

convention, and others will be chosen later on. The three picked out on Saturday were J. J. Stanton, G. T. Gascoigne and Thos. Balaam.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring president for his services during the past year.

The next meeting of the local branch will be held on Saturday, January 9, 1909.

THOS. BALAAM,
Secretary-Treasurer.

BLARIS FLOURISHING

The annual meeting of the Blaris Grain Growers' Association was held at Blaris school house on Thursday afternoon, December 31st.

After the minutes of last meeting were read and disposed of, President Iverach gave a splendid address urging the members to be faithful in their attendance at the meetings of the association, for without numbers the meeting lacked the enthusiasm which should characterize our meetings. He also gave a report of the correspondence which he had carried on with the warehouse commissioner re the placing of a man by the C.P.R. at the Arrow River siding to look after the Car Order Book. It was decided as the grain shipping season was so far advanced that we would not take any action till next fall and then demand either an agent or a man to look after the Car Order Book and seal cars.

The secretary in giving his report stated that he had secured to two different persons who had sums in dispute on cars of wheat shipped out through the elevator company, payment in full, by simply telling the agent that if the amount was not paid in full at once that the association would take the matter up and collect it.

This is only one of the various ways that the association is a benefit to the farmer, and it is the duty of every farmer to hand in his name and one dollar to help on the good work.

The officers for 1909 are:—President, Wm. Iverach; Vice-President, H. A. Wilson; Secretary-Treasurer F. A. Campbell; Directors—D. J. Hill, Wm. Rowles, J. D. Harrison, Chas. Craig, M. Bridge, Wesley Stewart, L. M. Hunkin.

On the meeting being opened for members to pay up, twenty names were placed on the roll.

President Iverach and Vice-President Wilson were appointed delegates to attend the Provincial Association at Brandon.

The Secretary presented a petition for signatures re government ownership of interior elevators, and as quite a number of the members felt that they did not understand the question sufficiently well to know whether it would be a good move to take or not, it was decided to make it a subject of debate at our next meeting to be held on Saturday afternoon, January 9th, at two o'clock. F. A. Campbell leads in favor of government ownership and Wm. Iverach opposed. Great interest is taken in this subject, as it is one of such vital importance to the farmer.

H. A. FRAZER, Sec.-Treas.

CARROLL STRONG FOR GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP

A meeting of the Carroll Grain Growers was held in Carroll on Jan. 2nd, 1909, and after a prolonged discussion in regard to government ownership of elevators and the marketing of grain in general, a petition was signed by a number of members asking the government to acquire control of internal and terminal elevators. It was also arranged to hold the annual social on Feb. 5th, 1909.

RIDGEVILLE WILL RISE AND BUILD

The annual meeting of the Ridgeville Branch of the Grain Growers' Association was held at Ridgeville on Tuesday, December 22. There was a good turnout, some 35 being present. This is a new branch organized this summer by T. W. Knowles and is making a good strong growth. In the election of officers Mr. Ham. Stuart was re-elected president, Mr. W. Lindsey vice-president, and Mr. A. McBean secretary. Messrs. S. Smith and T. Collins will be the delegates to Brandon convention. The Auditors' report showed a balance on hand without any liabilities, of \$16.50. About twenty-two joined the Association at this meeting. After an interesting and instructive address from Mr. T. W. Knowles, which was much appreciated by those present, a resolution was moved by Mr. S. Smith, seconded by W. Lindsey and carried unanimously, that this branch of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association request the Minister of Trade and Commerce to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Hon. Thomas Greenway on the Board of Railway Commissioners by the appointing of a prominent farmer satisfactory to the Grain Growers' Association. The petitions for government owned elevators circulated here has now over 200 names, and as there are over 1,000 petitions circulating in Manitoba the association expects to bring strong pressure to bear on the Government.

RIDGEVILLE GRAIN GROWERS TO BUILD A HALL AT RIDGEVILLE.

After the annual meeting on Tuesday those present formed a ways and means committee with the object of seeing what prospects there would be to build a hall at Ridgeville. As every one present were in favor of having a hall, it resolved itself into a committee of the whole as to the best way to get it started. A committee was formed consisting of H. Stewart, W. Lindsey, R. McLeland, A. McBean, Roy Whitman to arrange a plan to form a joint stock company of \$2,000 on shares of \$5 each to report the following Thursday. There is no doubt the company will be formed as those present were much in earnest and the hall is greatly needed. This will be the first building put up by the Grain Growers in this province and will be much to the credit of the enterprise of the Ridgeville association.

GRISWOLD RECOMMENDS A SAMPLE MARKET

Griswold, Man., Dec. 29, 1908.

R. McKenzie, Esq., Brandon, Man.

Dear Sir,—The Griswold Grain Growers' Association held their annual meeting on the 19th inst., there being a very interesting meeting, with D. C. McMillan in the chair, the president being absent on a vacation.

A great deal of interest was displayed in the government ownership of elevators, although there were diverse opinions on this subject. Some seem to think that it could not be handled successfully on account of the political graft which exists at the present time. If this point could be made clear this subject would receive the unanimous support of the people. But notwithstanding this, they recommend the establishing of a sample market where wheat can be bought for its milling qualities.

The petitions praying the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council for government ownership of elevators and sample market have been carefully distributed among the directors so that everyone will have a chance to fix their names upon it.

The following are the representatives to the Central Convention: Dan. Roberts, J. Sutherland, J. W. McManes.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, W. McCartney; Vice-President, D. C. McMillan, Secretary-Treasurer, J. W. McManes; Direc-