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 15—Frank Burton, Vanguard

DISTRICT CONVENTION AT MELVILLE

The following is a copy of the minutes of the convention for District No. 7, held in Melville on Nov. 17 and 18:

The meeting opened at 2 p.m. with Director C. O. A. Travis in the chair. H. C. Fleming, of Tate, was elected Convention Secretary.

Mr. Travis opened the meeting with an address, after which the Mayor of Melville, Mr. Rowand, was introduced, and extended a hearty welcome to the visitors. He asked that they consider the splendid town hall at their disposal at any time, stating they had five Grain Growers sitting on the Council, which they considered an honor, and concluded his remarks by wishing the organization every success for the future.

J. F. Reid replied to the Mayor's address.

A resolution committee was then appointed, consisting of Mr. Sales of the Central Executive; H. Barr, of Bangor, and Wm. Benwell, of Success.

H. Barr, of Bangor, gave a report of his organization work during the past year.

H. C. Fleming presented the financial report of the organization committee, showing a balance of \$43.85 from the voluntary contributions after deducting the organization expenses, and also gave a brief outline of the good work done by the other organizers, they being absent. Mr. Travis then introduced O. Clarke, secretary and managing director of the Govan Farmers' Co-operative Company.

Mr. Clarke outlined a very good system of accounting used at Govan, and which could be used by any society, and emphasized the value of system very plainly.

Moved by F. H. Clarkson; seconded by J. F. Reid: "That we tender Mr. Clarke a vote of thanks."—Carried.

Moved by F. H. Clarkson, seconded by H. C. Fleming: "That this Convention is of the opinion that the present is not a ripe time for the advancement of a retail business in connection with the Co-operative enterprises of the Association, and would request the Central Executive to discourage the idea and to concentrate its efforts on the furtherance of wholesale business. We would further ask that the Central Executive consider the advisability of establishing a uniform system of bookkeeping for local co-operative organizations, and also arrange for a system of audit from the Central Office."—Carried.

Moved by H. Barr, seconded by H. C. Fleming: "That the constitution be amended so as to provide for the election at the District Conventions of their Director, with a substitute, who shall be District Director for the coming year, should the Director be chosen at the Annual Convention for a higher position in the Association."—Carried.

Moved by W. J. Benwell, seconded by H. Barr: "That the District Directors be the nominating committee of the Directors at large."—Carried.

Adjourned until 7.45 p.m.

Organization Work

On resuming, J. F. Reid gave us a very interesting address on organization, pointing out very plainly the good work the Association had done, and the opportunity for the future of the Association.

After tendering Mr. Reid a vote of thanks and the delegates discussing organization for a while, the convention adjourned until 9.30 a.m., Nov. 18. The convention resumed at 9.30 a.m., Nov. 18.

Moved by W. J. Benwell, seconded by H. Barr: "That we carry on a similar organization program to the one pursued last year."—Carried.

Moved by F. H. Clarkson, seconded by P. Jones: "That the Central Executive be asked to set apart a sum equal to at least \$200 per annum per district to be spent in organization work. This amount to be supplemented as far as possible by voluntary contributions from locals, and further, that all secretarial duties in connection with organization work be done from the Head Office."—Carried.

Co-operative Insurance

Moved by W. J. Benwell, seconded by H. Barr: "That we request our Executive to consider and investigate into the advisability of the formation within our Association of both fire and life insurance for the benefit of members only."—Carried.

J. E. Paynter, Hail Insurance Commissioner, then addressed the convention, principally on the Hail Insurance question, and the delegates appeared very much interested in his remarks.

Moved by H. C. Fleming, seconded by W. A. Paul, of Govan: "That a vote of thanks be tendered Mr. Paynter."—Carried.

Moved by H. Barr, seconded by W. J. Benwell: "That at all points where 100,000 bushels of grain or over is shipped annually, the railroad companies be compelled to provide facilities for the weighing of grain and other commodities delivered to and received from them in their capacity as common carriers, and that they be required to issue an official weigh ticket with each weighing."—Carried.

