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Your letter of the 27th inst. to hand and the following is the situation at the present time. The Farmers' Co-operative Elevator company, the Saskatchewan Elevator Co., and the Royal Elevator company agreed to stay out of the flax business in order to make more room for wheat, and to leave the buying to the Central Elevator and the Imperial Elevator. The Central Elevator loaded two cars yesterday and today (one each day) and refused to buy flax to-day. Since Monday the elevators have got 15 cars this week. The coal bins that are empty are filled with wheat and the farmers are building bins as fast as they can. Loads of wheat have stood for one week and were only unloaded to-day.

J. D. M.

What is wanted is a system capable of taking up this grain and taking care of it properly—Interior Terminal Storage. It is a question of plan and policy on part of government and people.

F. W. G.

Sec., Sask. G. G. A.:—Will you please send me information re the next convention, when it is to be held, where, and how to go about sending delegates, in fact all the information necessary. I am sorry I am not able to send you the paper read by Mr. Inkster at our picnic. I wrote Mr. Inkster about it but have had no reply. This association has not been doing much lately owing to harvesting and threshing, which is now completed. The returns from our crops are very light, owing to the second growth. There is one thing I wish to ask you. Are the Co-operative elevators supposed to pay the same price for grain as the private company elevators or a little better? I should like your opinion on this as I have heard they keep a level price.

A. S. TRAYLOR,

Secretary, Nipawin Branch.

Albert S. Traylor, Esq.:—Yours of the 21st inst. to hand. The convention will be held at Saskatoon some time in February, and a circular of information will likely be sent out previous to the convention. The rates are pooled. You are entitled to one delegate for every ten paid up members for 1912. Your delegates should be well posted. Should know what they have to say and how to say it. Regular meetings will prepare them.

Re Co-operative elevators—There is no doubt these elevators do make prices better. I have never heard of them being in any ring, but I do not know. If you have any complaint to make about them I should like to know the particulars. Not that I want to know anything bad about them, but I want to know if there is any ground for saying anything bad about them.

F. W. G.

F.W.Green, Esq.:—Sorry we did not have you with us yesterday, but Messrs. Kennedy and Williams were much appreciated and a very enthusiastic meeting was held. Everybody seemed to be ready for an association to be formed and company stock was selling well. Please find enclosed \$10.00, being one half the fees to date. The next meeting will be held on the 21st. We would be glad of any information you can give us, also prices on a mixed car of flour, bran, oatmeal and such like.

JOHN EWAN,

Secretary, Froebisher Branch.

John Ewan, Esq.:—We herewith enclose our receipt for \$10.00 as per yours of November 11. I was indeed pleased to note you had a good meeting with Messrs. Kennedy and Williams, and that you have succeeded in forming an association at Froebisher. I am sorry, however, that Mr. Kennedy does not appear to have made our position as clear as he might have.

Saskatchewan

This section of The Guide is conducted officially for the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association by Fred W. Green, Secretary, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

The Grain Growers' Grain company and the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator company are two institutions which we have formed for the special purpose of carrying on trading relationships. They are the proper parties from which you should get information as to flour, bread, oatmeal, lumber, nails, coal oil, gasoline, twine, harness, implements, grain prices and such like. But when you come to deal with legislative matters, approaching governments and corporate bodies for concessions, or making demands regarding legislative enactments and re holding meetings for discussion of various problems confronting us, then appeal to us. Both these functions are important, but clear cut and distinct in form and spirit. If our association is to take up the trading functions, amendments to the constitution must be sought for in our convention, which, by the way, may be found necessary if the other institutions which we have formed for that special purpose, are not going to do the work. We shall be pleased to hear from you in regard to this matter. Wishing you, Froebisher brethren, yes, and sisters, too (because we hope you will bring your women to your meeting), a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

F. W. G.

F. W. Green, Esq.:—Please find enclosed \$2.00, being balance of membership fees for 1912 due the Central as-

Below are the minutes:

