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MANITOBA GRAIN GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

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MEETING AT FRANKLIN

About twenty-five prominent farmers of Franklin district met in Franklin on January 16 and were addressed at some length by Wm. Moffat, of The Grain Growers' Grain company, who dealt with the relation of the Home Bank to The Grain Growers' Grain company, and showed where it was the duty of every farmer as far as possible to support these institutions. He also spoke at some length on the urgent need of a sample market and reduction in freight rates, and the aims and objects of The Grain Growers' Grain company. Mr. Berland, manager of the Home bank, Neepawa, was also present and gave a very interesting talk on banking methods, ending with a stirring appeal for support of the Home Bank of Canada because it was in every sense a farmers' bank.

The object of this meeting was to talk over the possibility of establishing a branch of that bank in Franklin. A large delegation of prominent farmers will attend the Grain Growers' association convention at Brandon.

GOOD MEETING AT ARIZONA

The Arizona branch of Manitoba Grain Growers' association on Wednesday, January 10, held a most successful concert and address from Mr. R. McKenzie on the aims of the association and especially the need of co-operation. In spite of the thermometer registering 40 below zero we had a full house. There were nearly as many ladies present as men, who took a keen interest in Mr. McKenzie's address. It was strongly expressed that similar entertainments at intervals during the winter months would greatly help the association to achieve its aims as an educational and social body.

Mr. T. A. North, president, being in the chair and having made an appropriate speech, Miss M. North and Mr. H. North gave a violin and organ recital, followed by a duet by the Misses Lemercier, song by Mr. G. H. North, duet by Mrs. Jackson and Mr. Waring, song by Mrs. Jackson, song by Mr. H. Peek, duet by the Misses Lemercier and a comic sketch by Messrs. North.

The chairman then proposed a vote of thanks to those who had contributed to the entertainment and to Mr. McKenzie for his interesting discourse. Mr. Sharpley seconded the motion, which was enthusiastically passed. "God Save the King" concluded a most enjoyable afternoon.

THOS. ZACHARY, Sec.-Treas.

ROSSBURN ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Grain Growers' association of Rossburn was held on December 23, 1911, in the Orange Hall, a fair representation of farmers being present. The officers elected for 1912 were as follows: President, Robert Paul; vice-president, Alex. L. Duncanson; secretary-treasurer, J. J. Stitt; directors, Messrs. Varnock, Simpson and Young; auditor, Oscar Palmer. The president, R. Paul, and S. S. Varnock were appointed delegates to attend the convention at Brandon. The secretary was instructed to arrange for a speaker at an early date on Direct Legislation. A hearty invitation is extended to every farmer to join with us, as unity is strength.

J. J. STITT, Sec.-Treas.

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PIERSON FOR SAMPLE MARKET

The annual meeting of Pierson branch of the Grain Growers was held on January 12 in the I. O. O. F. hall.

A large number of farmers were present and officers for the year 1912 were elected. Mr. Geo. Cuthbert was re-elected president and S. J. Poyner vice-president; with Jas. H. Bride, secretary-treasurer. Mr. J. Basted resigned. The following were elected directors: S. J. McCormick, Chas. Elgar, Sr.; Geo. Barrows, A. McWish, Innis Melvin, and Rod. Craven.

President Cuthbert gave a short address and then called on Chas. Elgar, Sr., who interested those present for a short time, dealing principally with the fact that most farmers do not interest themselves enough in these meetings, as out of 40,000 farmers in the province only 8,000 were members of the Grain Growers' association.

Mr. McArthur, of Lauder, director of the central executive, delivered a stirring address. He stated that his convictions were entirely independent and that politics had no weight with him. We should stand hand to hand as a profession and defend our own interests as we have the most honorable profession in existence, but both tory and grit governments would like to see this association killed. No matter what government was in power we should work for our own interests and although we

SILVERWOOD PROGRESSING

A meeting of the Silverwood Grain Growers' association was held on January 11 at which we had a good turn out and went through a lot of business. Ten new members joined, which now makes us about 60 members. We expect to reach 100 members yet. Things are progressing very nicely with us this year, and we have got the people of this district roused up. At the meeting we decided on sending copies of this resolution to Hon. Dr. Roche, Rt. Hon. R. L. Borden and The Guide. "The Grain Growers' Association of Silverwood hereby want to remind Dr. Roche of his promise which he made to us, both in his own name and party as well, in the Silverwood school before the election, and we would now like to see him and his party stay with his promises which was that he would guarantee us 10% reduction on farm implements, the building, management and ownership by the government of the Hudson Bay Railway and also government ownership of terminal elevators, and we hope that he will do all in his power to fulfill his promises made to us."

A. H. DELMOLD,
Sec., Silverwood G. G. A.
Duck Mountain P. O., Man.

SALEM ACTIVE

Salem branch of the Grain Growers'

Important!--Test Your Seed

Following a season when so much grain was frozen and otherwise damaged, it is imperative that all seed grain should be tested as to its germinating power before it is sown. Oat kernels show less sign of frost damage externally, though their germinating power is more easily destroyed by frost than that of wheat or barley, and no one should sow untested seed of any grain.

