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PICNIC AT ELBOW

I received your letter of May 29, in which you state the revised idea of holding a series of picnics throughout the country. I am much pleased to know that Elbow is in the schedule. We had a meeting on June 1, and we decided on June 19, as the date on which we will hold our picnic and I was instructed to write you of our earnest desire for your presence on that date if it is possible for you to attend and I also wish you would insert in the Saskatchewan section of The Guide, notice of our picnic on June 19 inviting the members of the surrounding local Grain Growers associations to be present, the picnic to be held on the shore of the Saskatchewan River at Elbow. I also wish to know about your membership buttons. We wish to have quite a number on the day of the picnic and if it will be necessary for me to forward the required amount before-hand or if you will bring them along if you come.

JOSEPH KRETSCH, Sec'y.
Elbow G. G. A.

Yours of June 3, re picnic, to hand and noted. We note you have selected June 19 as the date on which you will hold your picnic. You have asked me to be present and address the crowd. Now, while willing to do this, it is on the distinct understanding that your committee provide a time and place for the speaking. There must be no sports going on at that time. There must be a place set in the program where everything else stops and the people have a chance to listen. Otherwise, there is no use our going. Time is precious and I cannot afford to come unless I can have a clear-cut opportunity to present matters of the Association to the people. It will be up to the local board to make this provision. Our experience shows that holding picnics in conjunction with town officials is dangerous and they generally try to side track the Grain Growers. It may not be the case in Elbow; we hope not, but that is our experience. Doubtless Elbow is an exception in this matter, at any rate, to be forewarned is to be forearmed. Should anything happen unforeseen at present, to prevent my coming we will endeavor to send a better man.

Regarding buttons—we have now a plentiful supply on hand and can send you some on receipt of the price. We have set this rule as we have had much difficulty re buttons sent out the other way. We sell them at 25 cents each but when officers send for them in lots of twenty-five we give them to the Association at \$5.00 a box of 25, or 20 cents each. That leaves 5 cents per button to go into the local treasury, so that on 100 your local would clear \$5.00. You can offer them for sale at the picnic. Usually they sell like hot cakes as nobody wants to be without a Grain Growers' button. We shall endeavor to do some business on Life Membership as well as endeavor to strengthen your Association by setting forth our general modus operandi. Now the whole success of your picnic will depend on the local board and the success of our address will largely depend on the opportunity afforded the speaker—the balance with the speaker himself.

F.W.G.

A CROWDED PROGRAM

I received your favor of the 25th inst. in regard to speakers for picnic and your suggestion of writing to a certain person but you left a blank for the name and address so I am at a loss to know where to write. We have secured as other speakers our Conservative candidate, Dr. Brown, also our Liberal candidate, Dr. Mitchell, a speaker from the Agricultural Society, also three ball teams and a brass band. Our date will be June 14, on the E. 1/2-33-2-14. The nearest station is Colgate on the C.N.R. We will have to leave the choosing of a Grain Growers' speaker to you as we are not prepared to do it ourselves. Hoping you can do this without trouble to you.

HARRY McALPINE, Sec'y.
Lyndale G. G. A.

Saskatchewan

This Section of The Guide is conducted officially for the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association by Fred W. Green, Secretary, Moose Jaw, Sask.

Yours of the 30th ult. re speakers for picnic to hand. We wrote you on the 27th and in that letter stated President Maharg and myself were expecting to go to your picnic, but as you set forth in yours of the 30th you have arranged with Dr. Brown and Dr. Mitchell, a speaker from the Agricultural Society, three ball teams and a brass band and it appears to me you will have no time for our speaker. We should like to come and address your people but kindly do not advocate or advertise our coming unless your committee is prepared to give us a place on the program and time to speak. I have already been to picnics gotten up by the G. G. A. where they went into partnership with a small town and the town and politicians ran the picnic and are generally opposed to the Grain Growers' movement and their speakers and will not give them a chance to take part if they can help it. Now kindly do not ask us to come unless you are prepared to give us a place. If you are so prepared we shall be happy to come but write us and let us know.

PICNIC AT KEDDLESTON

Herewith are minutes of a meeting of our Association held on Monday last. You will note on perusal that a circular from the Freight Claims Bureau was read and that I was instructed to write to you for a little more information. Also you will note that we have solved the picnic problem on our own account. We have decided to hold it at the Lakeside nearby and ask Mr. Alcock if he can come. If he replies favorably I am to communicate with Bethune and Disley at once. July 12 is the date suggested. Please find enclosed \$15.00 subscriptions to date. There will be more to come later, meanwhile this is a help. Our Co-operative Elevator is very nearly completed. An early reply to our first question will be appreciated.

W. T. PALMER, Sec'y.
Keddleston G. G. A.

We herewith enclose our receipt for \$15.00 membership fees as per yours of the 30th inst. with thanks. Re picnics—Glad to know you have solved the picnic problem on your own account. That looks like business. I trust Mr. Alcock will be able to attend. We note you have decided on July 12. Several have fixed on that date.

I am glad to know your Co-operative Elevator is nearly completed. I note by your minutes something regarding a Freight Claims Bureau. I do not know all this organization can do for you, doubtless considerable, as they no doubt concentrate on the business of securing attention to damage claims and, making a speciality of that, can in all probability render good service. I would say, however, that if the members of our Association would raise the membership fee so as to pay half as much into our Central fees as they do to become members of this Freight Claims Bureau, we could establish a Freight Claims Bureau that would be a credit and of great assistance to members of our Association. I submit fifty cents per member is not sufficient to provide an efficient protection for all the varied interests of farmers.