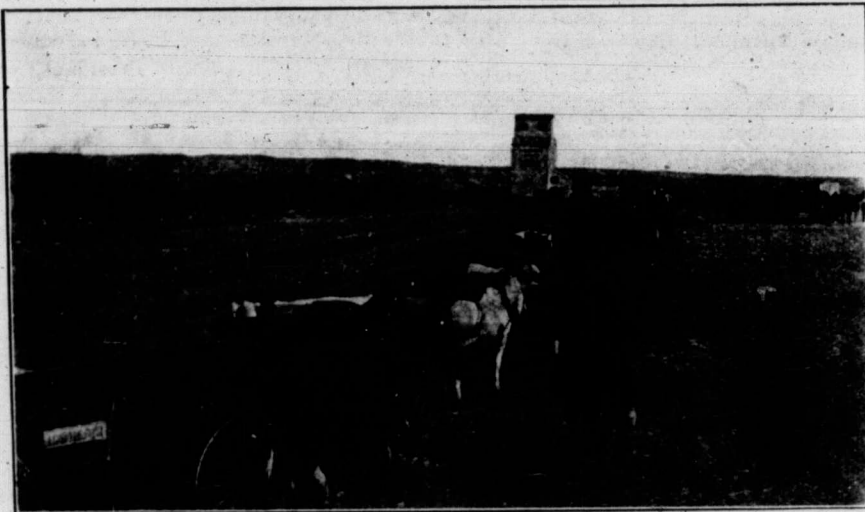
Meeting opened 7.30 p.m. Chairman, H. Martin. 12 members present, also three ladies. Moved by R. Leigh, seconded by A. Mann—That the secretary write to C. C. Castle, re loading platform at Venn, for which we were promised an extension since last spring, but which the G.T.R. have failed to perform.—Carried. Moved and seconded—That three members write G. A. Calvert, Lanigan, in reference to ballot box for the last provincial election, which was supposed to have been stolen after being duly delivered.—Carried.

The following officers were then elected: President, H. Martin; vice-president, D. Hertner; secretary-treasurer, A. Mann; directors, J. Chisholm, Ed. Lambert, R. Leigh and T. Airey; resolution committee, Ernest J. Lambert and Ed. Lambert. Meeting adjourned to partake of refreshments provided by the ladies.

ALF. N. MANN,

Secretary, Thornfield Association.

F. W. Green, Esq.:—Enclosed find \$4.00 membership fees for eight members of Invermay Branch. This was taken in at to-day's annual meeting. We had a very good meeting and the boys are all thoroughly aroused to a sense of their duty, I think. We arranged for a meeting of the officers and directors for Friday afternoon, Dec. 20, the object being to prepare the next



BLOCKADE AT DUNKIRK, SASK., NOVEMBER 28.

sociation and 25 cents for membership tickets. Following our usual custom, at the close of our final meeting for 1912, on Monday night Dec. 2, we reorganized for 1913, when the following officers were chosen: President, David Yule; vice-president, Nicholas Nelson; secretary-treasurer, R. P. Willock; executive committee, M. Fritshaw, H. Boxall, E. Stanley, J. Calder, H. Daniels and W. McGowan. Our meetings will be held as formerly on the first Monday night in each month, at Fern Glen school house. During the past year we have united with other associations around Tisdale in buying twine and flour by the carload, at a considerable saving, and hope to continue, if not extend, our activity along these lines during the coming year. We also did a fair share of the work necessary to secure a local of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator company at Tisdale, and, so far, are pleased with the service given by it.

R. P. WILLOCK,

Secretary, Fern Glen Association.

F. W. Green, Esq.:—Please find enclosed 50 cents due you for membership fees, and \$1.00 for membership cards, which we need immediately for 1913. We held our annual meeting on the 29th for the election of officers for the ensuing year, also for the discussion of topics of local interest, such as, who we should nominate for councillor for the Municipality of Osborne, and for fixing up the details for our Christmas tree.

meeting and discuss plans and schemes in general that will promote the welfare of our local, and hence strengthen the whole association. I read your circular regarding conditions re car order book, platform, etc., to the association. We have no trouble getting cars here, as there is not enough grain shipped from here as yet to cause any congestion. I will try and bring the matter before the officers and directors on the 20th again.

After general business came the election of officers and the following were elected: President, H. Ferris; vice-president, A. Campbell; sec.-treas., H. A. Loucks; assistant secretary, W. Ashmore; directors, M. S. Dummick, T. Jones, George Freeman, Harry Knight, A. Ball. The meeting closed with the national anthem.

