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

LOOK HERE, READ THIS

On December 2, 1911, the Whiteberry G. G. A. held their annual meeting, this being the twelfth time they have met during 1911. The retiring secretary, W. E. Wallace, read his report on the year's work, and showed a balance of \$37.00. The number of members who paid their fees, including two lady members, was forty-nine. The net proceeds of the picnic and dance on Coronation Day was \$23.00.

During the year the association started a library, and voted \$12.00 towards books. They also handled a 100 lb. keg of formaline, which they retailed to members at 16 cents per lb. and netted a profit to the association of over \$3.00. Some of the members joined together and ordered a car of lumber, and they estimated that they saved \$150.00 by this piece of co-operation.

The books were audited by Mr. F. Parker, who found them correct. Both secretary's and auditor's reports were adopted by the meeting. Votes of thanks to retiring officers were passed.

Mr. J. E. Gildees was elected president for the coming year and Mr. F. Parker vice-president. A strong working committee was also chosen. We are going after members this year, and we wish to give Mr. Green notice that he should keep on hand a large supply of membership cards.

JOS. J. MELLING,
Sec'y., Whiteberry G. G. A.
Luxemburg, Sask.

KEEP PUSHING

Lipton, Sask.
F. W. Green, Esq. Dec. 4, 1911.

Dear Sir:—
You will please find enclosed twenty-one fifty (\$21.50), being the central's fees for 43 members for 1911. Our annual meeting will be held on December 9 when your list of questions will be discussed. We have an increase of eight members this year. The motto of the association should be "Keep pushing."

Yours sincerely,
J. T. B. MICHELSON,
Sec.-Treas.

Dec. 20, 1911.
J. T. B. Michelson, Esq.,
Lipton, Sask.

Dear Sir:—
Your splendid standing and motto deserve special mention. I trust your members will wake up to the importance of a thoroughly posted delegation at our big convention. It is the farmers' parliament. Without a doubt it is where legislation is initiated. The convention should get better men into it every year. Better speakers, better posted, better balance. We want clear-cut and intelligent debate on reasonable propositions. Keep pushing.

Yours truly,
F. W. GREEN.

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A MISSIONARY

F. W. Green, Esq.

Dear Sir:—

Please find enclosed \$35.00, being membership fees due central. We have eighty-five members enrolled; seventy paid up. Every farmer in the vicinity is a grain grower. When the association was first started it took some talking to get a member, but now it is simply a business deal which most men see the advantage of.

There are more members than last year in this branch, although three other branches have been organized, including a number of our old members.

Every convention and delegation has been represented by delegates from this branch during the year. The associations of Mooreland and Dilke were organized by the president and secretary. Both the new associations are energetic and their membership is including all the farmers in their vicinity.

Many of our members are threshing and perhaps the annual meeting will not be held till the New Year, then your questions will be answered.

Yours in the work,
T. M. EDDY.

Bethune.

Dec. 20, 1911.

C. E. Southworth, Esq.,
Semans, Sask.

Dear Sir:—

I herewith enclose receipt for \$22.00, covering your enclosure of the 18th inst. We thank you very much and trust that the Semans Association will fit themselves with several well-posted delegates for our big convention. Many problems will face the delegates. Car shortage, blockade, constitutional amendments, formation of county associations, hail insurance proposition, necessitating thorough acquaintance with the grain act, constitution and the general workings of the association. The convention will be large, and likely only men fairly well qualified will secure a hearing. This needs meetings often. Practice, in order that practical farmers may be fully prepared to give an exposition of their ideas.

Yours truly,
F. W. GREEN.

THORNFIELD ANNUAL MEETING

Meeting opened 3.30 p.m., December 13, in the Thornfield school, 11 members present.

Questions to hand from central presented and duly answered.

Reports of officers given and accepted.

Proposed by Ed. Lambert, seconded by Ernest Lambert, "That each member take one or more membership tickets with the idea of increasing the membership of this branch." Carried unanimously.

Unanimously accepted by the meeting, that A. Mann read a paper on the advisability of a storage bin at Venn at next meeting.

Proposed by Ed. Lambert, seconded by G. Fristedt, "That the meeting be held on every second Wednesday, at one o'clock, from this date." Carried.

Proposed by A. Mann, seconded by R. Leigh, "That a fine of 50 cents be imposed upon the speaker for the meeting if not present within 15 minutes of the time the meeting is advertised to start." Carried.

Election of Officers

H. Martin was elected president for 1912. R. Leigh, vice-president; and Ernest Lambert, secretary-treasurer. Directors, D. Hertner, G. Fristedt, V. Lambert, J. Armstrong, A. Mann, T. Hurley.

A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to retiring officers.

One new member enrolled.

Moved by president that we adjourn, to meet again on Wednesday, December 27.

ERNEST J. LAMBERT,
Sec.-Treas.

THE MEMBERSHIP FEE

At our meeting we decided that it would not be wise to raise the membership fee above one dollar, as it would undoubtedly keep several out of the association, and thus weaken the central as well as the local.

There are a number that will join at \$1.00, when if it was \$1.25 they would stay out.

We think it better to have fifty members at \$1.00 each than forty at \$1.25 each.

