Saskatchewan

This Section of The Guide is conducted officially for the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association by J. B. Musselman, Secretary, Moose Jaw, Sask., to whom all communications for this page should be sent.

LITERATURE ISSUED BY CENTRAL

Considerable literature in convenient pamphlet form has been issued by the Central secretary from time to time intended to give a great deal of information in a form which could be conveniently carried upon the person so that every one interested in the Western farmers' movement could be fully conversant with its origin, its activities, and its objects. The following pamphlets are now available. Postage should be enclosed to cover mailing of same when asked for by any except local secretaries:—

No. 10—"Romance of the Grain Growers' of Saskatchewan," being a short outline of the history, aims and objects of the Grain Growers' movement.

No. 11.—"How to Conduct a Public Meeting" gives within the space of half a dozen small pages in simple language practically all the forms of parliamentary procedure and instructions for conducting one's self in public gatherings that any ordinary citizen requires to know. It fills a long felt want. Nothing else of its kind seems to be in existence. Every man and every woman should know these simple forms. The price of this pamphlet is five cents each by mail.

No. 12.—"How to Form and Carry on a Local of the Grain Growers' Association" gives detailed instructions which will enable any farmer to organize a local of this great body. It also contains much instruction for carrying on the work and a list of subjects for debates, essays and lectures.

No. 13 is entitled, "What Every Grain Grower Requires to Know." It gives a broad outline of the greatest scheme of federation of agricultural organizations ever conceived in Western Canada, and deals fully with the trading policy of the association, the methods adopted for raising capital for the wholesale co-operative department and the manner in which the profits of this department are to be allotted to the trading locals on the basis of the business done in the true co-operative way.

No. 14—"How to Form Incorporated Co-operative Locals." This is a guide to all bodies seeking incorporation under the Agricultural Co-operative Associations' Act and gives in the fullest detail an outline of every step necessary to carry out this work, including form of resolutions, set of supplemental by-laws, embracing affiliation by-laws. This pamphlet also will fill a long felt want and will save a great deal of correspondence. Its chapter headings are as follows:—1, Information Required; 2, How Incorporated Locals Come About; 3, Preliminary Procedure; 4, Regular Procedure; 5, Supplemental By-laws; 6, Helpful Hints; 7, Facts for Incorporated Associations; 8, No. 1 Hard Co-operative Kernels.

All of the above pamphlets can be had free except No. 11, if postage is enclosed to cover cost of mailing. Always order by number.

Pamphlet 14 Pointers

The closing chapter of pamphlet No. 14, while not dealing directly with the work in connection with which the pamphlet was published, contains some very valuable reminders and suggestions. The chapter is entitled, "No. 1 Hard Co-operative Kernels" and reads as follows:—

When in doubt—
Write the Central.
When in trouble—
Do the same.
Be reasonable always.
Don't expect the impossible.
Write Central about every error, oversight or avoidable delay, but be sure you are not to blame.
Remember that the Central is yours and that it has many powerful enemies.
When you have a grievance—
Help the Central correct it.
When you have valuable information pass it on thru the Central.

The spirit of Co-operation demands that the best ideas, the latest information, the newest plans and the keenest intelligence of each local be made available for all thru the medium of the Central. A light has no value unless it shines. By each upholding all and all defending each the movement will be irresistible.

Don't expect something for nothing. That isn't honest.

In true Co-operative endeavor sound principles of Equity must obtain.

You can't have all the service the retail dealer charges you for and also make the savings of wholesale factory-to-farmer distribution.

In Co-operation we gain much only when we give much. Selfishness is a boomerang, returning to smite the thrower.

Capitalism aims at securing all that it can for the least possible return, and thus the few are enriched at the cost of the many.

Co-operation succeeds only when it is recognized as an opportunity to better one's condition by bettering the condition of all.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The following constitutional amendments were enacted at the last annual convention held at Saskatoon, February 15 to 17.

Section 9, sub-section 1 was amended by substituting "March 15" for "February 28" and now reads as follows: "Conventions of the Central shall be held annually, not later than March 15, at such place as shall be decided upon by the Central Board." This does not mean that the annual convention will be held later than in former years, but the change was made so that in case conditions should require it, the annual meeting could be held at a later date.

Section 10, sub-section 9 was amended so as to read as follows: "The secretary, the treasurer, the managing director, and every officer and director of the Central shall enter into a bond at the expense of the association with such security as the executive shall approve." The purpose of this amendment was to provide for the bonding of every director, as each director handles more or less of the association's monies. This ought to set a good example to local secretaries who have sometimes felt it rather a reflection upon them that they should be asked to give a bond. This is a misconception of the value and purpose of a bond. No man should willingly handle trust funds without giving a proper bond in connection therewith.

Section 13, sub-section 3 was amended by inserting in the 6th line the words, "by name and address." This amendment was for the purpose of making it perfectly clear that all local secretaries must report to the Central the names of their members, together with their respective post office addresses.

Section 17, sub-section 1, was amended by adding thereto, "or are recorded in the books of the Central secretary as members of a local in good standing." This amendment provides that where members of a local are also members of a co-operative association, Central fees need not be paid twice on the same person.

