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Secretary-Treasurer:	Fred. W. Green
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MINUTES OF DIRECTORS' MEETING OF SASK. G.G.A., HELD IN SASKATOON, NOV. 15, 1912

The Board of Directors of the Saskatchewan G.G.A. held a meeting at Saskatoon on November 15, called in pursuance of a resolution passed at the Executive meeting held Monday, October 29. The meeting was held in the council chambers, City Hall, President Maharg in the chair. The following were present: James Robinson, Hon. George Langley, Frank Burton, Thomas Alcock, J. B. Musselman, C. W. Hawkins, W. H. Lillwall, J. F. Reid, A. J. Greensill and Secretary Green. In addition, the following district organization officers were present: Thomas Sales, Langham; E. J. Hoppiss, Dundurn; R. M. Johnston, Eastview; Jacob Olson, Stockholm; Thomas Conlon, Newberry; J. W. Henderson, A. Zeitler, Maryfield, and Dr. Hill, of Kinley, also was present.

Secretary Green explained the purpose for which the meeting was called, and read the resolution referred to about it. It was decided on motion of Messrs. Musselman and Dunning that the meeting convene as a committee on organization to be followed by a Directors' meeting. Carried.

A general round table talk was then indulged in, followed by an address on organization by A. H. Zeitler, of Maryfield. He advised that he was ready not only to give his views but some time also to the work in hand.

Mr. Green was asked to explain the general standing of the association, and read a financial statement showing that a large percentage of new associations had been formed since convention, but that a very large proportion of the older associations had not responded so far by way of finance, but it was a common practice that fees were not sent in until towards the end of the year and he anticipated a big rush in that line from now on and that the financial status of the association was never better, and he believed it would at the end of the year show a larger cash balance on hand than it ever had since its existence.

Mr. Green was asked to outline his views of organization. He stated he thought the best way for the fall work would be to hold a meeting in each organization district, at which there would be invited delegates to attend from all the associations in that district. That a number of the Directors and Executive should be on hand to meet with these delegates and to assist. The main work at that meeting would be the arranging of a series of meetings for that particular organization district, the dates and places at which the meetings would be held and the time most convenient, and the local speakers that were to attend; also points at which new organizations were to be attempted, and the method of getting the speakers about to them. Some attempt should be made at shaping two or three resolutions on general principles expressing the views of the delegates at that convention, relating to various subjects such as Grain Act, car distribution clauses, Bank Act, grain storage, constitutional amendments and the question of whether grain growers should make any attempt to take any hand in politics as an association, either operating as district units or a general principle adopted and amendments to the constitution along that line, merely to get an expression and set out the discussion for the locals so that the delegates coming to the Central Convention would be posted along the lines suggested in the questions. Then the question of picnics and raising of fees might be discussed.

Some discussion then followed, and Mr. Olsen presented a paper on organization and spoke of the effect of summer picnics and the way they had been carried out in his particular district. Mr. Reid

also presented a paper which was received on motion of Messrs. Conlon and Musselman. Mr. Musselman then read and commented on a paper read by Mr. Olsen. Mr. Hawkins read a paper and commented particularly on the necessity of a department to assist members in settlement of disputes on the line of defence leagues capable of fighting corporations in defence of individual members or of arbitrating on difficulties that might arise between individual members.

At this point it was moved by Messrs. Dunning and Musselman that the meeting adjourn to meet at the close of the Directors' meeting, which was to assemble at 1.30.

The meeting assembled at 1.30 and Mr. Dunning explained that Mr. Mantle had suggested the Directors going to the University building, that 'busses would be provided and that Dean Rutherford earnestly requested the Directors to meet with his class of boys now convened to take their first lesson in stock judging, also the seed fair. Judges were at their school preparatory to starting out on seed fairs. After some discussion it was decided to accept the Dean's offer and continue our meeting, which the Dean agreed to provide for at the University building. The meeting adjourned.

