

Manitoba

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MARQUETTE DISTRICT MEETING

A meeting of the advisory board of the Marquette District Grain Growers' Association was held in the Council Chamber, Minnedosa, on Thursday, February 8, at 2 p.m., President R. Dalgarno in the chair. R. C. Henders, provincial president, was present, but owing to illness Director F. Simpson was absent. Councillor Butchart, of the town of Minnedosa, gave the delegates a hearty welcome, followed by President Dalgarno and Vice-President Griffiths thanking the council and town of Minnedosa for the hospitality the association always receives from them.

Applications were received from Deepdale Association asking to be transferred to Dauphin district, and from Manson Association asking to be transferred to Brandon district. It was decided to grant these requests and also to any other association that wished to be transferred to another district. The question of the C.P.R. removing telephones from stations was left for the executive to deal with. The question of local secretaries was introduced by B. McLeod giving his methods and experiences in keeping up membership and dealing with the folly of trying to keep up too many small associations where it would be better to combine two or more at one point into a large association. Mr. Henders spoke on methods of keeping up membership, suggesting that associations be divided up into districts and each director secure members in his district. The discussion was followed by G. Griffiths, F. Williamson and R. Dalgarno, who stated the methods used in securing members and doing co-operative business at their locals. Messrs. Ferris, Northcott, Lewis, Coulter, Kennedy and others followed, stating their views on the various phases of the work of secretaries.

Mr. Henders explained the Short Term Credit Bill now before the house, stating that he believed it to be an honest attempt of the government to better financial conditions for agriculturists.

The federation of the farmers' companies was explained and questions answered by the same speaker, showing how the proposed federation would assist both the Grain Growers' Associations and The Grain Growers' Grain Company.

The farmers' platform was discussed and approved of, followed by a decision to take action in Marquette, and a committee composed of Messrs. Short, Hindson, Dalgarno and Lewis was named to take the necessary steps if the platform met the approval of the local associations. After extending a vote of thanks to the authorities and citizens of Minnedosa, the meeting adjourned.—(Contributed.)

ELM CREEK MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Elm Creek Association was held on February 3. After the opening and some preliminaries the delegates to the Brandon convention gave their reports. B. F. Butler, being the eldest of the number, was called upon first by President C. I. Barager. He complimented our association on being the banner association of the province, having 125 paid up members for 1916. He also reported that the convention gave no uncertain sound on the outstanding needs of Canada at present for national government, made up of the best men from all ranks in Canada, and was loud in praise of the national platform as framed by the Canadian Council of Agriculture, and last, but not least, that the provincial president was the right man in the right place.

Secretary H. Graham expressed himself as being pleased and edified with the very interesting and instructive program of the convention, and the very high order of the different addresses given by the various speakers, especially drawing the attention of our members to the thought of "Service" brought out very forcibly in the addresses of T. A. Crerar and Dr. Bland, and also our association is the banner one for 1916, we expect greater results for 1917 on account of the influential men who belong to our association, such as President R. C. Henders, C. I. Barager, who is district president for Mac-

donald, and Thos. Wood, district secretary. Fred Laing had the honor of presenting the report of the ladies who spoke at the convention, having special abilities in that direction. He dwelt on that part of the address of Mrs. Thomas where she stated that Manitoba was in advance of the two provinces to the west of us in that the franchise law gave the ladies the opportunity of the Federal as well as the provincial vote. Mr. Laing, being the only one of our delegates who remained until Saturday, gave an account of some of the resolutions that were discussed and disposed of, especially the one sent forward by our district secretary re the widening of sleighs, which was carried and the executive instructed to further same.

Our vice-president, Thos. Wood, who has a little of the Scotch in his make-up, and being rather partial as well as interested in Clydesdale horses, attended the Horse Breeders' Association the first day—their convention being in session—and reported, among other important matters, a resolution brought up which the association discussed at some length. It was that the opinion of a great many employers of labor was that the government should set a fair wage, so that farmers and the like could not be held up by exorbitant wages, especially in war times when our sons and men have to be content with \$1.10 per day. He also spoke in glowing terms of Prof. Reynolds' (of the M.A.C.) address, and of the Lieut.-Governor Sir J. A. M. Aikens' great oratorical address.

