

DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

The great development that has taken place in recent years in the western and northern portions of the settled districts of the province has quite thrown out of balance the respective organization districts. That a radical re-arrangement of districts will have to be made has been apparent for a couple of years, and last year a new district was formed by dividing district No. 13 into two, thus creating district No. 16. But the inequality in size of the districts is still very pronounced and for the best interest of the Association there should either be a complete re-arrangement and some attempt at equalization of the districts or there should be a number of new districts created.

District No. 15, a couple of years ago almost without farmers, but now pretty well settled, covers a territory as large as districts number 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 combined and contains five lines of railway, not any two of which are connected, so that not only is the territory colossal, but also it is exceedingly difficult to get about in. District No. 14 is another very large district now well settled, running from Moose Jaw to the Alberta boundary along the main line of the C.P.R. and north to the South Saskatchewan; 14, 16 and 13 are of about the same size each and each is as large as the smallest three districts combined. The districts were laid out along lines of railway for convenience in getting about in them by the district director.

The locals are vitally interested in this matter, but it is one involving too much detail to be handled by the convention. Under the constitution the Central executive has power to deal with this whole question, but it will be laid before the full board at a meeting to be held at Regina, November 18.

Any suggestions or recommendations to come before the board should be in the hands of district directors or the Central secretary not later than November 17.

CENTRAL SECRETARY.

PATRIOTIC ACRE FUND
A Magnificent Contribution

Isaac Sterling, of Nashlyn, in Southern Saskatchewan, will in all probability go down in history as the largest individual contributor to the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Patriotic Acre Fund. When the fund was first initiated it was never expected that any one farmer would be found willing to make so great a sacrifice. But the unexpected, which so often happens, has happened once again. It is only a week or two since Isaac Sterling sent in a Patriotic Acre Form containing a promise of the proceeds of ten acres, and during the present week he has redeemed his promise by a contribution of 400 bushels of No. 1 wheat. It is magnificent. It brings honor to himself and also to the Association of which he forms a part. We have no V.C. to bestow, but we trust that he will realize the truth of the saying that "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

S. W. Y.

Thankful to the Great Creator

Dear Sir:—I enclose herewith my grain ticket for 40 bushels of No. 1 Marquis wheat, being my contribution to the Patriotic Acre Fund. My 75 acres of wheat crop went 41 bushels to the acre on the average. I gave 41 bushels, I was taken for dockage, leaving 40 to the fund.

Altho I am farming a quarter section and had severe losses with oxen owing to poor feed last winter, still I am most thankful to the Great Creator for such a bountiful harvest and I willingly give my little to such a deserving object. Altho I hail from Edinburgh (Scotland), I feel deeply for the poor war-ridden folk. God help them.

Yours sincerely,
WILLIAM G. McBAIN.

Superb, Sask.

Good Measure, Pressed Down and Running Over

Dear Sir:—My wheat averaged 45 bushels per acre, by thrasher's measure, and I herewith enclose a storage ticket for 57 bushels net. This covers the 45 promised with the balance of the load for good weight.

I have mailed my duplicate form, but do not suppose it matters.

Yours truly,
JAMES SUTHERLAND.

Saskatchewan

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A DISTRICT CONVENTION

To Local Secretaries of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association in District No. 4.

Gentlemen:—The annual convention of district No. 4 will be held in the Y.M.C.A. Hall, Regina, on Tuesday, November 16, at 9.30 standard time. It was thought well to meet on that date as the annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company is being held on November 17 and many of our members and delegates will be in Regina on those dates.

These district conventions, being something preparatory to the annual convention, are a very important feature of the organization and it is hoped we will have every local in the district represented at the district meeting. Furthermore, every local should feel an interest in duplicating the success of last year and sustaining the reputation then made of setting a good pace for the rest; ours being the first of the series.

From resolutions passed at this convention last year some of the most important work of the Association has been undertaken, principally the appointment of the committee on economics. Their work is still being carried on, and when conditions are ready for the application of their recommendations no doubt action will be taken.

A good program will be presented at the first session. The Central secretary and a number of the executive staff will be present to take part, answer questions and give general information on our Association work, and other gentlemen connected with the Grain Growers' movement have promised to be present to help to make the meetings a success. Representatives of the women's branch will also be present.

Please forward your resolutions as soon as possible in order that they may take proper place in the program.

