

PROGRAM AT YORKTON

The annual meeting, District No. 9, of which James Inglis is the district director, will be held at Yorkton, Sask., November 30 and December 1, 1917. The following is the program: Friday, 10 a.m., formal opening; address of welcome, His Worship, Mayor Becker; district director's address; address by Mrs. A. H. Wallace, director W.S.; appointment of committees.

2 p.m.; round table conference; trading activities; separate women's meetings. 4 p.m., resolutions.

Friday: 6 p.m., banquet; 8 p.m., public meeting, entertainment features, addresses by Mrs. McNaughtan, J. A. Maharg and J. B. Musselman.

Saturday: 9.30 a.m., picture films shown; organization conference; resolutions. 2 p.m., resolutions; election of officers; unfinished business.

PRINCE ALBERT CONVENTION

District No. 12 convention, S.G.G.A., will be held at Prince Albert on Thursday, December 13, at 10 a.m. The meetings are open to the general public. Many important questions will be discussed, but special prominence will be given questions affecting conditions in District No. 12. Among the speakers will be J. B. Musselman, central secretary; H. H. McKinney, superintendent of organization; Thomas Sales, of the executive; John Evans, director; Mrs. McNaughtan, president of the women's section; and Mrs. W. H. S. Gange, local director, women's section. Let us make this convention a success.

ANDREW KNOX,
Prince Albert. District Director.

CHANGE OF DATE

All members of our association in District No. 13 will please take notice that our convention will be held at Wilkie, on Wednesday, December 12, instead of December 18, as previously advertised. The meeting will begin about 9 or 9.30 on the morning of the 12th.

W. H. LILWALL,
District Director.

WOLSELEY CONVENTION

Our district convention will be held on December 19, in the town hall, Wolseley, commencing at 10.30 a.m. All locals are expected to put forth a real live effort to send the full allotment of delegates. Some of the speakers will be Mrs. McNaughtan or Mrs. Tate, President Maharg and our vice-president, A. G. Hawkes.

Locals are requested to forward their resolutions at the earliest possible date, together with a list of delegates, and if possible please send an estimate of the probable number of visitors. Arrangements are under way with the C.P.R. to have trains stop at 9.30 p.m. for convenience of visitors and delegates returning home. Be sure to purchase a one-way ticket and get a standard certificate, entitling you to a reduced fare.

Please take notice that all delegates may bring as many visitor-friends as they wish. As this convention is in reality a farmers' parliament, I wish to urge each delegate to consider it a duty to bring other farmers with him. Remember the date—December 19. Get busy now! Send in the number coming from your local, so that we may provide ample accommodation. Also please forward your resolutions, so that they may be sure of getting consideration.

J. T. BATEMAN,
District Director.

WANT THINGS EVENED UP

At a meeting of the Invermay G.G.A., on Saturday, November 17, 1917, the following resolution was carried unanimously:

Whereas, we understand that the members sitting on the tribunal boards are being paid at the rate of \$5.00 per diem, and those selected to go in this draft get \$2.00 per day and expenses for the time they are away getting their medical examination; and whereas, the boys in the trenches are receiving only \$1.10 per diem, we wish to put ourselves on record as being opposed to such an unjust and extreme difference.

H. A. LOUCKS,
Invermay G.G.A. Sec'y pro tem.

Saskatchewan

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DISTRICT CONVENTIONS
SCHEDULE

No. 9—Inglis, Maharg, Musselman, Rooke, at Yorkton; November 30.

No. 16—Hall, Maharg, Johnson, at Rosetown; December 4.

No. 11—Davis, Sales, Musselman, at N. Battleford; December 4.

No. 10—Rooke, Sales, Musselman, at Humboldt; December 6.

No. 6—McNaughtan, Musselman, Sales, at Saskatoon; December 11.

No. 12—Knox, Musselman, Sales, at Prince Albert; December 13.

No. 13—Lilwall, Sales, Johnson, at Wilkie; December 12.

No. 8—Orebar, Maharg, Musselman, Johnson, at Regina; December 19.

No. 5—Bateman, Maharg, Hawkes, at Waseley; December 19.

Many of these meetings will also hold over during the following day.