The visit was made. Short addresses were given to the class by Hon. George Langley, Dunning, Maharg, Mantle and Secretary Green. They were then shown over the building and convened at 4 p.m. in one of the lecture rooms in the University building.

The question of Mr. Green's appointment by the commission was then taken up as per a resolution calling the meeting. Much discussion took place, in which most of the directors expressed their views. The discussion was carried on till 6 o'clock, when it was moved by Messrs. Musselman and Hawkins that the discussion on Mr. Green's appointment now be closed. Carried.

The meeting convened again in the City Hall at 7.30. President in the chair. All the members previously mentioned being present.

The secretary stated he had a mass of correspondence which he would lay on the table. He would read a list and the Directors could call for any of the matters they might wish to discuss. The correspondence consisted of Prairie Coal Co. proposition, correspondence with Hon. George Langley re election, Dunning re securing minutes of the Provincial Board of Directors of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Co., list of the associations that had not yet responded with fees for this year, several communications from E. J. Fream, Alberta Board of Railway Commissioners re fire guards, Farmers' Steel company, application for position, Bank Act correspondence, election protest against action of Mr. Hawkes, lawyers' advice on property of association, grant from Grain Growers' Grain company, Saskatoon city council correspondence.

Moved by Messrs. Dunning and Robinson: That the President and Secretary be a committee to meet the Railway Commission at Calgary the 25th inst. to present our views on the sample market. Carried.

Re Bank Act.—J. W. Henderson in his remarks stated he had secured money by an arrangement with the bank in which he assigned grain on the farm as security.

Re Mr. Hawkes' matter.—Moved by Messrs. Musselman and Robinson: That the Secretary reply to Forest Bank association that Mr. Hawkes was in no way representing the association and the association was in no way responsible for a political party printing bills with Mr. Hawkes' name attached and that unless it could be shown that Mr. Hawkes had acquiesced in his name being advertised on such bills, as director, that we, the directors, do not see how Mr. Hawkes could be held responsible either. Carried.

Moved by Messrs. Langley and Greensill: That the board endorse the action of the Canadian Council of Agriculture in appointing Messrs. Maharg and Dunning to prepare our case on the Bank Act. Carried.

Moved by Messrs. Dunning and Musselman: That Messrs. Langley, Maharg and Green be a committee to look into and take action regarding the matters relating to the charter of incorporation and property rights of the association. Carried.

Moved by Messrs. Musselman and Greensill: That the President and Secretary be a committee to interview the mayor and council of Saskatoon regarding accommodation available for convention and to report to the Executive. Carried.

Moved by Messrs. Dunning and Robinson: That the Directors' meeting now adjourn and the organization meeting re-convene. Carried.

Mr. Alcock read a paper on organization. Mr. Sales also read a paper. Considerable discussion followed these papers. The meeting adjourned at 12 o'clock on motion of Messrs. Greensill and Conlon.

The meeting convened again at 9.30 Saturday, the 16th. President Maharg in the chair. Present: Secretary Green, Lillwall, Lawrence, of Aberdeen, Hoppiss, Reid, Zeitler and Greensill.

The President outlined his own views of organization. A resolution was presented by Messrs. Reid and Lillwall: That each district director, in conjunction with each of the organization committees in his district, should organize and supervise the work in order to avoid clashing or over-lapping. 2. That the actual expense of organization work be guaranteed by the Central to the amount of \$150.00 in each of the crop districts. 3. That each Director be given to understand that the organization work done must pay its way. That is, that sufficient annual or life members or donations must be secured to cover the actual expense and leave the Central association in as good a shape as it would be if such work was not carried on, and further, that these Directors and committees shall work out their own plans and conduct such meetings in a way and manner that they may agree to be in the best interests of the work of the association. Should they decide to hold a district meeting or a circuit of local meetings, official notification of such meetings shall be sent out by the Central after the plan has been received from the District Director.

