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WINNERS IN GRAIN COMPETITION

The Bulyea Grain Growers' Association, won first prize in the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' grain competition and hence this local now becomes the proud possessor of the beautiful shield which was donated last year by the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company. A. Waterhouse, Jr., is the secretary of the Bulyea Local and he is very much pleased with the honor conferred upon his association.

It is expected that a much larger number of locals will compete for this prize next year. Many more would have entered this year except for the fact that the rust injured the quality of so much of the grain.

The Rockhaven Local which secured first place last year was a close second this year and have hopes of winning the shield back at our next exhibition.

The following is a list of the awards in the competition:

- 1st—Bulyea Local, Bulyea, Sask.; A. Waterhouse, Jr., secretary, \$100.
- 2nd—Rockhaven Local, Rockhaven; T. C. Raymond, secretary, \$75.00.
- 3rd—Assiniboia Local, Assiniboia; J. A. Ludlow, secretary, \$50.00.
- 4th—Speers Local, Speers; D. Japp, secretary, \$40.00.
- 5th—Belbeck Local, Belbeck, Sask.; W. H. Beesley, secretary, \$30.00.
- 6th—Dufor Local, Dufor, Sask.; E. E. Bolton, acting secretary, \$25.00.
- 7th—MacRorie Local, MacRorie, Sask.; Geo. Weston, secretary, \$20.00.
- 8th—Hohue Local, Perdue, Sask.; J. McMark, secretary, \$15.00.
- 9th—Keddlerton Local, Keddlerton, Sask.; G. C. McIntree, secretary, \$10.00.
- 10th—Hay Creek Local, Maple Creek; E. J. Holm's, secretary, \$5.00.

Specials:

- 1st—Barley, Buffalo Horn Local, gold watch.
- 1st—Wheat, Rockhaven Local, gold watch.
- 1st—Oats, Rockhaven Local, gold watch.

MUSSELMAN'S ADDRESS AT LILYFIELD

Central Secretary:—Enclosed please find cutting from Prince Albert Herald of July 14, giving a fairly detailed account of your address to our association.

It is surely a sign of the changed conditions when a newspaper will even print such an article. When one realizes too it was printed in Saturday's paper, the paper that reaches the farmer, the semi-weekly, it increases one's astonishment. Look at the headlines: "He Exposes Many of the Attempts to get Better of Farmers!"

This article will be read by hundreds of farmers. I believe it is the only one of your several addresses that has received wide publicity and I am firmly convinced that your address in our very little schoolroom has done equally as much good as all the other addresses you gave up here put together.

E. D. POTTER, Sec. Treas.

Lily Plain Assn.

Butterby, July 19, 1917.

The following is a copy of the article in part above referred to:—On Saturday evening, July 7, 1917, the most momentous meeting of the Lily Plain Grain Growers' Association was held in the school house, when a large number of members and visitors, including many ladies, were addressed by J. H. Musselman, Central Secretary of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association from Regina, and Andrew Knox of Colleton, District Director, District No. 12. President Wm. Dunbar occupied the chair.

The visitors' entry was greeted with enthusiastic clapping of hands. The president very happily welcomed them on behalf of the association and called upon Mr. Knox to address the meeting. Mr. Knox, acknowledging the cheers, stated he would say little, as no doubt they were anxious to get as long an address as possible from Mr. Musselman, and that many opportunities would undoubtedly occur in the future for him to address them.

How Council Protected Wheat Prices

The president then introduced Mr. Musselman, who received an unusually enthusiastic greeting. After a little fun at Mr. Knox's expense and after expressing the appreciation of the

large attendance, he complimented the work of the Local Officials and urged the members to give them every support. He then proceeded to show why every farmer should become a member of the Grain Growers' Association by proving how the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association protect the interests of the farmers. He explained how a few months ago the Federal government at Ottawa, acting for the Imperial government, wished to buy the exportable surplus of the 1917 wheat crop. It proposed that all wheat be taken by the government on a basis of \$1.30 per bushel for No. 1 Nor. at Fort William. The Canadian Council of Agriculture took the matter up very aggressively in the farmers' interests and the speaker expressed his absolute conviction that had it not been for the constant alertness of this body the Federal government would have commandeered the whole of the 1917 wheat crop on a basis of \$1.30 per bushel for No. 1 at Fort William or approximately \$1.00 a bushel at Prince Albert.

The matter of railway rates was gone into in great detail, including the application of the railways for 15 per cent. increase in rates. Mr. Musselman proved by a very apt illustration on the blackboard that if such increases were authorized it would result in taking millions of dollars out of the pockets of the western farmers. He explained that the C.P.R., an efficiently managed railway, already paying good dividends on the money invested in it, while not asking for the increased rate, would get benefit to the extent of \$20,000,000 if it were granted, while the balance of \$20,000,000, even if divided between the C.N.R. and G.T.P., could not possibly place them on their feet as claimed in their application for the increase as they never had any feet to stand on.

Tariff 17, was then dealt with and the proposed changes in classifications explained, the blackboard being again requisitioned to show that the rate, if granted, would considerably increase the cost of goods to the farmer.

