

committee, P. Cropp, R. Greer, J. A. Brown, and J. Salkeld. W. Jessup was elected delegate to the convention. The first social is to be held at Spy Hill on Thursday, Jan. 18th. Social committee is composed of J. E. Brown, R. Greer, W. Jessup, J. A. Brown and A. Miller. We intend to make the membership a round hundred this year.

HARRY J. FERRIN, Sec'y
Spy Hill, Sask.

DREYERS ANNUAL MEETING

The Dreyers branch of the S. G. G. A. held their annual meeting on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 17, to wind up affairs for the closing year, and for the election of officers for 1911. The financial report was read and approved, and showed a balance of \$48.00 to the good. The following officers were elected—President, W. T. Corbin; vice-president, A. Murch; secretary, H. R. Earl; directors, W. T. Jackson, A. Young, R. Harper, H. C. Flocker, G. Earl and F. Flewell. One new member was enrolled. Total membership twenty-three.

H. R. EARL, Sec'y.
Kinley, Sask.

ORGANIZATION NEEDED

When Messrs. Partridge and Tate were in Melfort a short time ago, a resolution was passed at the meeting there, asking that an organizer be sent into this district. I have no doubt but that you received a copy of said resolution, and the reason I am calling your attention to same is the great need of having the country in the north of us fully worked up. I may say there is a large colony of Maine Frenchmen, and another of Russian Jews who are anxious to join us, and of course there is the usual number of Canadians, Old Country people and American settlers, who would join us. I have talked this over with several of our members, and they all think something should be done to organize the above mentioned district, but unfortunately we do not have anyone who would or could undertake to speak well enough to do so. But anything we can do in the way of driving a speaker round, we certainly will do. If there is any other information I can give you about this district I shall be pleased to do so.

CHAS. W. HANKINS.

Valparaiso, Sask.

Our Reply

Your favor of the 22nd inst. to hand. We note your reference to Messrs. Partridge and Tate, and their meeting at Melfort, and that you asked for an organizer to be sent to your district. We note your reference to the colony of Frenchmen and Russian Jews who are anxious to join us. We are also anxious to help the Frenchmen and Russian Jews, and every other kind of nationality, but to find men and literature capable of inspiring these men with the highest and best ideals, so as to aid to our general efficiency, is our difficulty. We have presented this matter at different times during the summer to both the provincial and Dominion governments, as well as other bodies, and asked for assistance in money in order that we might extend our operations and secure the right men, believing that in so doing we would be doing a great work for the nation. However, up to the present we have been unable to secure the aid asked for. Nevertheless we are steadily forging ahead and getting our organization into a position where we think we shall be able to take on this class of work. However, we are trying to arrange for a man to go down your line and visit all the associations that are organized, but we are afraid we shall not be able to do it until after the convention. Convention circulars will reach you in a few days now.

F. W. GREEN.

MUST BE SHOWN

Hereafter please find co-operative petitions. I am sorry there are not more signatures, but I hope those that are on the petition will help some. There is too much of the "show me" type of farmer here just at present to get any support in such a petition. The Guide is a great help though, and I am getting subscriptions every once in a while. I wish I had time to go and preach unity among farmers here. I would like to organize two or three more associations if you could give me some idea as to the procedure. I would make a big effort to go right after them, as I am a firm believer in the cause the G. G. A. have in hand, and hope to become a life member at the Regina convention.

J. M. SPEECHLY, Sec'y.
Shellbrook, Sask.

NOW FOR 1911

Please find enclosed the sum of three dollars and fifty cents, (\$3.50), the balance of membership fees for 1910, there being fifty-three members in this association for this year.

GUY FOSTER.

Earl Grey, Sask.

PURELY BUSINESS

I enclose the sum of \$12.00 being membership fees taken at our annual meeting. \$11.00 being membership fees and \$1.00 for membership tickets received some time ago.

JOHN MCCUSH, Sec'y.

Bulyva, Sask.