Buy a one way ticket and take a standard certificate with same. The matter of pooling rates will be left for the convention to deal with.

If every local, whether men's or women's, sends delegates, one for each five paid members, the success of the convention is assured. Visiting delegates will be made welcome.

Yours for success,

R. M. JOHNSTON,

District Director No. 4.

Pasqua, Oct. 25, 1915.

OUR ASSOCIATION AND MUSIC

Our Association is expanding and there is room for more expansion. To encourage better farming is good; to produce bigger profits is better; but to help develop the highest type of citizen is the finest work of all. And one of the greatest means to attain that end is to encourage a love of music.

Every church, fraternal society, industrial concern and regiment has its music. Why not the G.G.A.? There is enough dormant talent lying scattered over the country today to change the color of prairie life. Will it be there tomorrow?

Recently, at the close of a local concert, a man said to me, "Where are the organists of tomorrow?" I looked at the thirty or forty young people standing around, who could none of them contribute one iota towards the musical part of the program. The pity of it! If boys, born and reared in the lowest strata of society, boys to whom the terms "father" and "home" are meaningless, will flock to a singing meeting in great numbers as they do, aye, and learn to sing, too, what might be accomplished by even our most backward local, and it would.

Many locals are exercising great musical talent, but it is as locals, not as part of the Association. These locals remind one of a plant of machinery in motion without the driving belts.

Why not our Association supply the belts? Why not promote a spirit of emulation and competition among our locals? Why not our locals in competition at the Saengerfest? If the singers from my local can render the best glee why not the whole Association know of it, just as much as which local can put up the best grain exhibit at the fair?

Some of the results of making music a feature of the Association's work: More definite local work. A more attractive community. A more permanent type of teacher. Less distinction between town and country life. A bond of sympathy with the "New Canadian." School musical instruments kept in order. Pianolos and phonographs used as contributors to, rather than substitutes for, individual talent. Music for the dancers instead of "time" beaten or scraped. And, most important of all, our Association would provide one antidote for the spirit of materialism which is more and more taking such a hold on prairie life.

VIOLET McNAUGHTAN.

Piche, Nov. 1, 1915.

THE CAR ORDER BOOK

I am writing you for some information on the distribution of cars. I wish to know if a person can place his name on more than one order book at one time. For instance, there are a number of men have their names in Zealandia and also in Sovereign. If it is not allowed I would like to know how to proceed to have their names removed from the order book here.

L. D. J.

Answer.—With regard to farmers signing the car order book at various stations, I would point you to the Canada Grain Act, section 195-205. The point which you raise does not appear to be directly dealt with, but the equity of the case

would appear to me to be somewhat as follows:—

One man may be the owner of a number of farms situated at various points in the West. For instance, he might have one farm in Alberta, one in Saskatchewan and one in Manitoba. No one would advance the argument that if this farmer signed a car order book in Alberta he should not be permitted to sign one in Manitoba at the same time, or if he signed for a car in Saskatchewan that he would be debarred from signing for one in Alberta. The same principle is involved if a farmer desires to sign the car order books at two different points less widely separated. I see no reason why a farmer should not sign the car order book at all points at which he wishes to deliver grain. I know of farmers who deliver grain from the same farm to three different stations on three different lines of railway. They appear to be entitled to secure cars in their proper order at each of these points.

CENTRAL SECRETARY

THE PRICE OF GRAIN

At our last meeting the following resolution was passed and we would ask you to give same attention if it is possible for you to do anything in this connection.

Moved by M. P. Wolverson, seconded by Thos. E. Parker, "That we move a resolution asking Central secretary to appeal to the Imperial government in regard to the grain market situation, requesting the Imperial government to look into the matter of prices paid for grain, and if possible lessen the difference paid for grain in Canada and the same grain in Liverpool, England."

ERNEST PARKER,

Sec'y Spalding Local.

G. A. FRANCIS,

Pres. Spalding Local.

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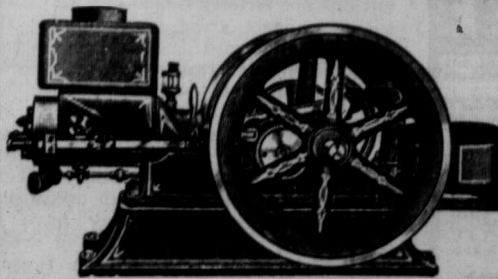
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