I note you are going to have a paid secretary. That looks like business.

Re twine—things are different now when you are buying twine for 9 cents per lb. Eaton's are offering it at 8 1/2 cents. I remember when the Grain Growers were compelled to pay 18 1/2 cents per lb. for twine.

Wishing you all a prosperous year both personally and collectively, especially that you shall have a splendid time on the 18th of July.

(Note: I dare hardly put the initials of my name as it is objected to as occupying so much space in this page. But I have to do it so as to distinguish what I say from what I am instructed to say and both of these from what the Editor of The Guide says.)

F.W.G.

We held a meeting on the 25th of May, but only twelve members were present at the rural schoolhouse. The question of co-operation on twine was brought up with Ridgford association and we

await their secretary's prices. Our formalin cost 16 cents a lb., what a difference to 70 cents—two years ago; we had a block order of 120 lbs. so you might guess what we think about this association. Twine last year cost \$8.90 per hundred lbs. at this point.

The question of appointing delegates to attend a joint meeting at Guernsey on June 1, at 2 p.m., was also taken up. The president and myself were elected to represent this Association and the following questions were given us: cheaper money, hail insurance (municipal) backed up by Government. I was asked by the meeting to speak on our Life Membership and any other questions we deem advisable, both local and otherwise. We are working hard for Life Members here, hoping to get several this fall. The circular you sent was read and a great discussion followed, but opinions were divided, some say, "run members," others say, "no, keep our Association together, leave politics absolutely alone". These suggestions set our members thinking. Central was described as a young tree and the rural associations its branches; one cannot live without the other. Life Membership was described as the root. Now, Mr. Green, when we think of it, given a good root or foundation or men in the cause for life, the association need fear nothing, what I specially fear is the dividing of our association. Let our association fail and where are we? No, Mr. Green, by all means, the time is not ripe. When we get a Life Membership of 10,000 or so, then go ahead, we have got good backing and we will be standing more firm and consequently we will have nothing to fear. Keep going. We are doing well and will do better. We know that an annual member cannot be relied on to stick, and all members should emphasize this during the picnic season. I believe we will have a joint picnic at this point some time this summer, but it will be in the hands of W. T. Wells, Secretary-Treasurer of Ridgford Association, Venn P. O., so of course I cannot say for sure but we have promised to co-operate with them. Wishing you continued success,

ERNEST J. LAMBERT, Sec'y.
Thornfield, G. G. A.

ENDOWMENT FUND PRINCIPLE O.K.

"The London papers of May 14 publish the statement made by the Liverpool Journal of Commerce that J. Bruce Ismay intends to provide an endowment fund for pensions for disabled seamen of all classes in connection with the White Star line, and for their widows as a thank offering and a memorial to the heroism of the Titanic's crew. The fund, it is further said, will probably amount to \$100,000."

The farmers of the prairie may not have had a Titanic wreck but they have on hand a gigantic economic struggle with a cunning rapacious rival. The manufacturers and their dependents—the Capitalists and their retainers—the speculators and their employees—the merchants and general distributing agencies—all together make a formidable army which live more or less in luxury out of the

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exploitation fund levied from the farmer, by whatever method it is secured. Out of the land the tribute money must come.

Why not an endowment fund on behalf of the struggling agricultural class? The endowment idea seems O.K. \$1.00 each from all the farmers in Saskatchewan would create a \$100,000 endowment fund with which a Saskatchewan Farmers' building could be erected, a permanent home for all farmers' organizations; containing a grand convocation hall and such other equipment and facilities as to house the different institutions in our movement—a building such as farmers might be proud of and any one of our cities might covet to secure—a building to which every farmer might contribute his mite and in which a common interest might centre. Basement and upper floors might be constructed so as to render most constant service and secure permanent revenue for up-keep and maintenance. Then our life membership when it grows to the proportions it is entitled to will have with the rest a permanent place from which it can be administered. Not a Winnipeg Grain Exchange but a Saskatchewan Farmers' Exchange.

WAITED FOUR YEARS FOR WAGES

A High River extract of May 18, says, "F. F. Butler, farmer, southeast of High River is now engaged in threshing wheat sown in 1910. The sheaves lay on the field all winter without even being stacked and are now yielding thirty bushels to the acre. This crop has the unique record of having been sown in 1910, cut in 1911 and threshed in 1912. The field consists of eight hundred acres."

The above mentioned crop stands a fair chance of reaching its ultimate market in 1913. It doubtless took the year 1909 to prepare the ground, so F. F. Butler had to work and wait four years before securing his returns, and by some he is asked to feed the crop to hens, hogs and cattle and wait still another year or two. How would engineers, conductors, carpenters, stonemasons, blacksmiths, storekeepers, lawyers, judges and all city workers like to wait that long for their wages?—What an outcry there would be!

A GREAT EVANGEL

A party of more than one hundred noted clergymen and religious workers of the United Kingdom sailed recently for Canada. They are officers and members of the Federated Brotherhoods of the Old Land, which has a membership of 750,000 and the primary object of their trip is to attend a meeting to be held in Toronto for the organization of a similar brotherhood to embrace all of the existing evangelical brotherhoods and societies in the Dominion.

What a pity we could not get them to evangelize the 80,000 farmers of Saskatchewan who stand aloof wildly clutching for a share of each benefit secured by our organization. What a crying need for universal organization, education, co-operation in an endeavor to secure for all applied Christianity in all the business relationships of men.

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