Moved by W. J. Benwell, seconded by F. H. Clarkson: "That H. Barr and H. C. Fleming be members of organization committee."—Carried.

Moved by H. C. Fleming, seconded by H. Barr: "That Wm. Benwell be an organizer."—Carried.

Moved by Dr. Flatt, seconded by H. C. Fleming: "That R. H. Bobier be a member of organization committee."—Carried.

Moved by F. H. Clarkson, seconded by Dr. Flatt: "That Mr. Travis appoint an organizer for the East end of the District."—Carried.

Patriotic Acre

At the afternoon session J. B. Musselman, Central Secretary, was welcomed by the Convention, and gave an outline of the work done by the Central Office on Co-operative lines and showed the possibilities for the future of co-operative trading. Mr. Musselman also spoke briefly on the war situation.

Moved by F. H. Clarkson, seconded by H. Barr: "That this Convention heartily endorse the action of the Central Executive in recommending that every member of every Local donate the fruits of at least one acre of his cultivated land for patriotic purposes in 1915."—Carried.

Thos. Sales, of Langham, gave a short address on co-operation and outlined the work done by them at Langham. He said, "The day is past for us to go down on our knees to bankers, manufacturers, or merchants, and is ripe for us to do our business ourselves, by ourselves, for ourselves."

Moved by Hugh W. Lindsay, seconded by F. H. Clarkson: "Whereas a farmer may take a mortgage with a loan company and once after a few years may go behind with his payments, proceedings are taken in court, whereby the land may be foreclosed and not sold in any way, but the mortgagee becomes the owner;

"Therefore, be it resolved: that the government of Saskatchewan should make an amendment to the Land Titles Act, whereby such a proceeding should not take place, and that all lands

against which foreclosure proceedings are taken should be sold by public auction and that the assessed valuation should be the upset price for the property, and further, that twelve months' time be extended to the mortgagor for redemption."—Carried.

Mr. Cummings, legal advisor for the Province, interested the delegates with an outline of some of the sad cases he had been working upon.

Moved by H. W. Lindsay, seconded by H. F. Proctor: "That wherever a threshing outfit is purchased, the company making the sale shall be restricted by law not to take notes or chattel mortgages in excess of the value of the machinery sold."—Carried.

Short-Weight Coal

Moved by Thos. Sales, seconded by F. H. Clarkson: "Whereas there are many cases of shortage of coal, especially in shipments from the West, and, 'Whereas the cost of freight in many cases is higher than the cost of the coal, and the consumer not only pays for the coal, which he does not get, but also pays freight on coal that the railway does not haul;

"Resolved, that the facilities at present existing and the method employed for the weighing of coal at the mines, be thoroughly investigated by the Dominion Government."—Carried.

Moved by J. Jones, seconded by H. Barr: "That the railroad fares be pooled."—Carried.

Moved by W. A. Paul, seconded by H. C. Fleming: "That the motion regarding the pooling of fares be rescinded."—Carried.

Moved by G. Wilson, seconded by H. C. Fleming: "That we tender Mr. Travis a vote of thanks for the manner in which he has conducted the Convention."—Carried.

Before closing, we were invited to a concert at 7.30 p.m.

Along with the concert in the evening we had two interesting addresses by G. A. Wilson, M.A., and Dr. Flatt, of Tantallon. Mr. Wilson gave us a splendid patriotic address and Dr. Flatt spoke on the G.G.A. The musical program was a credit to the people of Melville, and the audience appreciated the whole of the program very much.

