



MANITOBA SECTION

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FARMERS MUST WORK TOGETHER

In this issue we publish another list of meetings to be addressed by directors of the Grain Growers' Association and hope that the readers of THE GUIDE will not regard it as being officious if we again direct their attention to the advantages to the farming community of having those meetings made an unqualified success. The credit and reputation of the farmers is wrapped up in their organization and it should be a matter of pride on the part of each Grain Grower that the interests which live on the farmer should not be able to point to the fact that the farmers cannot make a success of their own organization as a reason why they (the interests) should continue to exploit the producers of wealth.

The individualism of the farmer and the peculiar trait of his character that tends in the direction of avoiding organization among themselves, creates a valuable asset for the privileged classes. The representatives of the mortgage companies, manufacturers, politicians and others, do their exploiting by dealing with the farmers individually, and alone. He is quite unable to hold his own against the sophistry of men who appeal to his individualism, while if the instincts of collectiveness were instilled into his mind to such an extent that he would join with his fellows in resisting the encroachments of the exploiters, he would be able to successfully hold his own. The Grain Growers' Association affords the necessary opportunity for farmers to collectively meet the forces of the exploiters, and once our Grain Growers are educated up to the point that they will rely upon themselves to uphold their organization and meet the economic conditions that we are confronted with, not as individuals, but as an organized force, the battle will be won. The whole situation resolves itself into a matter of education and the meetings of the Grain Growers' Associations afford opportunity for the farmer to get the necessary equipment to enable him to withstand the inroads made upon the products of his labor by those who have brought the advantages that follow organization up to a high standard for their own benefit.

Farmers usually make the excuse, and attempt to satisfy their own better nature that they have no time to attend farmers' gatherings. It may be true that under present conditions they have no such time, as the "modern feudalism" compels farmers to pay so much tribute to the privileged classes that they have to take all their time, working for a living. Unquestionably the remedy is for farmers to study the economic conditions which compel them to work so many hours, and by united effort provide a solution for their problems to the end that they need not spend all their time either in sleeping or working. There is abundant evidence that there is a change coming over the situation. It is an encouraging sign of the times that the Grain Growers' movement is gaining popularity every day. Advices from country points are that the meetings arranged for this fall are going to be attended with greater enthusiasm than ever. Not only are the farmers themselves attending the meetings in large numbers, but arrangements are being made at many points where not only the heads of families but also the young people, and farmers' wives are, in large numbers, taking hold of the work of the Grain Growers' Association. This is as it should be, for once the meetings of the Grain Growers become the most important events in the community, the change that will be effected in the social conditions of the community will be marked and altogether in the direction of better citizenship.

We draw your attention to the announcement as to the Ottawa delegation, made on this page. Arrangements are now completed, and the success or failure of the delegation rests upon the activity of the directors and officers of the local branches. The main purpose of organizing a special excursion train was the

Circular re Ottawa Delegation

Dear Sir:—As a result of the efforts that are being made by the manufacturers and privileged classes to minimize the presentations that have been made to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and members of the Government by the farmers of Canada for a reduction in the customs duty and the placing of manufactured articles used by farmers in their homes and on the farm on the free list, the leaders in the farmers' movement have decided to organize a large delegation of farmers from all the provinces of the Dominion under the auspices of the Canadian Council of Agriculture, to present the views of the united farmers to the government. The arrangements are that the representatives from all the provinces will meet in a conference at Ottawa on December 15, to discuss the present fiscal system of Canada. When they arrive at some definite plan their requests will be presented to the government on the 16th of December. It is expected that all the local Granges of Ontario, the Ontario Dairymen's Association, the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, and the Farmers' Organizations of Quebec and the lower provinces will send large delegations. The three Grain Growers' Associations of the West are expected to be represented by large numbers of farmers.

HOW TO GET THERE

The Western Grain Growers have arranged with the Canadian Pacific Railway for a special train, provided sufficient indicate their intention of going on same, to leave Winnipeg 11.30 p.m., December 12, after the arrival of the trains from the branch lines. This excursion train will reach Ottawa during the night of the 14th, in time for the delegates to take part in the conference on the 15th. This train will be composed of standard sleepers and tourist sleeping cars. The delegation may remain in sleepers until the morning of the 15th. The rate for a berth in the standard sleeper from Winnipeg to Ottawa will be \$8; the berth in the tourist sleeper will be \$4. If two occupy the same berth, the rate will be \$4 and \$2 respectively. Dining car accommodation will be provided on train. Buy your tickets from your own station direct to Ottawa on the winter excursion rates. This ticket will be good to return any time within ninety days and can be used to return via Toronto. Anyone wishing to visit points west of Toronto will have to pay their fare to their destination and return to Toronto, extra. The special train has been arranged for the accommodation of the delegates, but it is not compulsory for delegates to join this excursion train. They can, if they so desire, take any train they wish after the first of December, over any route that they choose, so long as they meet the delegation at Ottawa on the morning of the 15th. So that, anyone having business in eastern points previous to that date can go down early and attend to it.

