

## The Women's Quiet Hour

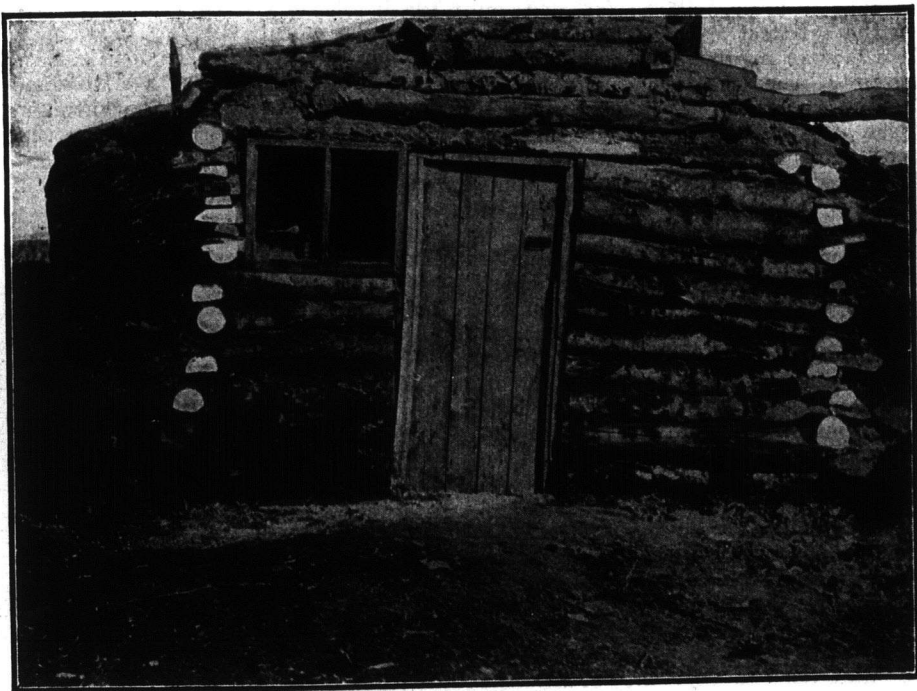
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The women Grain Growers of Saskatchewan are now a definitely established body and no doubt much valuable work will be done by them in the coming year. When the convention was held in Saskatoon in 1913 a committee was appointed with a view to permanent organization, but it was not possible to really undertake this work until the constitution of the Grain Growers' Association had been amended to permit of an auxiliary organization of the women, which, while not separating them entirely from the men's organization, would still leave them free for work of their own.

A good deal of quiet work has been done during the year, particularly by the women who were on the committee. When the time for the Grain Growers' meeting came round this year F. W. Green, Secretary of the Grain Growers' Association for Saskatchewan, was anxious to have "Lillian Laurie" and "Nellie L. McClung" go to Moose Jaw and take charge of the women's convention. Both of these women, however, realized that in doing so they would be doing an injustice to the women of Sas-

their reason for asking for money from the central funds, rather than asking for the control of their own fees, was that they wished to remain an integral part of the general association. They had questions of their own which could best be discussed in meetings of their own, but they wanted to feel that the men were behind them in their undertakings, also they wished to feel that they could be of some assistance to the men's organizations also. Miss Beynon followed along the same line, and Mrs. Thompson, of Netherhill, endorsed what they had said. They had asked for ten minutes in which to present their case; all the speeches, however, did not occupy quite five minutes. As soon as they had finished speaking the resolution was put and carried with only one dissenting vote.

Personally, I was extremely proud of the delegation. They spoke clearly and distinctly, and could be heard in every part of the large church in which the meeting was held, and which seats over two thousand. They stated their cases clearly and without a waste word, and President Maharg, of the central organization, said the men might take a lesson from them.



Home sweet Home. A shack on the prairie

katchewan; it was not giving the committee appointed by the women a fair chance and they declined. Miss Frances Beynon undertook to help the women, and the convention in that of the Grain Growers' Association was duly called. There was a good attendance and it was very representative. On the second day the men's body finally got round to the amendments of the constitution and added a sub-section, which states "wherever ten women members are enrolled in any local association they may form a women's auxiliary for the purpose of studying and discussing ways and means for dealing with women's questions and work. They may call such meetings as they desire, appoint officers precisely in the same manner as the local association, they may provide for their own financing, and administer the same, independent of the local association fund, providing they are all members of good standing in the local. As soon as this amendment passed the women organized their own central association, electing Mrs. McNaughton, of Piche, Sask., as president.

They felt, and rightly so, that they could not get very far without a paid secretary, and they appointed a delegation to wait on the men's association, and asked for grant from the general funds for this work. These delegates asked for ten minutes in which to state their case; they were introduced by C. A. Dunning, the retiring vice-president. In moving that they be heard, he moved also that they be granted \$500 from the general funds to carry on their organization work. This resolution being promptly seconded. The women addressed the meeting. Mrs. McNaughton spoke first, stating very simply that

At the meeting in Saskatoon last year there were a large number of women present who were members of the Home-makers' Clubs, and at that time they were very anxious to have the women Grain Growers unite with them, but a few, at least, of the women were wise enough to see that this would not be for the best interest of their organization. The Home-makers' Clubs have their place, and a very important place it is, in the life of the women of Saskatchewan, but they are, to a considerable extent, under the control of the University and the Department of Agriculture, and therefore, political questions may not be taken up in their gatherings, that means that such important reforms as "Votes for Women," "the Dower Law," and better protection of women and children cannot be taken up or advanced. The women Grain Growers will be absolutely free in this respect, and as the men Grain Growers have repeatedly declared themselves in favor of votes for women, there is no doubt that this will form an important part of the projected work of the women's auxiliary and they will have ample support from the men in carrying out anything that will further this reform. They will also be able to engage with greater activity in the propaganda for co-operative trading and many things that will go to improve conditions for themselves and for their children.

I was not able to personally attend the women's meetings, being obliged to be present at those of the men, but I saw and talked with a number of delegates, and at the last session I was able to be present for a few moments, and



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