

## ASSOCIATION HONOR ROLL

We have received a large number of replies in response to our circular requesting the names of all members and members' sons who have enlisted for active service. One list which deserves special commendation is that received from our local at Eyebrow which contains no less than thirty names, including one nursing sister, Muriel Simpson. Of the remaining twenty-nine, three have been wounded, whilst two others have made the greatest sacrifice of which a man is capable—the sacrifice of their own lives. "Greater love hath no man than this."

It is intended to display the names and photos of all men which are sent in sufficiently early at the great convention in Moose Jaw, February 13 to 16. If you wish your heroes to have recognition send in your lists at once.

S. W. Y.

## DISTRICT 11 MEETING

The District No. 11 meeting, held in North Battleford on December 6 and 7, was a decided success. Forty-eight delegates and visitors registered, the visitors having the privileges of the meeting. Owing to the notices being sent too late from the central office some of the members had to attend without having time to be sent as accredited delegates from their locals. The chair was taken at 10 a.m. by District Director E. Davis, and after a few preliminary remarks he introduced Mayor Henderson and Commissioner Wright, who gave the delegates short addresses of welcome. A resolution committee of three men was then appointed—Messrs. Kemp, of Hafford; Horrel, of Mount Hope, and Lawrence, of Willow Heights.

Director Davis then gave his year's report. Amongst other things, he said, "that organization amongst farmers was more important than at any previous time. Farmers just now are prosperous, owing to chance, the great war over which we had no control. Farmers are getting good prices for their products, and, on the other hand, the prices of all the commodities which we buy have gone up by leaps and bounds. After the war is over farm products will drop down most likely below the cost of production, while the commodities which we buy will stay up in price, if the farmers do not keep on the alert. We should not neglect the educational side and the ideals of the association for the co-operative trading activities which is being done in some localities. We must still be progressive and help to solve the economic and social problems which are facing the people in the province today." He also spoke for a short time on the liquor vote, hail insurance and rural education.

Organization in District 11 was then discussed, a number of the delegates giving testimony regarding their locals, some from the trading standpoint, and some dissatisfied that interest in the locals in the country was lagging because of the trading association in the towns doing their business and thus keeping the members away from the country meetings, no business being brought up there to interest them. Director Davis here explained that a committee was working on a series of subjects for discussion and debates during the winter months, which met with the approval of the meeting. The following sub-organizers were appointed: Mr. Johnson, Mount Hope; John H. Wesson, Maidstone; G. Truscott, West Eagle Hills; D. Japp, Speers; Mr. Brechon, Maymont; Mr. Bleakney, Bright Sand.

## Municipal Hail Insurance

A long discussion took place on the Municipal Hail Insurance plan, and the consensus of opinion seemed to be that the flat rate (tax) was unfair. The man in the mixed farming districts, with forty or fifty acres of crop area, paying the same amount as the man who had the whole of his quarter section under crop looked like the little fellow helping to pay for the big fellow. Co-operation should work out vice versa on principle, or at any rate a little more equal.

Colonel Laurie, of the 232nd Battalion, then addressed the meeting on recruiting. Several of the delegates expected to put the farmers' viewpoint, before him, but were disappointed, as his sympathies were the same as theirs. He said that his one regret was, in

forming his battalion, that he had to go out amongst the farm boys to make up his required number. H. Ball, delegate from Cosy Nook, just returned from the front about ten days ago, related to the meeting some of his experiences, especially with regard to the Y.M.C.A. and Red Cross work. Nothing could be said to praise these institutions too highly, and the people could rest assured that their contributions to the Red Cross were being spent right.

President Maharg and Mrs. McNaughtan, of the central, came in at this time and gave interesting addresses to the meeting. Mr. Maharg suggested that the only solution of the coal question was to buy the coal all the year round and store it on the farms instead of trying to secure the whole of the supply in two or three months during the winter. A long discussion then took place on the rural education problem, ably led by A. J. Gregory, of North Battleford.

The last session of the meeting consisted of an address by President Maharg, Mrs. McNaughtan, Director Davis, D. Moffat and Mayor Henderson, interspersed with music by North Battleford talent and some of the delegates. C. Davis was again elected unanimously as district director for the coming year. The meeting closed by singing the National Anthem. The following is

vention, December 6, 1916, representing eighty Grain Growers' locals.

Whereas Canada is a democratic country, believing and practicing the theory of equal justice and equal opportunity, and whereas the Canadian Expeditionary Force is a volunteer and temporary army in the truest sense of the word, in which officers and men alike have left civilian occupations to answer the call of duty in fighting for justice and equality, and whereas it cannot be pleaded as in military countries that officers have been subjected to an expensive equipment, stiff competitive examinations, a life's training or heavy financial demands due to their rank; and whereas many officers and soldiers will return to Canada in varying degrees of human wreckage, disabled in the service of the Empire and humanity, and whereas their devotion to duty, their loyalty, their sacrifice, their well-merited distinction, and their contribution to the cause of humanity at large is equal, whether officer or private;

Be it therefore resolved by this convention of Grain Growers of District No. 11, that we place on record our firm belief in equality of compensation—one standard of reward—that we may not deny our gallant soldiers at home what they fought for abroad; and to this end that we use all means in our power to urge upon the government the jus-

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a list of the resolutions passed:

## Resolutions

- (1) Whereas the wooden cattle guards used at railway crossings at the present time are not satisfactory, therefore, be it resolved, that the railway company be requested to replace the wooden guards with steel.
- (2) That this District No. 11 meeting is in favor of continuing the Municipal Hail Insurance, but revising it so that the premium paid be in proportion to the risk, commencing with a flat rate of four cents per acre on all lands, as provided for by the present act, and increasing the premium in proportion to the acreage under crop.
- (3) That this meeting is not in favor of raising any further sum of money to enable the Hail Commission to pay the deficit of 1916.
- (4) Whereas the conditions of car shortage on the C.N.R. line and its branches west of Warman has become so serious that the movement of grain is practically at a standstill, elevators at most points being full to the roof, temporary bins being built in the towns and farmers having either to haul their loads back to the farm adjacent to town and store it until room is found at the elevators; we, as delegates of eighty local associations of District No. 11, demand that the Railway Commission take this matter up with the C.N.R. immediately and stipulate that we get instant relief.
- (5) Whereas, owing to the fact that the various branches in District No. 11 for the past two years have not received sufficient notice of date of District No. 11 meeting at North Battleford, and consequently the attendance is not as large as it might be, therefore, be it resolved that this meeting is of the opinion that it is necessary in the interests of our association that three weeks' notice at least be given to each local of District No. 11 of future district meetings.
- (6) Resolution unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Grain Growers' con-

tice of equal pensions for officers and private soldiers, and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Hon. Minister of Militia, the Hon. Minister of Public Works, the Hon. Solicitor-General.

(7) That this convention pledges itself to do its utmost to suppress the liquor traffic in Saskatchewan, and that in the event of the closing of the dispensaries being carried by a majority, we urge the provincial government to close the dispensaries immediately.

(8) That we, the delegates assembled at North Battleford district convention, pledge ourselves individually to do all in our power to help to abolish the dispensaries on December 11.

(9) Resolved that this convention again places itself on record as being in favor of Free Trade.

(10) That this convention wishes the delegates to urge upon their locals to consider the coal situation and to arrange to secure their winter supplies and store it individually some time before the month of October.

(11) Whereas there is a lack of intelligent understanding on most matters of urgent public importance amongst our members and locals, therefore be it resolved that this meeting endorses the work at the special study committee, appointed by the central executive, and advocates the promoting of debates and discussions of public questions in each local this coming winter.

(12) Whereas the question of Municipal Hail Insurance will be a live one at the annual convention at Moose Jaw, and whereas the present system of raising money to pay hail losses is not an equitable one, and whereas the committee appointed by the reeves' convention proposes to retain this system with an increased rate, therefore be it resolved that this convention advises all delegates to impress upon the locals of District No. 11 the necessity of sending a full representation to the annual convention.

(13) Whereas an official invitation has been extended to the people of Saskatchewan to discuss and offer sugges-

tions regarding the education system, and whereas the question of "Better Rural Schools" is of vital importance to the farmers and the province at large, and whereas it is advisable that the fullest information should be obtained on the subject; be it therefore resolved that this convention assembled put itself on record in favor of an educational survey being made and covering the whole question of education, with special reference to: (a) The revision of the course of studies both primary and secondary; (b) The training of teachers, permanency of occupation, pensions, housing, etc.; (c) Better methods of school supervision; (d) Child attendance at school; (e) More satisfactory accommodation for pupils. Farmers to be adequately represented on the survey board, and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Education, Minister of Municipalities.

(14) That this convention of Grain Growers of District No. 11 desire to express our appreciation of the welcome extended to us by the mayor and citizens of North Battleford, especially to the commissioner of the Board of Trade for his valuable assistance in making our convention a success, and also the Public School Board for the use of the Connaught school.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN H. WESSON,

Secretary of Convention

## ENDORSE FARMERS' PLATFORM

Central Secretary:—At a regular meeting of the Wiseton Grain Growers Association Ltd., held on Saturday, December 23, it was moved and carried unanimously that we endorse the platform as it appeared in the December 13 issue of The Grain Growers' Guide of the Canadian Council of Agriculture and ask our central secretary to have it brought up at the annual convention of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers to be held in February, 1917, for adoption.

E. M. HOLMES,  
Sec'y Wiseton Assn.

## CENTRAL SERVICE APPRECIATED

Central Secretary:—I may say that we appreciate very highly the service we have had from the central office during the past year. The upfailing courtesy and patience, as well as the prompt attention to our business, has made my work as secretary much more pleasant than I anticipated.

J. G. LINKLATER.

## PLEASED WITH LUMBER

Central Secretary:—I wish to say that I am extra well pleased with all the material sent me for the new house. The lumber was well up to the standard. The carpenters said it was better than they were used to and about everyone who saw it remarked on its good quality. I can recommend others to place their orders with you.

HUGH T. BRICE.

## PATRIOTIC GIFT OF HORSE

Central Secretary:—The Hon. T. MacNutt, M.P., gave me a horse to sell, half of the proceeds to be given to the Canadian Red Cross Fund and half to the Belgian Relief Fund, and he has requested me to forward the same thru the Grain Growers Association. The price obtained for the horse was \$125 and I beg to enclose a draft for that amount and trust you will acknowledge receipt. Perhaps it would be better to send receipt direct to Hon. T. MacNutt, M.P., Saltcoats.

I. H. ATHEY.

## DERRICK MAKING BANNER

Central Secretary:—We expect to appoint our delegates to the convention next Saturday. In regard to a banner, we intend to enter one in the competition. Enclosed find \$5.00 for which please send me two transfers and suitable material for making up same in blue, red and white. If there is not enough money kindly send goods and we will remit for same.

J. T. MOSCRIP,

Sec'y Derrick Assn.

## SLEEPING CARS FOR DELEGATES

Districts No. 15 and 2 are running special cars for delegates to the Annual Convention at Moose Jaw. Berths \$5.00 each for five days and nights. Delegates should communicate with C. M. W. Emery, Assiniboia.