the hostess, is also one of the directors of the Dafoe Women's Section. Mrs. Percy Clark is their president. Mrs. Laxdal, the secretary, reports that the social was a decided success. There was dancing until twelve o'clock, then the boxes were sold. Lunches were sold at twenty-five cents to the unfortunate men who had no boxes or partners to eat with. Lunches and boxes brought over \$78.00. Every one had a jolly time.

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