H. A. LOUCKS,

Secretary, Invermay G.G.A.

F. W. Green, Esq.:—Please find enclosed \$12.00 life membership fee for Mr. G. W. Hooker. Kindly forward to me at your earliest convenience Mr. Hooker's certificate and button for life membership, as we wish to present this to him at a banquet we are holding on the 20th December.

R. W. HANHAM,

Secretary Wood River Branch.

F. W. Green, Esq.:—Enclosed find postal note for \$6.00, being half membership fees paid in to date for Eben-

Directors:

At Large:—F. W. Green, Moose Jaw; George Langley, Maymont; A. G. Hawkes, Percival; J. B. Musselman, Cupar; James Robinson, Walpole; F. M. Gates, Fillmore. District:—No. 1, O. R. Gould, Manor; No. 2, Thomas Allcock, Belle Plaine; No. 3, Frank Burton, Herbert; No. 4, J. F. Reid, Orcadia; No. 5, W. H. Lilwall, Colonsay; No. 6, G. H. McKeague, Fertile Valley; No. 7, C. W. Hawkins, Valparaiso; No. 8, A. Knox, Prince Albert; No. 9, A. J. Greensill, Denholm.

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W. F. GOULDON,

Secretary Ebenezer Association.

F. W. Green, Esq.:—Enclosed you will find express order for \$11.00, being membership fees for 22 members.

ROBT. MCLEAN,

Secretary, Tisdale Branch.

F. W. Green, Esq.:—Enclosed find \$11.00, membership fees for 22 annual members for 1912.

JAMES SHIER,

Secretary, Carnduff Association.

F. W. Green, Esq.:—I am a new member in this organization, and was duly elected secretary-treasurer of the Swanson local at their annual meeting, December 7. I hope that our acquaintance, so to speak, may ripen into one which will benefit this association and all grain growers. William Beaton was elected president and Thomas Nesbitt, vice-president. I received your letter of the 29th and a special meeting is being called for Saturday, Dec. 14, for the purpose of acting on same. The books show thirty paid up members for 1912, and we already have twenty-five paid up members for 1913. I suppose we are entitled to three delegates to the coming convention. Will you please send delegation tickets and information concerning the Convention. I hope our delegation will be a wide awake one.

LEON P. WILLIAM,

Secretary Swanson Local G.G.A.

F. W. Green, Esq.:—I enclose herewith cheque for \$3.00, being membership fees to date for 1912. I have not received any complaints regarding cars at this point as we have had 160 odd and four elevators with storage of 125,000. Very little street wheat sold at this point. Our government elevator opened a week ago and is doing a nice business. With best wishes for the G.G.A.

SAM V. HAIGHT,

Secretary, Keeler Branch.

F. W. Green, Esq.:—Enclosed find \$3.50 membership fees and \$1.20 for tickets and constitutions. I have been asked to attend a newly formed branch of the G.G.A. nearby, and would ask you to forward me any information that would be of benefit to a new association.

THOS. YELLAND,

Secretary, North Tisdale Branch.

F. W. Green, Esq.:—The annual meeting of the Grain Growers' association was held in Green Mount school on Saturday, December 14. The work of the association for the year was received and approved of by those present. The financial report was presented by the secretary and showed a balance on hand of \$4.04. Six membership fees were received and the following officers elected: President, Fred H. Bobier; vice-president, Dan Vaughn; sec.-treas., Wilford N. Schultz; directors, W. R. Groshong and M. J. Fonstead. It was decided to elect two directors at the next two meetings. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 4, at 1.30 p.m., when it is hoped all members will be present to pay in their fees that returns may be made to Central. Wishing the Saskatchewan Grain Growers every success, I am, yours in the work.

W. N. SCHULTZ,

Secretary, Mount Green Association.

F. W. Green, Esq.:—I am sending you \$6.00, herewith, still due on our membership fees. I sent you in January last \$3.50, making \$9.50 in all. We also have in our society 19 life members, making a total of 44 members.

R. B. SIMPSON,

Secretary, Milestone Association.