R. J. Hargest and J. D. Carter, of Fannystelle, were two delegates who were not present, but they are expected to report later. Moved by T. Keuny, seconded by A. Miller, that a vote of thanks be tendered the delegates present for their very interesting and instructive report. Moved by T. Wood, seconded by R. F. Butler, that we heartily endorse the Farmers' National Political Platform.

H. GRAHAM,
Secretary.

SALEM ENDORSES FARMERS' PLATFORM

The Salem Branch of M.G.G.A. held a meeting on February 13, which was fairly well attended. Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Anderson, of Oakville, addressed the meeting. Mrs. Anderson's subject was "Woman's Right," and Mr. Anderson's, "Some reasons why the farmers should support the Farmers' Platform." Both addresses were very interesting and instructive. After Mr. Anderson had discussed the benefits of the platform at some length, the following resolution was unanimously passed: "That this Salem Branch of the M.G.G.A. heartily endorse the Farmers' Political Platform, as drawn up by the Canadian Council of Agriculture and accepted by the Grain Growers' convention at Brandon."

W. J. THOMAS,
Secretary.

BAGOT CONTRIBUTES

A bank draft of \$200 was received this week from Secretary Smallpiece, of the Bagot Grain Growers' Association, being proceeds of of Patriotic Acce pledges. This makes a total of \$400 received from this association for our War Relief Fund. The present contribution is to be apportioned to the Red Cross, Patriotic and Belgian Relief funds.

WINCHESTER ASS'N MEETS

A meeting of the Winchester Association was held in the school house on January 29, with a large number present. The chair was occupied by Albert McGregor, of Arden. After the usual business; A. J. M. Poole, of Springhurst, president of the District Association, addressed the meeting. He stated that the conditions surrounding the farmers as a class are far from

satisfactory. The farmers themselves are to blame for existing conditions. If they were properly organized with definite objects in view and used their ballot for the good of the class rather than individual good, they would obtain their wishes as readily as any any other class. Mr. McGregor gave a brief report of the Grain Growers' convention held in Brandon, after which the ladies served lunch. The meeting was dismissed by the singing of the National Anthem.—(Contributed.)

DATES FOR MEETINGS

Meetings have been arranged for at the following points in the Neepawa district: Eden, Friday, Feb. 23; Franklin, Saturday, Feb. 24. Other meetings may be arranged.

SELKIRK AND PROVENCHER DISTRICTS

The different secretaries and officers of these two Federal Districts held meetings this past week in Winnipeg, to make plans and consult with each other in regard to making all the various branches more helpful to the community in which they are situated. Arrangements were also made for organization work in districts where there are no associations at present. It is hoped that much good may result from hearing the experiences of the different secretaries and in planning to make the movement more helpful to the various locals and the community in which they are situated.

VISTA GRAIN GROWERS MEET

At the meeting held on January 27, the following resolution was passed: "The Vista Grain Growers' Association have learned with very great regret of the death of Geo. Miller, their former grain buyer. Mr. Miller has served the association with great acceptance for three years. He was a man attentive to his duties, shrewd and clever in business and very helpful in developing the co-operative work of the association. They were sorry to part with him when he sought work in Russell, and learned with regret that his venture did not turn out as expected. He enlisted with the Foresters' Battalion, showing his manliness in his desire to serve his country in the present crisis. His death comes as a shock to all the inhabitants of this district, and the Vista Association takes this opportunity of expressing their sympathy with Mrs. Miller and little daughter in the sad bereavement that has come to them." A copy of the above resolution was to be sent to Mrs. Miller as a mark of their heartfelt appreciation.

