

Manitoba

This Section of The Guide is conducted officially for the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association
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To the secretary:—I am mailing you today under separate cover a number of copies of the report of the last annual convention. This report contains more information of the Grain Growers' movement than our annual reports did in former years. There are also a number of valuable and illuminating addresses on questions that the Grain Growers are interested in and questions that are of special interest to farmers at the present time and which the association is engaged in the solution of for the benefit of the farming industry so as to make farming more profitable and attractive.

There is a good deal of expense connected with getting this annual report printed and distributed which makes a heavy drain on the resources of the central office. The board of directors have decided to make a charge of 8 cents per copy. This only covers the actual cost of printing and mailing. The members of our associations will find the reports valuable for propaganda work and for securing members.

R. McKENZIE, Secretary.

Note:—At present writing these have all been mailed to our secretaries and we will be glad to furnish more on request. This convention report should be in the hands of every member of our branches.

RIVERS-WHEATLAND REPORT

Dear Sir:—Enclosed please find report of the Rivers-Wheatland branch of M.G.G.A. Am sorry that I am so late in sending this in. We had our annual meeting on December 30. During 1915 we had 25 members. We did some co-operative buying such as fence posts, wire, twine and apples. The profits on handling these were put in the treasury of our association. The officers for 1916 are: president, A. Maddler; vice-president, A. Couch; Secretary, L. W. Goekoop; and directors, B. Vance, W. Sargent, C. Holt, J. Shanks, J. Taylor, A. White, all of Rivers P.O.

NEW BRANCH AT DEERFIELD

Organizer McCuish attended a meeting at Deerfield in response to a request from that district and organized a branch of our association at that point. F. Goodison was chairman of the meeting and F. A. Carpenter was elected president, J. Graham, vice-president, and Oliver, secretary. Owing to having given only two days' notice for the first meeting, a full representation of those who will become members was not present so that the directors will be elected at the next meeting. Deerfield is in a mixed farming district and they want to be organized so as to get the best prices for their butter, eggs and all other produce which they ship out of that district.

BUTLER ASSOCIATION

The Butler association was re-organized this month and in sending in their dues for 12 paid up members report that they expect to have a good increase of membership at their next meeting. H. S. Bradley is the secretary of this branch and we expect to see a good strong organization at this point.

ANOTHER NEW BRANCH

Secretary J. O. Argue writes as follows:—"It is with pleasure that I beg to inform you that we have today organized a branch of the Grain Growers at Elgin and have already a paid up membership of 30 for which please find enclosed a P.O. order for \$22.50, our membership dues to the central association. The following were the officers elected for 1916. President, Chas. Mitchell; vice-president, Wm. Sadler; secretary-treasurer, J. O. Argue; and directors, Messrs. Muir, Moffatt, Loutitt, Maguire, Sedler and Chambers. Will be glad of any literature, etc., for furthering the work of our association."

FOXWARREN BRANCH

The following has been forwarded from the Foxwarren Association:—"It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of one of our most ardent members in the person of Mrs. C. McNeil, which took place on March 1. The funeral took place from the Presbyterian church where a most impressive service was held by the Rev. McLaren assisted by the Rev. Melvor and Rev. Loree. She leaves to mourn her loss a loving husband and five children. The following letter was forwarded to Mr. McNeil and family from the Foxwarren Grain Growers' Association of which he is vice-president:

"We, the members of the Foxwarren Grain Growers' Association wish to convey to you and family our heartfelt sympathy in your deep sorrow which it has been the will of our Heavenly Father that you should pass thru. We realize that there is no loss greater to man or woman than that of losing their companion, but we also rejoice to know that the parting is but for a little while, when we may all meet in that better land where there is no pain, no sorrow, and no parting evermore. We hope that you may be given courage and strength and as the many questions arise in regard to your home and your business upon which you have been accustomed in the past to have the helpful advice and wisdom of your late wife, you may be given a double share of understanding that prosperity both material and spiritual may ever be the lot of yourself and your family. The object of our association is to help one another and we feel that as an association we have sustained a sad loss in the death of your loving wife, for we know that she and yourself were always amongst our ablest and firmest supporters and so we like you to know that we are thinking of you with deepest sympathy and praying that the silver lining of your dark cloud may shine thru."

Signed on behalf of the Foxwarren Grain Growers.
R. J. Donnelly, Secretary.
C. Burdette, President.
Mrs. F. Cooper, Behalf of the ladies.