To make up for the county association maintenance, levy so much on each local according to the number of members. The amount could be settled when the expense of running is ascertained. There are members that would sooner go to a box social or an entertainment of some kind and spend from \$2.00 to \$5.00 where they would not be willing to give \$1.25 to become a member. We think this plan is worthy of consideration.

MOUNT HOPE ASSOCIATION

I have much pleasure in forwarding you the remaining membership fees due to the association. We held our first annual meeting, and the secretary read the financial report for the year. The books were audited by Mr. A. Jones and signed correct. There was not a very large attendance, we were busy threshing. The following officers were elected for the year 1912:—President, Mr. J. Horrell; vice-president, Mr. A. Jaures; secretary-treasurer, Mr. W. Sidebottom; directors, G. Sidebottom, S. Stade, W. Lamb, M. Sommerville, G. Bell, and J. Garland.

The next meeting will take place on January 11, when we hope to have a good muster of new members, and a renewal of all the old ones. Mr. Horrell will put a very important proposition before the members at next meeting.

J. CREEGAN,
Past Secretary, Mount Hope G.G.A.

A PROTEST

Moved by J. W. Grant, and seconded by B. F. Woodford, and carried unanimously:

"Resolved that we, the members of the Ituna-Hubbard Grain Growers' Association, here assembled, do strongly protest against the spread of 30 cents below Fort William prices, which is being charged to the disadvantage of the poor man with street wheat to sell." Same wheat is bought here less 13 3/4 cents charges, which leaves a straight hold-up of 16 1/4 cents.

A. E. RAYNER, Sec'y.

NEW ASSOCIATION AT DYSART

Dysart has found no more important need than a branch of the G. G. A. A meeting was called, and Mr. J. B. Musselman, president of the Cupar branch, kindly gave his services and experience in assisting in the organization of the Dysart branch. Before the real organization work commenced, Mr. Musselman gave a most interesting address, outlining the origin and birth of the association, its work and growth.

Mr. Musselman's remarks were followed by the actual organization of a branch, and before the meeting closed, some twenty-one members had signed the roll. All officers were elected, and motion carried to this effect, "That in the opinion of this meeting, a co-operative elevator is badly needed at this point, and the board of the Dysart G. G. A. are requested to get in touch with the authorities at Regina as soon as possible, with a view to getting same created."

Officers are as follows:—President, W. Wright; vice-president, Lawrence Barkevele; secretary, A. H. Stevens; directors, C. G. Wood, W. Gibson, H. Dodds, H. Scholefield and C. Waldigger.

ESTEVAAN ASSOCIATION

Estevan, Sask.

Dear Sir:—

Enclosed please find Money Order for \$7.50, being membership fees for 1912, for 16 members, one, Mr. J. A. Brown, being a life member of View Hill Grain Growers' association. Our annual meeting and social was held in View Hill school house on December 15. Mr.

J. J. Lamb was called upon and addressed the meeting on the benefits and objects of the Grain Growers' association. Mr. J. A. Brown also addressed the meeting on the life membership plan. Ten minutes recess was then declared for the purpose of receiving and renewing memberships, during which time sixteen memberships were paid up for 1912.

Officers were elected as follows:—President, A. P. Main; vice-president, J. C. Graff; secretary-treasurer, L. A. Goud; directors, C. J. Danielson, G. Penstock, Stanley Lamb, Arthur Graff, E. E. Frisk and William Hodgson.

Mr. J. J. Lamb was appointed delegate to attend the central convention. The business meeting was then adjourned, and a program was rendered, consisting of gramophone selections, readings and recitations by Mr. Frisk, Mr. Penstock, Mrs. Frisk and others; and songs by Mr. and Mrs. Long. The sale of boxes followed with J. A. Brown as auctioneer, the sum of \$22 being realized.

L. A. GOUD, Sec'y.

MEETING AT YELLOW GRASS

On Friday, December 1, Mr. John Kennedy, vice-president of The Grain Growers' Grain Company, Limited, and Mr. J. Powell visited the Grain Growers of Yellow Grass and held a successful meeting.

Mr. Kennedy very ably reviewed the work accomplished by our company and told of success achieved, despite fierce opposition from the allied capitalistic interests. The speakers clearly showed that if farmers would but study these problems more closely that we would soon be in a position of independence in marketing our products and in purchasing our supplies. The success our company has won augurs well for future development along other lines than selling grain.

JOHN MORRISON,
Sec.-Treas. Yellow Grass G.G.A.



SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST LAND REGULATIONS

ANY person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years old, may homestead a quarter section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. The applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for the district. Entry by proxy may be made at any agency, on certain conditions, by father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of intending homesteader.

Duties—Six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres, solely owned and occupied by him or by his father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister.

In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter section alongside his homestead. Price \$3 per acre.

Duties—Must reside upon the homestead or pre-emption six months in each of six years from date of homestead entry (including the time required to earn homestead patent) and cultivate fifty acres extra.

A homesteader who has exhausted his homestead right and cannot obtain a pre-emption may enter for a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price, \$3.00 per acre. Duties—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate fifty acres and erect a house worth \$300.00.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.
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