An amendment was moved by Messrs. Conlon and Greensill:—

Resolved, that a number of district conventions be held at central points with the object of laying out a circuit of local meetings and that the Secretary make a list of the available speakers who could attend and forward same to the District Director and chairman of the various organization committees and that the organization committee with the Directors fix dates of the district convention so there will be no clashing and that \$150.00 be appropriated to be used by the district directors and chairman of the organization committees for expenses. Considerable discussion followed and finally the amendment was put and declared lost by the chairman. The original motion was then put and declared carried.

The meeting adjourned sharply in order to catch the train.

F. W. Green, Esq.,
Dear Sir:—I understand that the Grain Growers' association loan money to farmers in some cases when they have any on hand. If that is the case, could you send me particulars by return mail, as I would like to raise some on my half section of land. I also have a homestead, quarter section, and I wished to get the money to pay cash for another quarter adjoining. I can give

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 Alcock, Belle Plaine;
No. 3, Frank Burton, Herbert; No. 4,	J. F. Reid, Oradell; No. 5, W. H. Lillwall, Colonsay; No. 6, G. H. McKague, Fertile Valley; No. 7, C. W. Hawkins, Valparaiso; No. 8, A. Knox, Prince Albert; No. 9, A. J. Greensill, Denholm.

a clear title to the both of them as security. I have horses, implements, etc., enough to work this land, all paid for and I have no debts. I might say I am a member of the Grain Growers' association and a firm believer in the Grain Growers' movement.

The above and our reply are typical letters.

Dear Sir:—Yours of the 23rd instant re securing loan from our association to hand. I dare say you mean from the Life Membership fund. You should apply to A. W. Irwin, of Moose Jaw, who is the secretary-treasurer for the Life Membership Fund of the Saskatchewan G.G.A. I might say, however, I am real glad to note your optimistic outlook and general prosperous condition. What is wanted is men all over the country to send us in a Life Membership fee and we would soon be in a position to assist in a quiet way a large number of men who might require small loans in the way you do. What a small thing it would be for the farmers to put 1c per bushel on one car of grain into a Life Membership for the Saskatchewan G.G.A. What an association this would be if all the farmers did this. I suppose most farmers would like to have a strong farmers' organization capable of looking after the interests of its members. Well, \$12.00 apiece, 1c a bushel on one car of grain from all the farmers in this Province of Saskatchewan would make the mightiest organization of farmers ever heard of in this or any other country. Do you think they will do it? Do you think farmers will really get all that is coming to them in this world of contest and competition? Do you think that right, equity, will always be meted out to the farmers without any effort on their part at self-protection?

But I did not intend to preach a sermon to you. Your letter is a pleasure. If perchance this answer will arouse a goodly number to send in their Life Membership fees we shall be delighted and it will be easy then for you to secure a loan.

F. W. G.

F. W. Green, Esq.:—Please find enclosed the sum of \$11.75 as membership fees for Beinfait Grain Growers' association and kindly forward me receipt for same.

G. E. KINCADE,
Sec'y Beinfait Branch.

G. E. Kincaide, Esq.:—We herewith enclose our receipt for \$11.75 membership fees from Beinfait. We thank you and your members for this and trust you have received our circular re grain shipping and that you are going in to attend to the farmers' business in a business-like way at Beinfait. Have you placed that circular before your members? Have you appointed a committee? Are you holding regular meetings? Have you got a program for the winter? Are you doing everything possible to make the G.G.A. at Beinfait a regular, active, wide-awake farmers' board of trade, taking in all the business connected with the production of farmers' products and distribution of commodities entering into that production and also to the general duties involved in the Canadian and British citizenship? If you are not doing this, why not? We are trusting the officers at your point to do all that I have outlined and more.

F. W. G.

F. W. Green, Esq.:—Enclosed please find \$18.00, being membership fees for 36 members of the Dafoc Branch of the Saskatchewan G.G.A. I trust you will find this correct.

E. E. BOLTON,
Sec'y Dafoc G.G.A.