There are seed testing laboratories in each of the Western provinces where seed will be tested free of charge, and though with proper care any person can make the test himself, it would be more satisfactory to send a sample also to the government laboratories, where the testing is carried on under uniform conditions and by experts trained in the work. We have been notified that samples will be tested by the government at the following places:

Manitoba Agricultural College, Winnipeg.
Provincial Seed Laboratory, Regina.
Dominion Seed Laboratory, Calgary, and
Seed Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

The name and address of the sender should be attached to the package, and a brief letter respecting the matter should be sent under separate cover. About half a pound of grain should be sent.

do not get all we ask for we must not lose courage, but cultivate that most essential element in our characters, namely, stick-to-it-iveness.

This branch is in a very healthy state at present and long may it continue to flourish. It was moved by S. J. Poyner and seconded by Geo. Barrows that this branch is strongly in favor of the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that we, the members of Pierson branch of the Grain Growers' association, consider the establishment of a sample market in Winnipeg an absolute necessity to secure to us a fair price for our grain and therefore ask our member, Dr. Schaffner to give this his strongest support."

JAMES H. BRIDE,
Sec.-Treas.

PROTEST AGAINST PHONE RATES

The Glenora branch of the M.G.G.A. at their regular meeting on January 5, 1912, passed a resolution condemning the action of the government in raising the rates on telephones in the province of Manitoba, especially in face of the statement made by Provincial Treasurer Armstrong less than a year ago, speaking in the local legislature as to the satisfactory earning capacity of the system, and we express indignation at the proposed rates, and desire to state that should these rates come into force it will eventually lead to the disuse of the phones.

WILLIAM M. WEBB,
Sec.-Treas.

association held their regular meeting on January 9. A resolution was passed instructing the secretary to communicate with R. McKenzie, secretary-treasurer of the Manitoba Grain Growers' association, to see when he would be available to attend a meeting at Salem to address us on the handling of our grain over the G.N.R. to Minneapolis sample market, through rates and stop over privileges, also on co-operative buying and selling of farm produce. Delegates were chosen for Brandon convention, H. Walker and S. Coates were chosen; substitutes, Wm. Strachan, president, and B. M. Thomas, secretary of the association. The meeting was adjourned to January 30, 1912, to hear reports from delegates and other business.

B. M. THOMAS,
Sec., Salem Branch G. G. A.

WANT PHONE ENQUIRY

At a meeting of Crocus Hill branch it was resolved that we, the members of Crocus Hill branch, M. G. G., send the following resolution to The Guide:

"Be it resolved that we demand an investigation of the government of Manitoba telephone system to find out why the rates are to be increased when there has been a large surplus declared by the provincial treasurer, and whereas we believe that the present rates are sufficiently high, that instead of increasing the

said rates more economy be used in construction and operation."

Yours truly,

HENRY WOODCOCK,

Sec., G. G. A.

Clanwilliam, Man., Jan 18.

Note.—A commission consisting of Judge Locke, of Morden; G. R. Crowe, of Winnipeg; and R. L. Barry, of Minneapolis, has been appointed by the provincial government to investigate the telephone situation.

VALLEY RIVER RESOLUTIONS

The semi-monthly meeting of the Valley River Grain Growers' association was held in the Wilson River school house on the evening of Jan. 18, President J. R. Turrell in the chair. There was a fair attendance.

A number of important resolutions were presented to the meeting and after due discussion were voted on and passed. A resolution regretting that the banish the bar petition did not receive the consideration of the legislature during the past session of the provincial parliament was carried.

The following resolutions were also carried:

"Whereas, we believe that the Grain Growers' associations have been and are a means for bettering the conditions of the Western farmer, and whereas there are questions of vital importance to the grain grower yet to be solved, and whereas we are of the opinion that every farmer should become a member of the association to help share in the work and expense of removing these disabilities, and at the same time adding weight and strengthening the central executive in whom we have confidence,

"Therefore, be it resolved, that we, the members of the Valley River branch of the Manitoba Grain Growers' association, pledge ourselves to do what lies within our power to double the membership of this branch of the association."

"Whereas there have been spurious and unjust reflections cast upon the officers of the central association by party journals accusing them, more especially the president and secretary, of disloyalty to the association,

"Therefore be it resolved, that this branch reaffirms its confidence in the central officers and that their actions in the past have been in accord with the will of the body of the association and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Winnipeg Telegram and Winnipeg Tribune."

"Resolved, that we, the members of the Valley River branch of the Manitoba Grain Growers' association here assembled, learn with approval the declaration of the Hon. R. P. Roblin to create at the coming session of the Manitoba legislature a public service commission that will be free from political control."

Mr. T. Taylor was chosen as a delegate to the convention at Brandon in place of Mr. Geo. Hassard, who is unable to go. It was agreed to meet again on Thursday, Feb. 1, at 8 o'clock, to receive the reports of the Brandon delegation, who are, President Turrell, Alf. Spencer, and T. Taylor. The meeting then adjourned.

BEN F. BOUGHEN,
Sec.-Treas.

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