Answers Many Questions

Mr. Musselman then touched on the ethical side of the Grain Growers' movement. Turning to the ladies he expressed especial pleasure at seeing them present and taking an interest in grain growers' affairs. He was certain their influence would be for good. He complimented them on receiving the franchise, advising them to study the questions of the day and to always vote according to their honest convictions. He felt sure if this were done they would accomplish much for the betterment of home conditions, the condition of the children and the country generally.

Mr. Musselman then invited questions and answered many concerning shipping of wheat, embargo on cars, railway weights, the Grain Act and numerous other subjects.

E. D. Potter, the secretary treasurer, in proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Musselman and Mr. Knox, expressed the appreciation of the members of the Lily Plain association for the great personal inconvenience they had gone to in order to address the meeting.

The meeting closed with the singing of "God Save the King" and three ringing cheers for Mr. Musselman.

RETIRING SECRETARY CHAIRED

A very enjoyable evening was spent on February 26 when the members of the MacRorie G.O.A. rallied to spend a social time together. Owing to the inclement weather, the attendance was rather disappointing. However, those who braved the storm, determined to make the affair a success. The ladies heartily supplied the good things of life in the way of eatables and after supper a short program was rendered by local talent.

The main event of the evening was the presentation to H. A. Metcalf, our late secretary, of a splendid Moria chair with silver plate attached, en-

graved: "Presented to Mr. H. A. Metcalf by the MacRorie Grain Growers' Association as a mark of esteem, February 26, 1917." This came as a great surprise to Mr. Metcalf, but he was equal to the occasion and thanked the members in a neat speech. He afterwards occupied the chair as chairman with great success and helped to ward the success of the evening, by relating anecdotes between the different items of the program.

A collection was taken up in behalf of the Belgian Relief Fund and a cushion, donated by Mrs. Barnes, was drawn for, the lucky number being held by Mrs. J. G. Cleveland. I am enclosing Money Order for \$53.78, made up as follows:

Receipts from the collection	
after defraying expenses	\$37.18
Proceeds from cushion	16.80
	\$53.98

Everybody present voted the rally an unqualified success.

Geo. Weston,
Sec. Treas. MacRorie G.O.A.

GOOD WORK IN DISTRICT TEN

In continuation of the summer campaign arranged by the organization department of the central office, a meeting of the Hama Local took place on Saturday, July 7, when addresses bearing on the work of the association were delivered by J. L. Rooke, of Togo, District of District No. 10, and Mrs. Rooke. Though the attendance was not large those present evinced a deep interest in association affairs, which will no doubt bear fruit in due season.

On the 18th inst. Mr. Rooke visited the Kamsack Local, where the annual picnic was taking place. Over 300 persons paid for admission at the gate, but unfortunately the committee had arranged for the address to take place after the games, etc., and as these were not concluded until after the time of Mr. Rooke's departure, no address could be given. This was a great disappointment to Mr. Rooke, and should by all means be avoided by Locals in arranging for the visits of speakers in the future.

The 20th of July saw Mr. Rooke at Pasqua, where he gave an address along with W. G. Stewart, of Lac Vert. T. Morrow, of Bond, was also present, while Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Werts arrived by auto from Wadena. Owing to insufficient advertising the attendance was small but the meeting was excellent, the address being greatly enjoyed. There is no doubt that much good that much good will result from these meetings, as the members and the central organization will learn something of the difficulties with which each has to contend.—S. W. Y.

MR. FLEMING VISITS LOCALS

Summer is the time when a great opportunity is presented to the directors of the association to get into close touch with the rank and file of our members, and full advantage is at present being taken of this period to awaken the interest and arouse the enthusiasm of members in all parts of the province. One who has been doing good work in this direction is H. C. Fleming, of Tato, a Director at Large of the association.

On July 27, Mr. Fleming visited the Hytheswood local, ten miles south-east of Regina. Here he was faced with a "solid phalanx" of six members! He confessed to a "little disappointment" at the number present, but referred appreciatively to the quality of the few, with whom he spent a profitable time. Whether consciously or unconsciously, this was a tribute to the Hytheswood local. It is quality that counts in these days; and those members of the local who had the bad fortune to be absent from this meeting will do well to get in at once among the quality and thus do something to improve the common stock.

Raymore, "a very neat and pretty little place, with a park-like country around, and all kinds of berries in the

bush," is Mr. Fleming's description of his next meeting-place. After such a description one cannot wonder that he was able to report a good turn-out, not only of Raymore members, but also a number from Poplar View and Nemans. The rally took place in the afternoon and after the meeting the ladies served tea and cakes, etc., which were very much appreciated. Mr. Fleming reports this local as being "very much alive."—S. W. Y.

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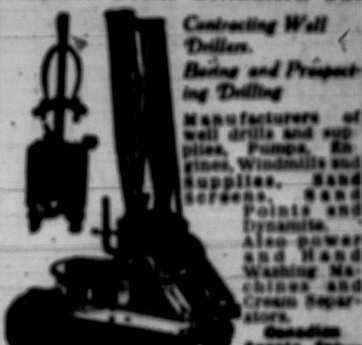
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