WILL SELL COAL

I see in THE GUIDE, a note that no coal can be had only through the combine; that you must pay the piper. Now, excuse me for telling you that this note is not true, for I can ship to any farmer, a carload at \$2.00 per ton L.O.B. Biscuit. At present we are shipping a car a day and most of it to farmers at different points, and there are several mines that would be glad to ship to farmers. Now, I am a farmer myself, and am a member of the Grain Growers' Association at Biscuit, and will always do my best to help the farmers fight for their rights. Now, if you will kindly correct this little error, you will help others as well as me. This coal is admitted to be the best lignite coal in the district. I would like very much to send you a sample carload. I believe it would be the best advertisement I could get.

J. F. BULMIR.

Taylorton, Sask.

FOUR LIFE MEMBERS

Enclosed please find \$3.00 being the fee for ten members for the year 1911. We also have four life members in our local organization.

THEO. KETCHESON, Sec'y.

Wawota, Sask.

WELL DONE HUMBOLT

Enclosed please find \$11.50 membership fees from our association, making with the \$22.50 I sent you some time ago, a membership of 74. Please send official receipt and oblige.

T. L. HAUSER, Sec'y.

Humboldt, Sask.

DR. HILL HEARD FROM

Re the conferences held at Perdue and Phippen, I may say that these meetings were full of interest and enthusiasm. Ten different organizations were represented at the meeting at Perdue. The meeting numbered some one hundred and fifty members. The meeting was addressed by John Evans, Dr. Hill and I. W. Tinkess. Dr. Hill took the chair and opened with a very stirring appeal to the members present on the importance of our organization and the splendid work it has already accomplished. The meeting soon caught the spirit, and many suggestions and ideas were given expression to for the help and improvement of our association. The chairman suggested that there be an interchange of speakers between one association and another, that a scheme of inter-debates be held among the associations represented, that concerts and debates be held frequently, that the ladies be invited to the meetings, that live men be placed in office, that the time between meetings be shortened. The meeting thrilled again with interest and new life. Many expressed their willingness to take out life memberships, but owing to the poor crop this year they were prevented from doing so. I might say that we had some fifty promises at this meeting for life members by next fall. The evening meeting was addressed by Dr. Hill and Mr. Evans. The doctor spoke on the importance and utility of the Hudson's Bay railway to the West. He also dealt with the salient features of the elevator commission report and suggestions. Mr. Evans in a very forceful and practical manner dealt with the tariff and its relation to the farmers of the West. His speech provoked quite a discussion among the free traders and anti-free traders. However, the chairman held the firebrands in hand and much good was done to the cause of tariff reform in Canada. Mr. Tinkess also took part in the discussion and in a very forceful speech gave much interest to the discussion.

After a few closing words from Dr. Hill the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the speakers, and the hope that more meetings of this kind would be held in

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the near future. I may say, that whatever misgivings there may be in regard to the ultimate help and success of these conferences, I am sure that whatever the cost, the cause and organization will derive much good in the way of increased interest, power and education. The following day we held similar meetings at Phippen. Here we secured one life membership and sold a number of buttons. Here also there were representatives from six different associations. The need for our help and educational work was very much in evidence at this point, and I believe it would have paid us to have stayed in this district for a week. This point is a very needy centre of a growing country and calls for further attention.

DR. T. HILL, Director.

Kinley, Sask.

BELLE PLAIN LIFE MEMBERS

I am enclosing minutes of our meeting

of Nov. 12, as desired by you. I am also enclosing \$24.00, life membership fees for John Poyser of Belle Plain and Geo. Young of Stony Beach. I think we shall be able to secure forty life memberships here. I sincerely hope that every association in the province will at least equal Belle Plain in this matter.

H. BATE, Sec'y.

Belle Plain, Sask.

TENFOLD ORGANIZED

Another new branch was organized at Tenfold school house, Dupuis, Sask., with John Anderson as president, Ole J. Tenfold as vice-president, and M. J. Fonstad as secretary-treasurer. These members sent in several subscriptions to THE GUIDE. Thinking men all over the province are getting into this thing to assist in working at the problems of the age.

S. G. G. A.