Every local secretary and any others who have copies of the constitution—and no member should be without one—should note these changes in the constitution before laying aside this paper. The changes are only slight so that it is not intended to publish revised copies of the constitution on account of these amendments. The amendments, however, will be marked on all copies of the constitution going out from the Central after this.

FOUND

One pair of grey woollen gloves in the Third Avenue Methodist Church, Saskatoon. Owner may have same by communicating with the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association, Moose Jaw.

TO PATRIOTIC ACRE SUBSCRIBERS

Dear Sir:—I desire to express to you, as one of the 6,300 farmers who have been good enough to sign Patriotic Acre forms promising the proceeds of one or more acres of wheat or other grain to the Patriotic Acre Fund of this association, my appreciation of your kindness in thus obligating yourself to the fund, as it is the best possible proof of your loyalty and devotion to the Empire, and of your earnest desire to do your part at the time of her greatest need.

Up to the present the trustees of the fund have scrupulously avoided using any pressure with the object of getting in the contributions, as they are well aware of the great difficulties under which farmers generally have been labouring, partly owing to the exceptional severity of the winter, and partly to the great shortage of cars and the overloading of elevators—conditions which have been apparent thru the province. Now, however, that these conditions are showing signs of improvement, I trust you will allow me to draw your attention to the desirability of your sending in your contribution to the Central Office at the earliest possible date.

Seeing that we have the definite undertaking of Sir George E. Foster, the Federal Minister of Trade and Commerce, that the flour will be conveyed from the eastern seaboard to Liverpool free of cost to the fund, it is necessary that arrangements should be made to dispatch it in one large shipment. This renders it imperative that every contribution should be paid in to the fund as early as possible, so that the necessary arrangements can be made for milling and shipment. There is also a further consideration. A gift of the magnitude which this promises to attain will assuredly attract attention far beyond the bounds of Saskatchewan, and will be not only an evidence of the generosity and loyalty of the farmers of this province, but will, at the same time, draw the eyes of the world to the wonderful fertility of the plains of the West.

ANERLEY ANNUAL MEETING

Central secretary:—The Anerley G.G.A. held its annual meeting on Saturday, December 18. The following officers for the ensuing year were elected: President, S. G. Rashbrook; vice-president, Newton Hunter; secretary-treasurer, Percy L. Burke; directors, O. J. Hopkins, John Pattie and Walter Clelland. Our membership has suffered somewhat owing to another branch of the association which has sprung up just south of us, but what is our loss is their gain, and they have secured several sterling members who will help to build up an association which should be heard from in the future. The Anerley and Surbiton G.G.A. have formed a co-operative association from their joint membership so that henceforth our G.G.A. will only handle the social and educational part of the work. The schoolhouse is to be thrown open every Wednesday evening for the benefit of the members. Reading matter and games will be provided, and the members can enjoy themselves as each is individually inclined. It will be run much the same as an Old Country club.

—Secretary-Treasurer, Anerley G.G. Association.

SPRING LAKE HONORS MEMBER

Spring Lake Local has paid a nice tribute of respect and appreciation to Mr. Hall, one of its members on the eve of his departure for the front by presenting him with a handsome and valuable wrist watch.

A great many of the young men of the Association are today wearing the uniform of the King, and we wish Mr. Hall and all the rest of our good fellows the fullest opportunity to spend themselves for the great principles of justice, liberty and freedom.

SEED FAIR AT PENNANT

Just to let you know that the Pennant Local is not quite dead I will give you a report of a seed fair held here under the auspices of the Association.

There were seventy-five dollars offered in prizes, arranged as indicated by the prize list enclosed. The money was raised partly by public subscription, partly from a grant from the municipality, and we are also to get a grant from the Department of Agriculture of fifty dollars, being two-thirds of the money actually paid out in prizes.

While the interest shown was not as great as we had a right to expect, we can confidently assume it was a success, especially considering it was the first attempt, and the judges praised the quality of the exhibits. In all there were twenty-one entries, nine in class one, two in class two, two in class three, three in class four, two in class five and three in class six.

The judges were appointed by the director of extension work at the College of Agriculture. Their names were J. S. Naylor and J. A. Dorrance.

—Sec., Pennant Association.

A GOPHER CONTEST

I am instructed to forward you particulars of a gopher contest held by the Thunder Valley Grain Growers' Association for insertion in the Saskatchewan page of The Guide.

Three prizes were offered to children of members who produced the most gopher tails during 1915. First prize $6.00; second $3.50; third, $3.00. Results: W. Fitzsimmons, 1,809; L. Bradley, 435; B. Bartley, 425; J. Hamer, 366; G. Morton, 172; R. Campbell, 45—Total, 3,342 for $10.00.

Does this pay?

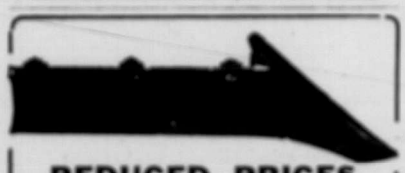
—Sec., Thunder Valley G.G. Ass'n.

WHAT OTHERS THINK OF US

THOSE CHEERS

A Saskatoon dispatch describing a session of the Grain Growers' Association of that province, says:

"The resolution declaring in favor



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