"That Mr. Ashcroft be asked to bring the matter of unsatisfactory mail service to the notice of the proper authorities in the way he sees best." Also, "That our secretary write the secretaries of Oakburn and Rosburn re poor mail service." Also, "That a petition be circulated in our district and other districts to have a petition sent to the Postmaster General to have a mail clerk placed on the train."

"That we agree to give Mr. Peikoff an option on the Grain Growers' hall for ten days for the purchase price at \$600, this to be for buildings alone, Mr. Peikoff leaving \$10 deposit."

"That a hearty vote of thanks be given Rev. Mr. Ashcroft for his able report on Brandon convention."

The secretary, president and Mr. Brodie were appointed a committee to look after the selling of the hall.

A very full report of the Brandon convention by Rev. Mr. Ashcroft will appear later in these columns.—(Contributed.)

ORGANIZATION WORK

A meeting was held in the Coulter school house and a branch of the Grain Growers' Association organized, with the following officers elected: President, John Reswick; vice-presi-

dent, Ed. Andrews; secretary-treasurer, J. B. Elliott, and Messrs. Andrews, Shantz, McKague, Downie, Fletcher, Stevens, as directors, with Messdames Downie, Burnett, Coulter and McKague as associate directors, and V. Atkinson as auditor.

The next meeting is arranged for Wednesday, the 14th, at Coulter school house, when Geo. Love, of Nings, will give an address on the future work of the movement.

NEW BRANCH AT LORETTE

A branch of the Grain Growers' Association was formed at Lorette Station on Saturday, the 13th, and officers elected. Owing to the severe weather the attendance was not as large as expected, but at the next meeting the membership should be largely increased and they hope to have a good active association at this point before long.

GOODLANDS SOCIAL EVENING

The first of a series of social meetings to be held under the auspices of the Goodlands Branch took place on Wednesday last, when a good lively debate between representatives from Hazeldean and Goodlands districts occurred. An interesting and instructive address was given by R. Chapman, of Nings, president of the Souris District Association.

SPECIAL SEED GRAIN RATES

It has come to the notice of the Central office that a few of our secretaries have not yet sent in for seed grain forms for securing the special seed grain rates for bona fide farmers in their districts. Any secretary of a local Grain Growers' Association may have these on application to the Central office. All farmers are entitled to the special seed grain rates on seed used on their own farms. The special rate is designed to assist the farmers to get good seed and is not intended to assist grain dealers in handling grain even when used for seed purposes. When several farmers are getting in a car, it is necessary that each one getting seed from the car should have a certificate to cover the amount of seed he is getting. When paying the freight on seed by having the certificate in proper form to present to the railway agent, the farmer is charged the special seed grain rate instead of the regular freight rate. No charge is made in connection with these forms.

WOODNORTH LOCAL MEETING

District Director Geo. Gordon, of Oak Lake, was present at a meeting of the Woodnorth Grain Growers' Association on February 6. There was a good turnout to take in the program, upwards of 150 being present. An excellent program with a bountiful supply of refreshments was enjoyed by all.

An address by President G. W. Stevenson, speeches from ex-President D. Smith and H. Mooney, and the reading of resolution endorsing the Farmers' Platform by Chas. Wedow; speeches from Mr. Bain, G.G.O. Co. elevator manager at Virden, and Mrs. Wm. Hill, of Justice, with songs from Miss Dingman and Miss Robertson, violin selections by Mrs. Leslie, an address by Mr. Gordon, district director, and selections by Mrs. Leech completed a very interesting and profitable meeting. Woodnorth is to be congratulated on having such a fine association, and it speaks volumes for the officers and members of their association.

CHANGE OF DISTRICT SECRETARY

F. Howell, secretary of the Royales Branch has been appointed secretary of the Souris District Association. All local secretaries in that district should get into immediate communication with him and take full advantage of the benefits secured thru keeping in close touch with this organization. His P.O. address is Boissevain. The former secretary of the Souris District has taken up the work of organizing for the Central Executive and will give the most of his time to the establishing of new branches in unorganized districts.