EXEMPTIONS BEING REFUSED

Central Secretary:—The farmers of this district are not well satisfied with the decisions of the tribunal held at Carnduff last week in regard to exemption. A number of farm hands enlisted since the war started and their places are very hard to fill. To make matters worse, the men applying for exemption are being refused.

For instance, J. H. Norris, a farmer, applies for exemption for W. Powell. Mr. Norris farms 480 acres, has 26 head of stock and milks 10 cows. All land is cultivated except the pasture field. Application is refused.

Another, W. J. Patterson, farms 480 acres, 25 head of stock, milks six cows. Asks for exemption for Robt. Thompson (who stayed three years and three months in last place). Application refused.

Another, James Alexander Bennett, lived six years in district; four years ago took half interest in 480 acres of land in partnership with Thos. E. McMillen. All land under cultivation except 35 acres pasture. They have 40 head of stock, and in spite of dry weather they threshed this fall 1,500 bushels of wheat and 1,900 bushels of oats. McMillen's father, aged 72, is living with them, but is too old to be of any assistance. Bennett applied for exemption at Carnduff tribunal on the 12th instant. Application refused.

Farmers here are British, or from Ontario, and are quite loyal; they do not wish to dictate to the tribunal, but they do wish to know how it is possible to continue raising grain, horses, cattle, hogs, etc., without necessary help. If you can help solve this hard help problem we will be greatly obliged to you. I may add that these men are taking their applications to Regina, and the results will be watched with interest. Your advice in these matters will be appreciated.

FRED CLACK,
Carrievale G.G.A. Sec.-Treas.

DISTRICT No. 11 CONVENTION

To the officers and members of all locals. District No. 11, S.G.G.A.

We will hold our annual district convention at North Battleford on December 4 and 5, commencing at 10 a.m. December 4. North Battleford has very kindly placed at our disposal the Lecture Hall in the new Library Building, opposite the C.N.R. depot, in which all sessions of the convention will be held. It is very important that all locals in our district be fully represented. Please make all the necessary arrangements for your full quota of delegates to attend this convention. Also please forward any resolutions your local may desire to place before the convention.

The great world war has caused the whole country to realize the importance of the farmer to the economic life of the nation. Our district conventions are very important as educators and makers of public opinion. We urge each local to do all in its power to make this year's convention a great success.

J. B. Musselman and T. Sales will represent the Central office and Mrs. McNaughtan and Mrs. Blades the women's section. We hope also to have with us our superintendent of organization, H. H. McKinney. These leaders in our movement will give addresses, furnish information and render every possible assistance, but remember that this is your convention. We hope the delegates will come prepared to take an active part in the proceedings.

I would heartily appreciate any suggestions from your local with a view to making the convention as interesting and as profitable as possible. Kindly forward your suggestions and resolutions as early as possible, and make every effort to send a full delegation from your local.

All members of the G.G.A. and all farmers and their wives are invited to attend, and will be allowed to take part in the discussions, but only delegates may vote.

Suggested Program

December 4.—10 a.m., opening convention; appointment of resolution committee; (1) Address of Welcome, Mayor Henderson; (2) Address, H. H. McKinney, superintendent of organization; (3) Discussion led by P. M. McCaffrey. 2 p.m., Organization; Co-operative Trading Activities of Saskatchewan G.G.A.; Report and discussion led by Central secretary and Lloydminster delegate; Resolutions. 8 p.m., Women's Section, Mrs. J. McNaughtan, Mrs. Blades; Address, J. G. Raynor, B.S.A.; Address, Thos. Sales.

December 5.—10 a.m., Resolutions; Discussion led by Geo. Truscott. 2 p.m., "Western Agriculture after the War," J. Horrel; "The Farmer, the Food Controller and the Tariff," D. A. Moffatt; Election of district director; Resolutions and unfinished business. 8 p.m., Public Meeting; J. B. Musselman, The Farmers National Political Platform; Mrs. J. McNaughtan, Address.