PATRIOTIC ACRE FUND

We have received this week thru Manager Hall, of the Oak River Bank of B.N.A. a draft for \$976.50 contributed by farmers in the Oak River district thru the efforts of the Oak River Grain Growers' Association. The following are the contributors to this handsome donation:—H. Argue, \$29; R. Barr, \$20; G. E. Barrett, \$30; J. G. Barr, \$30; Jas. Black, \$25; D. S. Black, \$25; W. J. Cunningham, \$15; J. Campbell, \$20; R. E. Delameter, \$25; J. P. Duff, \$30; W. W. Hays, \$25; Jas. Hanna, \$20; Jos. Hedley, \$25; Robt. Hedley, \$25; Thos. Henry, \$25; Chas. Henry, \$25; C. O. Hyndham, \$35; M. Hyndman, \$15; Wm. Miller, \$30; Ed. Mylrea, \$15; W. J. Muir, \$30; W. R. McKenzie, \$25; K. C. McKenzie, \$20; G. McIntyre, \$25; F. McDonald, \$25; Thos. Nesbitt, \$30; Wm. Nesbitt, \$40; H. Pinkhorn, \$24; J. C. Reid, \$30; Jas. Scott, \$20; C. G. Sparling, \$25; T. E. Sparrow, \$30; C. A. Smyth, \$30; W. J. Smyth, \$40; Geo. Short, \$25; B. J. Stephens, \$25; W. J. Snowden, \$22.50; Wm. Tweed, \$15; W. H. Walton, \$15. Total, \$976.50.

Note—We are very pleased to see so many of our branches getting this Patriotic Acre Scheme in shape before the spring work starts, and hope any others who have not yet completed and sent in their contributions will do what they can as early as possible.

PATRIOTIC ACRE RETURNS

Previously acknowledged	\$15,218.54
H. H. Giles—Bethany Ass'n.	20.00
Portage la Prairie, per Hon.	
Arthur Meighen	22.25
Oak River G.G. Ass'n	976.50
Rounthwaite, per Jas. Davidson	25.00
Birtle G.G. Ass'n	125.30
Glenella Ass'n, per T. R. Hurham	22.00
Beulah G.G. Ass'n	119.95
Total	\$16,629.54

BIRTLE CONTRIBUTION

Secretary Cartwell, of the Birtle branch of the M.G.G.A., sends in a draft for \$125.30, contributed by the following persons:—H. H. Davidson, \$25; A. Quelch, \$27.30; A. Cottingham, \$24.50; R. Thornton, \$28; R. M. Cherry, \$20.50, being returns for Patriotic Acre pledges for war relief.

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ORGANIZATION WORK

As a result of a series of meetings held along the line of railway between St. Claude and Glenboro, a considerable amount of interest has been created and arrangements started for the holding of at least two central summer gatherings, one somewhere in the locality of Treherne and Holland and the other further west, somewhere between Cypress and Glenboro. It is the intention to make these special farmers' days. Social and educational entertainment will be the strong features in connection with these gatherings. Full announcement will be made when arrangements are completed.

SOCIAL AT BINSWORTH

The annual social of the Binsworth Grain Growers' Association held in the Waller Hall on March 9, broke the record by an attendance of fully 400. The program, consisting of solos, duets, recitations, was a very high class one, each number receiving corresponding appreciation and applause. The patriotic pieces were specially encored, calling back to memory some fifty boys from the district now with the colors, many in the trenches, some never to return.

Great interest centred in the debate on "Taxation of Mail Order Houses." Some difficulty had arisen by the affirmative debaters refusing to act one day prior to the debate. However, the Rev. Melvor and Principal Plewes re-

luctantly (on account of short preparation) consented to take the affirmative, and Messrs. Wm. Creighton and Turnbull, of the Grain Growers' Association, the negative. The time limit was ten minutes. Judges were Miss Crerar, Rev. Shemilt and H. Murray. The solid arguments brought out by the negative proved convincing and conclusive to the judges, who gave their finding accordingly. Lunch was provided by the ladies of the association and the Red Cross Society, bringing to a close one of the best socials held.

WM. L. JOHNSON, Sec. Treas.

PLEDGES FROM HARTNEY

The secretary of the Hartney Association has forwarded the sum of \$354 as proceeds of pledges made. They expect to have a further contribution to this fund later. The names of those contributing this amount are as follows: Geo. Morrison; A. Oursamund, Thos. J. Fry, J. J. McBurney, J. G. Jasper, Roland Turnbull, E. J. Hodgson, J. G. Baker, Jas. Wadsworth, Geo. Wood, N. Barber, R. Jackson, Alex. McDonald, Geo. Gibson, F. A. Gibson, H. W. Thomas, John L. Gordon and Wm. Robson.

The above is a very good average for eighteen contributors.

CONTRIBUTION FROM MINTO

The Minto Grain Growers' Association have sent in the handsome sum of \$683.50 to the Patriotic Acre fund this week. On account of the difficulty in getting around in the country since the New Year many of our branches have not completed the canvass of their districts, but we hope they will endeavor to do so now that the weather is moderating somewhat.