

# Saskatchewan

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## IMPLEMENT SALES COMMISSION

The first public session of the royal commission appointed by the Provincial Government for the purpose of investigating the manner in which the sale of agricultural implements is carried on in Saskatchewan will be held in the courthouse at Prince Albert on Friday, June 19, and the second at Shellbrook, on Saturday, June 20. The later meetings will be held between July 15 and August 15, at various centres in the province, at dates to be arranged by a sub-committee composed of Hon. A. Turgeon, Attorney General, and J. A. Maharg, President of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' association.

At a meeting of the commission held at the Parliament Building last evening the whole scope of the inquiry was discussed, and it was decided to make detailed arrangements for the public sessions at once. Hon. Mr. Justice Newlands was appointed chairman of the commission and will preside at all sittings. The sub-committee will give full particulars of the program in the very near future, duly advising the public of the dates on which the commission will sit.

The task which devolves upon the commissioners is a heavy one. At the last session of the legislature the select committee on agriculture advised that an exhaustive inquiry be made into the conditions surrounding the sale of farm machinery, and asked that the government secure a full report upon the question in all its aspects, with a view to the introduction of legislation at the next session of the assembly which shall remove all inequities which may at present prevail. The locals in the vicinity of Prince Albert and Shellbrook should take immediate action in this matter and make arrangements to have representatives appear before the commission at their sessions in these towns. It is understood that the evidence submitted at these early sessions will largely decide the character of the inquiry into this subject. Evidence should be presented on all phases of the implement sales question. Such matters as skilled or tricky salesmanship, verbal pledges by salesmen which have been unfulfilled or guarantees not made good should be brought before the Commission in full detail. All phases of the many and varied methods employed by collectors in securing payment for implements should be fully ventilated.

The Saskatchewan Association in convention has been demanding legislation on this question, and the government has answered by the appointment of a commission of inquiry. The responsibility now rests with the Grain Growers to make good their case and to show by the character and abundance of their evidence that real abuse is practised in this connection and that a very real remedy is needed in the shape of restrictive legislation.

J. B. M.

## WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES

Considerable correspondence has come to the head office with regard to the formation of Women's Auxiliaries in

connection with the locals of our association. In order to give full information to all who are interested in this phase of the association's work, I am publishing herewith the following letter and my reply thereto.

J. B. M.

The men in our neighborhood have formed The Star of the West G.G.A. Now, we women wish to form a women's meeting in connection with the same.

Will you kindly send us a copy of the constitution used by the Women Grain Growers, and give us any information along that line which you think will help us out in organizing.

Thanking you in anticipation,

MRS. R. A. DALE,

Biggar.

Dear Madam: I have your interesting favor of May 30, wherein you state that the men in your neighborhood have formed The Star of the West G.G.A., and that your women wish to organize a women's meeting in connection with the same.

Under the constitution of the Saskatchewan G.G.A. there is extended to women exactly the same status as to men. They become members of the association in precisely the same way—by paying their dollar membership fee into some local association. Practising what we preach, we have fully enfranchised women in the association, where they have the same right to hold office as the men. It has proven expedient, however, to form at many points what are known as Women's Auxiliaries. The membership of these is made up of lady members of the association in good standing. These auxiliaries have the right to hold separate meetings, administer their own finances, reserving in their own treasury that half of the membership fee which does not require to be remitted to the central office. They can raise money and expend it as they see fit, elect their own delegates to the annual convention, and they are eligible for any office in the central executive.

A special department for the directing of the activities of our Women's Auxiliaries was formed at the Moose Jaw convention, with its own officers and board of directors. The provincial president is Mrs. Violet McNaughtan, of Piche, while Miss Erma Stocking, of Delisle, is the secretary-treasurer.

At any point where there are ten or more lady members of a local association they may form themselves into a Women's Auxiliary, and it is desirable that all contemplating such action should put themselves into communication with Miss Stocking, the secretary. All membership fees belonging to the Central should be remitted direct to the Central office. This office, by instruction of the last annual convention, made a grant of \$500 to the Women's Auxiliary for the prosecution of that department of the association's work.

Full information with regard to a program regulating the activities of Women's Auxiliaries throughout the Province may be had by communicating with the provincial secretary of the Women's Auxiliaries. Correspondence in this connection, which is intended for publication in the Saskatchewan page of The Guide, should be sent to Miss Erma Stocking, who will forward same to the Central secretary.

Fraternally yours,

J. B. MUSSELMAN,

Secretary-Treasurer

Enclosed you will find \$5 as payment for admission fees to W.G.G.A.

MRS. JOHN SHIEL, Sec.

Storthoaks W.G.G.A.

## THIRTY MILES FROM RAILWAY

I am sending you \$1 for membership tickets, twenty-five of which I have received. I also received literature on

cooperation, and we hope to do something definite about it at our next meeting next week. I am glad to be able to tell you that our membership is increasing every meeting. We have now thirty-three, but the bad state of the roads has kept the people residing at a distance from attending regularly. We are thirty miles from the railway and get our mail only twice a week and it is hard to keep the people interested. However, I am not going to rest until I have got at least two-thirds of the people as members of our branch.

Thanking you for past favors and prompt attention to our appeals,

PERCY HEUGH, Sec.,

LacVert Association

## A GOOD START

We held a meeting in the Avery school, Glenbush, on April 11, and organized a branch of the Grain Growers' Co-operative Association and enrolled twenty-seven members. We appointed a president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer, also six directors.

G. H. Reynolds used The Guide largely, reading many interesting pieces therefrom, and pressing upon his hearers the importance of taking The Guide.

On April 15 we went up to Medstead and tried to bring before the people the grand opportunity of co-operation. They were very much interested, and will likely either join with us or form a branch at Medstead.

H. THOMPSON,

Sec., Glenbush G.G.A.

Enclosed find \$17 fee for thirty-four members. The following officers have been elected for 1914: President, Frank H. Day; vice-president, Austin Hodgins; sec. treas., Freeman Day; directors, J. S. Carr, John Hepburn, James Stevenson, A. Nullett, R. H. Clarke, J. D. Poston.

FREEMAN DAY,

Sec., Dobson Association

At a meeting held in the Kantenville school house on Saturday, March 28, the farmers of our district organized a local branch of the Grain Growers' Association. The following officers were elected: President, Jos. H. Prefontaine; vice-president, J. Cecil McBride; sec. treas., H. Morgan Moyer; directors, Jno. L. Anderson, A. I. Kanten, Eric Moe, Menno Moyer, Julius A. Borgerson.

H. MORGAN MOYER,

Sec., Hilarity Association

Enclosed find postal note for 50 cents for one more new member. Watch us grow.

MRS. H. L. PEARSON,

Sec., Keeler G.G.A.

## A NEW ASSOCIATION

A meeting was held in our school house recently for the purpose of forming a branch of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association. Thirty farmers were present. Mr. Buckenham occupied the chair, and Mr. Cullforth, of Deevalley gave an instructive address on what the association is doing for the farmers in the Province of Saskatchewan. His address was greatly appreciated by all present. Mr. Campbell, of Middleton, read a letter from J. B. Musselman, the Central secretary.

The following officers were appointed: President, A. Hodge; vice-president, J. Went; secretary, Thos. Buckenham; directors, Leon Vangoeder, G. Darkins, Mr. Swan, T. Norrie, Jr.

THOS. W. BUCKENHAM,

Sec., Standard Hill Ass'n.

## A W.G.G.A.

The women of Sandford Dene G.G.A. have organized, with twelve paid up members, and I am herewith enclosing \$5 membership fees due you.

OLGA M. HOLMBERG,

Secretary.

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