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DISTRICT MEETING AT DELOR- AINE

A meeting of the South Western District of the Manitoba Grain Growers' association was held in Deloraine on Wednesday the 18th inst. A good representation of the membership attended and took a very active interest in the various questions brought forward. Owing to the serious illness of the president, Mr. Lennox, we were deprived of the benefit of his presence and counsel. The vice-president, Mr. Steedman, very ably conducted the business of the meeting.

Resolutions Passed

Besides the ordinary business a number of very important resolutions were introduced and after careful consideration, adopted.

1. That we endorse the principle of Direct Legislation as set forth in the preamble to the petition sent out by Direct Legislation league, and we urge our local associations to see that every ratepayer has an opportunity to sign the same, and, further, that when signed they be addressed to the secretary of the Direct Legislation league, Chambers of Commerce building, Winnipeg.

2. The questions sent out from the Railway Commission by our secretary regarding fire guards was fully discussed and the following resolution bearing on the same was passed unanimously—Resolved that we recommend that all of these questions be taken up by our local associations and that they be carefully answered, either by the whole organization or by a committee appointed for that purpose, all of the findings to be forwarded at the earliest possible date to the secretary of the central association at our office in Winnipeg.

3. A letter from the Grain Growers' Grain company dealing with the furnishing of flour, bran and other food supplies was then taken up and the following resolution passed—That the prices submitted are none too satisfactory. We humbly suggest that the Grain Growers' Grain company, instead of expending their energy in trying to do business with mills that are under the control of combination and trust influences, should as far as possible put themselves in communication with a number of the smaller mills and through them seek to supply to the consumer the above mentioned supplies at a more reasonable and satisfactory price.

4. A motion was then passed dealing with the sample market—We are of opinion that all grain sold on sample market should be so designated by having the word sample written or stamped across the face of certificate issued by the department when shipped out of terminal storage elevator.

5. Tariff reform—In view of the very high sounding professions of loyalty expressed by the Manufacturers' Association when the question of wider markets was an issue before the electors of this country, we deprecate their present attitude made manifest in their endeavor to secure higher protection against their brother manufacturers of the Mother Country. We are led to ask, why this high-handed piece of hypocrisy? We take this opportunity of reiterating our position on the preferential tariff, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Brandon Convention for their consideration and endorsement.

6. A very strong resolution was then passed endorsing the farmers' bill of rights as set forth in their Ottawa platform.

7. Hail Insurance—Mr. Cram's resolution re hail insurance was then read and, after some discussion, it was resolved that we ask the directors of the Central Association to arrange a place in the program of the Brandon Convention for Mr. Cram to present his whole scheme of hail insurance.

8. Farm Labor—That we are in sympathy with the directors of the Provincial Association in their project to

secure farm and domestic help and express the hope that arrangements may be completed so that the whole scheme may be submitted to the Central Association for ratification.

9. Duplicate Sampling of Grain—That we believe that the present system of sampling of cars would be much improved and safeguarded if provision was made to have duplicate samples taken, one by the board now employed for that purpose, and another by the board of commerce or some entirely independent board. These samples would show the necessity for a re-inspection wherever any misunderstanding arose.

Delegates Appointed

The matter of organization was then taken up and the following delegates

vice-president, J. G. Green; secretary-treasurer, J. E. Bergey; directors, R. Ferguson, W. H. Beachell, Jno. Ridgeway, Thos. Lefley, J. M. Wallace.

John Kennedy, Walter James and F. J. Dixon were appointed delegates to the annual convention at Brandon.

VIRDEN BRANCH ANNUAL

The Virden Branch of the Grain Growers' association held their annual meeting on December 18, with a good attendance. All the members were well pleased with the doings of our association the past year, their roll showing over one hundred members. The question of making any recommendation of fire-guards for railways was left over for a future meeting. The dangerous

CONVENTION CALL

Manitoba Grain Growers: See to it that all local business in your branch associations, together with all resolutions that you desire to submit to the Provincial Convention, to be held in Brandon, on the 8th, 9th and 10th of January, are in proper order, and, as far as possible, that copies of the resolutions are forwarded to the secretary during the first part of next week. It will be necessary to do this in order that they may be submitted to the resolution committee in time to be classified and printed for use in the Convention.

Do not fail to get your delegates appointed, and see that they are provided with proper credential certificates.

Delegates in purchasing tickets should secure from the local railway agent a standard certificate. This will enable them to secure free return railway rate.

Indications now point to our having one of the best programs we have ever been able to offer to our Convention. Those who attend will no doubt find splendid things in store for them. Our desire is to make this Convention an educational force in this country that will be far-reaching in its influence.

R. C. HENDERS, President.

appointed from the district to attend the various local annual meetings:

A. McGregor—Lauder, Dec. 21.

Mr. McArthur—Deloraine, Dec. 26; Bedford, Dec. 27; (organize) Medora, Dec. 28.

Messrs. McArthur and McGregor—Pierson, Jan. 2; Elva, Jan. 3; Melita, Jan. 4.

Mr. Steedman—Goodlands, Dec. 28.

Messrs. Tooke and Stranger—Coulterville, date not fixed.

The presence of President Henders and Director McArthur was much appreciated by the meeting and their counsel and advice added considerably to the value and importance of the meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING ROSSETT BRANCH

The Rossett Branch of the Manitoba Grain Growers' association was held in the Municipal Hall, Rossett, on the 14th inst. Considerable business was transacted. After discussion the Ottawa Farmers' Platform was fully re-endorsed. It was unanimously agreed that we should stand by our demands for access to the U.S. markets, as proposed in the reciprocity pact; for duty free agricultural implements, and for increase in British preference, as a step towards free trade, at least between Anglo-Saxon peoples.

