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A Business Man

Andrew Lee, recently from Old Quebec, now a Life Member of our association, living in section 12, township 7, range 8, West of the third, called to see us the other day. He said he wanted to know what we as an association were doing or trying to do. I endeavored to set forth the many things we had done and many we were trying to do. He said: "Well, if ever I go East again I will let the people down there know a few things. They are not treating this country right; they do not know the conditions. Your association is not going at it right. I watched the reports of your big delegation to Ottawa. I was in Quebec then. You don't hit the nail on the head. Those people down there listen to you; they say: 'Yes, yes, oh yes,' and as soon as you turn your back they snap their fingers at you. You should strike at your representative. What is he doing for you? Why don't you appoint your own men to represent you? Why do you let each little town appoint a man to run for parliament nominated by the parties? Why don't you put up your own association men? A good body of say twenty-five Western farmers responsible to the association who would work for farmers irrespective of party allegiance, acting in your interest on the floor of parliament is what you want and the only thing that will give you standing. Every interest is represented there but yours. I am ready to help you in such a work. But this dilly dallying with old party men is ridiculous nonsense, many of them are old fogies, who ought to have sense enough to keep out of the way."

About two years ago an attempt was made to organize a branch of the G. A. in this district and for that purpose a meeting was called at which enough names were got to form a branch. Officials were also named, with myself as secretary. A few weeks after the crops in the district were almost totally destroyed by hail, so nothing further was done in the matter of organization of the branch, and no fees were ever collected. This spring it was thought that another attempt at organization should be made, so another meeting was called, but in the interval between calling and holding of the meeting, a branch of the G. A. had been formed at Sheho, which is our town and nearest railway point. When we did hold our meeting it was unanimously agreed that we do not proceed further with organization of a branch at Netherton, but that we all join the Sheho branch, and so help to make a good, strong branch there.

JAMES LAIRD,

Netherton, Sask.

James Laird, Esq.:

Yours of the 4th inst. to hand. We note you have decided not to organize a branch at your point, but that you are assisting Sheho, which is your nearest railway point. I feel sure this is a mistake on the part of your people, as the association can be most useful at outlying points such as Netherton. Meetings are invariably better at such points, better attendance and better work is done on mutual improvement lines. We desire to lift our whole citizenship to a higher order of acquaintance with public questions and current events of the day. We desire to fit our men and boys for clearer thinking, pub-

NOTICE

EAGLE CREEK combined Grain Growers' PICNIC will be held at MILETZ CROSSING, 32-37-10 on FRIDAY, JULY 19th. All Grain Growers Welcome.

Saskatchewan

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lie speaking and co-operative action, and the local outlying school houses make much better points for carrying on this work than do the little towns. The little towns are splendid points where your committees can get in their work, securing data, watching your business, attending to shipping matters and car distribution, car order book, etc. It is also a pivotal point for practical co-operative purchase and distribution, but the outlying local points such as yours is the proper place for your association, discussions, entertainments, and if you like, branch of the Farmers' Parliament.

F. W. G.

Enclosed please find money order for \$5.75. Of this sum \$4.50 is for subscriptions received up to date, 75 cents for three buttons and 50 cents for tickets. We hold our annual picnic on July 5. In this district the crop is going ahead fine. Please forward tickets at your earliest convenience and oblige.

JOSEPH L. GOODBURN,

Sec'y Clarke Hill Branch.

It is now some three weeks since we organized a 'Grain Growers' association at our home town, Elfros, Saskatchewan, and the parties organizing made the mistake of putting me in as secretary-treasurer. We were having a fast time just then, being in the throes of organizing a Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator local which was brought to a successful conclusion the week after. This, together with other municipal and local issues, as well as the commencing provincial campaign, has compelled me to delay this writing out of all reason, but as I have (what I often think is) the misfortune to get mixed up in mostly everything of a public nature that is going, at home there, I must request your clemency in judging this delay. To begin with, then, this may serve as an official notice of the organization of our branch of the association. Furthermore, I want to ask you to send me fifty membership tickets, so that we can fix a member out right, whether we secure him at one of the regular meetings or on a street corner of a Saturday night.

ORM KRISTINSON,

Sec'y Elfros G.G.A.