C. C. DAVIES,
Director District No. 11.

AT GILBERT PLAINS

The annual meeting of the Dauphin District Grain Growers' Association was held at Gilbert Plains on Wednesday, November 14. President J. W. McQuay was in the chair and there was a good attendance. Notice of motion was given to increase the membership fee to \$2.00; \$1.50 of this to be paid to the central association. Albert McGregor of Arden and R. J. Avison addressed the meeting. The officers of the past year were re-elected. In the evening a joint meeting of the Social Service Council and the Grain Growers was held in the Presbyterian Church. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Middleton on behalf of the Social Service Council, by Mr. Gardner for the Victory Loan and by Mr. McGregor for the Grain Growers' Association.

At the afternoon meeting the following resolutions were carried:

"Whereas, the western provinces of Canada have prohibited the licensed liquor traffic to the limit of provincial powers;

"And whereas, the Hudson's Bay Company regard their privileges under an ancient Charter, re sale of liquor, as above the reach of Provincial governments;

"And whereas, the recent decision of the Saskatchewan courts upholds their contention, thereby allowing them to freely export or import liquor, in spite of the Provincial law to the contrary;

"Therefore be it resolved that this convention request the Dominion government to take all necessary steps to have the British North America Act amended, so as to take away such authority from the said company, so that the expressed will of the people shall no longer be thwarted by such a powerful combination of vested interests."

"Whereas, Manitoba has prohibited the license liquor traffic to the full extent of provincial powers;

"Whereas the benefits of the act are considerably lessened by the inter-provincial trade from other provinces; "Whereas, this trade is enormously encouraged by the skillful advertising of the liquor interests;

"Whereas, His Majesty's mails are being used very extensively for this purpose—in some cases letters with no other address but The Householder being distributed through the agency of the post office;

"Therefore be it resolved that this convention of the Grain Growers' Association for the provincial constituency of Dauphin hereby record its emphatic protest against His Majesty's mails being used to bolster up and perpetuate a prohibited and discredited business, and herewith urge the Union government to immediately close the mails to such advertising matter; and further, that the government be urged to make illegal the advertising of intoxicating beverages through newspapers, periodicals, placards, billboards, or in any way whatsoever, in all provinces where a prohibitory liquor law is on the statute books."

Prohibition

"We, the members of the Grain Growers' Association of Dauphin, in session assembled, wish to express our appreciation of the recent action of the cabinet council in prohibiting the further use of food-stuffs for the manufacture of distilled liquors for beverage purposes. We desire, however, to point out that a tremendous amount of food-stuffs will still be used in the manufacture of malt liquor. We also desire to remind the government that if food-stuffs were shut off from both brewers and distillers there would still remain on hand in bond sufficient liquor to last the Canadian trade for a term of from four to six years.

"We therefore urge, in the interest of food conservation, financial economy, business efficiency and Canadian manpower, that the government forthwith prohibit throughout the Dominion of Canada the manufacture, sale and importation of all intoxicating liquors as beverages."

COMPANIES REFUSE BONUS

At a general meeting of our local G.G.A., held on the 19th instant, a motion was moved by U. J. Cockburn, seconded by W. H. Church, "That this association request our provincial government to take necessary steps to compel the loan companies which are doing business in this province to accept doing business in this province to accept wishes to discharge his liabilities to them before the expiration of the mortgage. As the government may not be aware that since the government rural credit system has come into force the loan companies are absolutely declining to accept any bonus and discharge the farmers' liability to them, thereby preventing the farmers increasing their production to the utmost, and we believe that the selfish interests of the loan companies should not be allowed to interfere with greater production."

This motion was carried unanimously with a request that a copy be forwarded to you, as well as Mr. Dunning, asking you to take the question up with the proper authorities as soon as possible.

A. D. W. PARTRIDGE,
Sec. Superb G.G.A.

IN OTHER PROVINCES

The Agricultural Act 1915 of the British Columbia legislature was the first movement made in a Canadian province to deal with the problem of rural credits. It provides for an Agricultural commission consisting of a superintendent and four directors. Money is raised by issue of securities and sums appropriated by the legislature. Sixty per cent. of the value is the maximum. Loans are repayable in 364 years, 30 years or 20 years in equal half-yearly instalments covering principal and interest. The rate of interest is not set but must not exceed one per cent. per annum more than the rate paid by the commission on the net amount realized from the sale of securities. Short term loans are also provided for.

In Saskatchewan and Alberta acts on the same general principle as the Manitoba act, but without the "share" feature, are in operation. A short term credit act is provided for in Alberta also.