That a sample market be established was approved, provided that it is to be so conducted as to protect the interests of the grain producer. If mixing of grades at the terminals is to be permitted, it was agreed that the mixture so produced, being below the farmers' average of a given grade, should bear a name that will distinguish such mixture from the regular grade, assuming that not all grain will be sold on sample for some time to come. Owing to many alleged errors in sampling or grading it was felt that duplicate samples taken from every car, and deposited at different places, properly cared for, would afford an additional check in sampling and grading and aid materially in correcting possible errors that may occur.

The following were elected the officers for 1913: President, W. H. Bewell;

railway crossing here was again before the meeting and, by the complaints made, it is getting more acute every year. P. McDonald brought in a resolution that had been before the Agricultural Society a short time previously on the price of flour in comparison with the price of wheat. The president introduced the subject of co-operating with the Agricultural Society and the Board of Trade for a joint banquet to be held at some future date. By the unanimous voice of the meeting the first three officers were re-elected: E. E. Bayne, president; Josiah Nichol, vice-president, and W. J. Donahue, secretary-treasurer. The following directors were appointed: J. M. Lasby, H. W. Dayton, G. Carefoot, P. McDonald, Thomas Tapp and C. Stinson. The president, vice-president and secretary were appointed to name the delegates for the Brandon Convention. D. McDonald was again appointed auditor.

W. J. DONAHUE, Sec.

READY TO MEET MANUFACTURERS

The following resolution was passed at the last meeting of the directors of the Manitoba Grain Growers' association:

"In reference to the alleged challenge presumably thrown out by the Manufacturers' Association to the Grain Growers' Association, notwithstanding the telegram to the Convention of the Manufacturers' Association from the office of The Guide, was not authorized by the officials of the Association, they are ready at any time to meet the representatives of the Manufacturers and discuss with them lower tariffs, wider markets and the British Preference."

RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING AT SPRINGHILL

Moved by Fred Harper, J. M. Poole: That John Clark be president for 1913—Carried. Moved by C. Still, W. A. A. Rowe: That Fred Harper be vice-president for 1913—Carried. Moved by Alf. Willerton, W. A. A. Rowe: That A. J. M. Poole be secretary-treasurer—Carried.

Directors:

Peter Wright, Myrtle; R. M. Wilson Marrinhurst; D. D. McArthur, Lauder; Frank Simpson, Shoal Lake; W. H. Bewell, Rosser; R. J. Avison, Gilbert Plains.

Directors elected: Messrs. C. Still, A. Willerton, W. A. A. Rowe, A. Bonney, R. A. Harris, J. M. Poole.

Moved by A. Willerton, C. Still: That W. A. A. Rowe and J. M. Poole represent directors on the executive.—Carried. As John Kennedy was present to address the meeting on the elevator question, it was decided to close the meeting, and on motion of A. Bonney and Jake Pierson, we adjourned to meet in two weeks, Dec. 20, for the transaction of unfinished business.

Mr. Kennedy gave us a lengthy and interesting address on the grain question, dealing with it from when it leaves the farmer till it is delivered on the Liverpool market. He showed conclusively why the farmers, through their own organization, should have their own interior elevators. At the conclusion of Mr. Kennedy's address the following motion, moved by Fred Harper, W. A. A. Rowe, was carried: That we endeavor to get an elevator at Springhill. Moved by A. Willerton, J. M. Poole: That we tender Mr. Kennedy a hearty vote of thanks.

SPRINGHILL MEETING, DEC. 20

Moved by J. M. Poole, J. Pierson: That S. Ward and W. Jackson be auditors to audit the books of the secretary-treasurer.

Moved by J. M. Poole, A. Bonney: Whereas crops are frozen in some districts, so as to cause serious loss to the farmer, and at times crops are threshed by the wind equal to the damage done by a hail storm, and whereas farmers following up mixed farming often suffer considerable loss of stock by ways unavoidable by the owner. Therefore, we consider a scheme of hail insurance alone, to be general in its operation, does not cover the situation fully enough.

Moved by S. Ward, J. Pierson: That we, the members of Springhill G.G.A., express our appreciation of D. D. Campbell's efforts to make the railroad companies pay demurrage on cars of farmers' produce in transit, believing this to be only justice.

Moved by L. Fetterly, J. Pierson: That we endorse the farmers' platform in full, and appreciate the action of the government in as far as it has undertaken to carry out that platform.

Our next meeting will be on Jan. 3, 1913, when we will appoint delegates for the Brandon Convention. Twenty-one members have paid their dues up-to-date for next year. There are more yet who will come in. I am pleased to say our association is in a healthy condition. We have purchased fifty copies of a pamphlet entitled, "The Reign of the People," dealing with Direct Legislation, to be distributed to those who are not in sympathy with this reform, or who do not understand it. We also purchased fifty copies of "Protection or Free Trade," to distribute through the district. Our officers are as enthusiastic as ever for the coming year and are not the least weary in the work of the association. Our pastor is preparing to give us an address on Direct Legislation. The manager of the Home Bank has consented to give us a paper on banking some time during the winter, and we are looking forward to an interesting time this winter.

A. J. M. POOLE,
Sec.-Treas., Springhill G.G.A.

FARMERS' FIGHTING FUND

Since our last acknowledgment of contributions to the Manitoba Grain Growers' Endowment Fund there have been the following additions:

Geo. Low, Sec. Ninga G.G.A.	\$11.00
Miniota G.G.A.	10.00
C. E. Mackenzie, Springfield G.G.A.	1.75
Bank Interest	1.32
Previously acknowledged	621.35
Total	\$645.42