It is most desirable that every branch of the Grain Growers in Manitoba should send one or more delegates. There is no limit to the number of delegates that each branch can appoint. I am enclosing you herewith a blank form to fill in and return to me not later than December 5, giving the names of your delegates and whether they want berth in the standard sleepers or tourist sleepers. This is necessary in order to arrange for the special train. Delegates can be accompanied by their wives or other members of their family on the excursion train.

Yours very truly,

R. MCKENZIE, Secretary.

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opportunity it would give the farmers from the different provinces to mingle together on the train on their way to Ottawa. It will afford a two days' intercourse with one another on the train. The officials of the Canadian Pacific Railway are taking particular interest in making this excursion train a feature that those who form part of the delegation will not forget. Ample sleeping and dining accommodation will be provided. The important point is that every district in the West should be represented, on this delegation. Opportunity will be afforded in Ottawa for the delegates from each constituency to meet their member in Ottawa and consult with him, and let him know what they want him to do. The influence that this delegation, if properly represented, will have upon the public mind will be far reaching, inasmuch as it will be a convincing proof that the farmers of Canada are no longer going to allow special interests to control legislation and the administration of our laws.

We wish to draw the attention of the

secretaries to the blank form petitions to be signed and sent to the Dominion government praying for the passing of the Co-Operative Bill. This petition ought to be largely signed and the nature of it is such that every farmer will gladly add his signature to it. All that is necessary is that the officers of each branch take pains to give every farmer the opportunity of signing the petition. Anyone wishing further copies of petitions for circulation can have them by writing to the Grain Growers' GUIDE office.

The Annual Convention of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, has been fixed for January 24, 25 and 26, in the city hall, Brandon. Any matter that the different branches wish to have brought up at the convention, should be placed in the hands of the secretary at as early a date as possible.

R. MCKENZIE,
Secretary.

SHOAL LAKE DELEGATE

At a meeting of the Shoal Lake G.G.A. held on the 29th of October the

TO ALL SECRETARIES

Branch secretaries are reminded that our offer of a three months subscription for Ten Cents expires December 1st. After that date we cannot accept any more of these trial subscriptions. This is an excellent means of procuring Association members and numerous branches have sent in these three month's subscriptions for all prospective members in their districts, as well as active members who do not take THE GUIDE. The amount involved is small—Ten Cents each—and a few dollars expended this way on the part of each branch, will produce results which will surpass all expectations. Please take the matter up at your next meeting—Education means victory

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following resolutions were passed:

Moved by W. J. Short and J. Esteott: "That this association, while approving of government ownership of interior elevators and the present manner of operating same, we would respectfully request that as soon as possible the remodeling of the elevators into special bins and every modern convenience should be proceeded with. And further, that the present charge of 1 1/4 cents for elevator charges on oats be reduced when possible and that a copy of same be sent to The Guide and elevator commission." Carried.

Moved by J. Dandridge and J. M. Cameron: "That this association, being in an oat growing district, feels very keenly the increase of the commission on oats to one cent per bushel, and request the central association to use every endeavor to have same reduced to 1/2 cent per bushel, which is held to be ample for services rendered by the commission firms." Carried. Moved by F. Green and D. McArthur: "That this association send one delegate to Ottawa, and that the association pay all his expenses." Carried. Moved by W. B. Marton and D. McArthur: "That W. J. Short be the delegate to Ottawa." Carried. The meeting then adjourned.

CHAS. FINDLAY, Secretary.
Shoal Lake, Man.

GRAIN GROWERS' MEETINGS

To be addressed by F. W. Kerr, of Souris:—

Edwin	Nov. 11.
Rosedale	Nov. 16.
Arizona	Nov. 17.
Austin	Nov. 18, at 2.30
Springbrook	Nov. 18, at 8.
McGregor	Nov. 19.
Bagot	Nov. 21.
Firdale	Nov. 22, at 8.
Mayfield	Nov. 23, at 2.30.
Barton	Nov. 23, at 8.
Golden Stream	Nov. 24.

To be addressed by C. Burdette of Foxwarren:—

Blairst	Nov. 14.
Minota	Nov. 15.
Crandall	Nov. 16.
Hamiota	Nov. 17.
Oak River	Nov. 18.
Rapid City	Nov. 19.
Lenore	Nov. 21, at 2.30.
Kenton	Nov. 2, at 8.
Harding	Nov. 22, at 2.30.
Bradwardine	Nov. 22, at 8.
Wheatland	Nov. 23.
Carnegie	Nov. 24.
Moorepark	Nov. 25.
Corlova	Nov. 26.
Brookdale	Nov. 27.
Wellwood	Nov. 28.

GILBERT PLAINS IN LINE

At our usual monthly meeting today the following were appointed delegates to Ottawa: J. B. Parker, president Gilbert Plains Association; J. R. Dutton, secretary Gilbert Plains Association, alternate. I see you have a list in The Guide of branches who have already named their delegates. Please add ours, as I believe it will be a help and encouragement to other districts to hurry up and appoint delegates. I hope there will be a big delegation from Manitoba and the West. We also passed a motion for the secretary to issue certificates to any member going East this winter for Christmas holidays on his own expense. It is likely we will have several authorized delegates. The association authorized an expenditure of \$100 for one delegate.

JOHN R. DUTTON, Secretary.
Gilbert Plains, Man.