Please find enclosed \$15.00 being \$1.00 owing on membership cards, \$9.00 for eighteen members, and \$5.00 for G.G.A. buttons. I should have sent this to you sometime ago but we could not hold meetings during the month of May. We are getting on fine here, had two good socials during the winter and arranging for a big union picnic about July 10, also picnic July 1. Will report on the same later. We expect to get some speakers from around this part of the country. Please send along the buttons as soon as possible I hope to send you some life members shortly.

JAMES C. HUNTER,

Sec'y Sutherland G.G.A.

Please find enclosed \$1.00 fees for two more members. I am afraid the spark of enthusiasm shown sometime ago regarding the picnic has died out as I have not had one reply to the letters I sent out. It seems a pity as railway facilities are ideal and I had hoped such a gathering would have given fresh impetus to the cause we uphold. To use an old Scotch saying, "One has to put a stout hert tae a sty brae"; still if we have a decent crop this year as present prospects indicate, the outlook may brighten. We have been turned down completely by the Co-operative Elevator Company, and something must be radically wrong somewhere when they can't build us an elevator at Primrose. Other Elevator Companies turn us down too. I suppose hearing that we tried for an elevator of our own they want to pay us back. We reckon there is roughly between 20,000 and 25,000 acres under crop this year adjacent to this town and no means of shipping grain but over a two car loading platform. Can you wonder that lukewarm farmers are asking what the Co-operative Company are doing, with the result that I have been

instructed to write several elevator companies although they have refused (at least some have) us already. I consider it very unfair that older settled parts should be catered for in preference to newer settlements.

THOMAS R. HALLIDAY,

Sec'y Macklin G.G.A.

Please find enclosed \$5.00 membership fees for 1912, 25cents for twenty-five membership cards. The first meeting since February 12 was held tonight. Many subjects of importance were brought forward and discussed. The three most important were a G. G. A. picnic, binder twine and Direct Legislation. Although not thoroughly understood by some present it was generally conceded that Direct Legislation is a needful thing. Hoping to have some interesting reports during the summer.

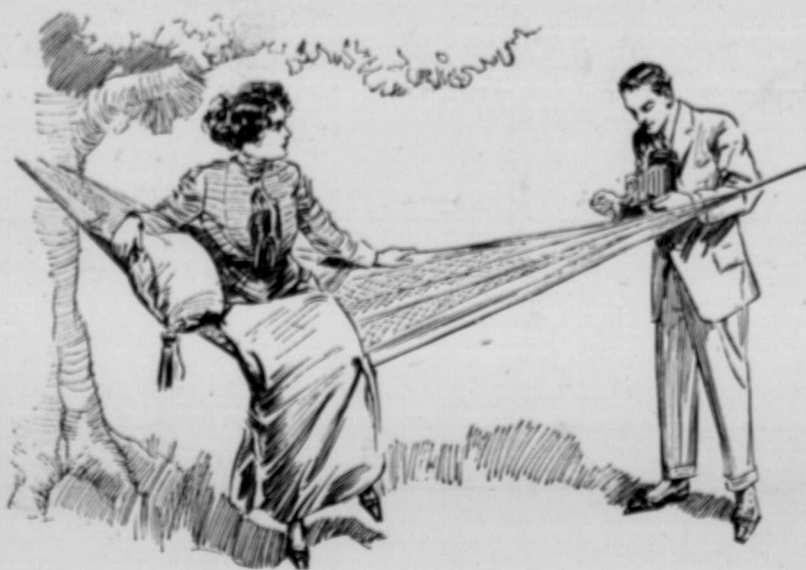
WM. PINCHES,

Sec'y Sylvania G.G.A.

Enclosed please find Postal Order for \$8.50 being the share due the provincial organization from our local. We formed our branch on March 1 and the officers are: President, R. W. England; Vice-President, Mr. Lark; Secretary-Treasurer, Charles S. Rowles; Directors, P. Douglas, Ole Bue, and Schuman Gregorson. Various matters have been taken up and we intend to hold regular meetings when the busy season is over. Kindly forward us membership cards. Wishing you success in your work.

CHARLES S. ROWLES,

Sec'y Fairmount G. G. A.



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