F. H. Clarkson moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Wilson and Dr. Flatt.

C. O. A. Travis moved a vote of thanks to the City for the splendid spirit in which they had received and entertained.

The following is a list of those present:—Fred H. Clarkson, Melville; C. O. A. Travis, Govan; H. P. Barr, Bangor; P. Jones, Bangor; C. Bligh, Gerald; Mrs. H. P. Barr, Bangor; F. Potts, Raymore; H. F. Proctor, Fenwood; Thos. Sales, Langham; W. A. Paul, Govan; J. E. McIntyre, Govan; G. Wilson, Govan; H. C. Fleming, Tate; J. F. Reid, Orcadia; John A. Fortune, Winnipeg; W. J. Benwell, Birmingham; Charles McLay, Melville; F. Wotherspoon, Melville; J. Wren, Melville, Mrs. J. Wren, Melville; H. W. Lindsay, Melville; J. O. Clarke, Govan; J. E. Paynter, Regina; Dr. Flatt, Tantallon; J. B. Musselman, Moose Jaw; J. E. Smith, Birmingham; F. Wotherspoon, Melville; O. Wotherspoon, Melville; H. Ball, Melville; F. Rogers, Melville; George Reed, Melville.

ADVERTISING PAYS

Dear Sir:—I note your advertisement regarding Grain Growers' Association. Have been talking to neighbors and find some interested. I will try to get an Association organized in this locality if you will send me particulars regarding same, also any literature that will help to interest prospective members.

C. BURTMAN.

HALBRITE'S BIG MEMBERSHIP

Dear Sir:—Enclosed find money order for \$13.50, membership fees for 27 new members to Halbrite G. G. A. We have passed the century mark by a nice margin and it is our aim and ambition to enroll 200 members by the end of 1914. The present membership covers territory extending from Huntton on the East to Goodwater on the West. Much credit is due our directors for their untiring energy in the matter of increasing the membership.

The following were appointed delegates to attend the District Convention from this Association, and it is probable that about twenty members of this Association, exclusive of delegates, will attend the Convention: J. Hodgen, L. G. Jones, J. S. Walters, John Achen, George T. Everdell, J. W. Sherrow, Max Ewers, John Nichol, A. F. Eddy, Mrs. A. F. Eddy, Mrs. Emma Peterson and Mrs. Lucy Tobey.

A. F. EDDY,

Sec. Halbrite G.G.A.

SEEING THE BENEFITS

Dear Sir:—Find enclosed the sum of \$3.00, being the amount due to Central. We are getting along very well for youngsters, but hope to be far stronger next year, as the people around here are seeing the benefits they are able to gain by being members and dealing thru the Central Association.

E. W. BERGENIE,

Sec. Delightful Valley Ass'n.

ANOTHER NEW ONE

Keppel has organized a local under most promising conditions, sending in an order for a carload of coal at the same time as reporting the organization of the local. The following is a list of the officers and directors: President, Jos. Winter; Vice-President, J. B. Jackson; Secretary-Treasurer, L. Ninineo; Directors, J. D. McFeeters, George James, F. Jackson, J. Wallas, D. Brickey and H. Hawkins.

J. B. M.

WYNARD LADIES REPORT

Dear Sir:—The ladies of this district organized a Women's Auxiliary this summer. Owing to hard times we decided not to collect fees until after threshing, hence this delay in sending our fees. I am now enclosing \$7.50 membership fees.

So far our Association has been a huge success. We had a fowl supper a few weeks ago, the proceeds being \$60. We are fitting up a rest room in town and hope to have same completed before the Wynard District Convention in order that we may entertain the women delegates. We were all well satisfied with the fruit received from you.

MISS S. CHRISTIANSON,

Sec. Wynard W. G. G. A.

POLICE INTERFERED

Dear Sir:—Some time ago I wrote you regarding writing pads. You informed me that you were getting out some new ones and that you would forward a sample to me. Kindly send same at once if you have them, as I will have to purchase a supply immediately and would like to see what you have before doing so.

With regard to car of apples recently purchased thru you I might say that we sold them all in two days and I believe I could dispose of one-half car more if I had them. I checked the car over carefully and found the number correct, altho the number of barrels to the kind mentioned in bill was not the same, some being more and some being less, but taking it all in all we are well satisfied with the fruit. I might say that the local merchants are so hot against our Association that they sent the village constable to demand my license for selling the apples. Three of the village merchants are the council.

A. E. STEELE,

Sec. Ruddell Local.