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KELWOOD RE-ORGANIZED

On Friday evening, April 23, the Kelwood branch of the Grain Growers' Association was re-organized with an initial membership of twenty-four members. The meeting was well attended and enthusiastic and with an efficient staff and board of directors there is every reason to predict a successful future for the Kelwood Association. Among those who were present were: W. R. Wood, of Franklin, secretary of the Neepawa District Association, and George A. Baker and A. J. M. Poole, of Springhill. The following are the officials elected: President, T. B. Gilmore; vice-president, Albert McLeod; secretary-treasurer, W. E. Dyces; directors, O. D. Poole, T. H. Gilmore, E. D. Stewart, A. J. H. Hearn, Mrs. O. D. Poole and Mrs. A. J. H. Hearn.

There is a splendid farming country around Kelwood and the new association looks forward to doubling its present membership at an early date and entering at once upon the practical activities of the movement.

A LIVE WIRE

A live wire secretary of one of our branches has issued the following:

As secretary of the recently organized District Grain Growers' Association I am desirous of bringing the various local associations into direct touch with the District Association and its work.

The purpose of the district is to serve and aid in every way the interests of the local branches. If you want a hand of help in any line in which the district officers can help you, please count on them. Drop a line and state your need, and if it can be met it will be. Let us co-operate. If you have struck a good line of work, tell the district secretary about it and have it passed on to others. If you adopt an important resolution, send in a copy. If you want to carry any line of action at the next provincial convention, have it presented to and seconded by the District Association and thus make doubly sure of its having an effective hearing. Organization, education and co-operation are our watchwords. Let us work out the ideals they express thru this new opportunity of the District Association.

Have you every available subscriber for The Guide? A good line is to have a small committee regularly in charge of that work, or a single live representative always on the job. Ladies often make effective canvassers. The Guide is doing our work with growing effectiveness and is a most valuable power for furthering and consolidating our movement. Why not make a special effort to hustle a few subscribers on the present "nine months for a dollar offer"? It is worth while and there is yet time before seeding.

Another hint—Have something ready to make the next meeting of the District Association a record breaker.

And another—The district derives its working funds from a "ten cents a member" contribution from each local branch. Has your quota been forwarded yet?

But this above everything. If as secretary I can serve you in anything, kindly let me know.

Wishing you a prosperous season, I am, Yours

PATRIOTIC ACRE

At a meeting of the Grain Growers held in the Town Hall at Minnedosa on Saturday last, the following resolution was passed:

Moved by T. D. Taylor, Minnedosa, seconded by Hugh Cameron, reeve of Minto, "That Elias Jones be permanent chairman and that the president of each local branch of the Grain Growers' Association be an executive committee to circulate the pledge of the farmers to give the out turns of one acre of grain of the crop of 1915 for the war relief fund, and that the secretary write to the Central office for ten copies of the pledge book."

(Signed) R. G. McAREE, Secretary.

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BOISSEVAIN TOO

From E. Brown, Boissevain, we received the following very encouraging letter:

Received two books of pledges, but please send me four more anyway. I have already the promises to fill these. We did a long time ago appoint our canvassers and have been waiting for something uniform. I hope to see nearly all our farmers go down with an acre and some will go further.

ED. BROWN.

PLUMAS DOING WELL

We have been receiving letters of late from a number of newly organized branches. The following is a very interesting letter received from Plumas:

Gentlemen:—Enclosed you will please find \$13.50 for membership fee for the "Tupper Branch" of the Grain Growers' Association for 1915. We are doing fine—have twenty-five members at this writing.

A. J. REIMER, Secretary.

GREENWAY RE-ORGANIZED

Thos. Kenyon, of Greenway Grain Growers' Association, sends in the following account of their re-organization meeting:

A very large and enthusiastic meeting was held in Greenway on April 1, with the Rev. Mr. McLeod in the chair, when R. M. Wilson, of Marringhurst, kindly came up and gave us a very clear and eloquent account of what the Grain Growers' Association was doing for the farmers of Manitoba, and we all came to a very unanimous opinion that we would re-organize a branch in Greenway. The following officers were elected: President, P. Johnson; vice-president, H. Forbes; secretary-treasurer, T. Kenyon; directors, H. Stone, C. Vickers, B. Gerolamy, J. Webber, D. McLennan, R. Ramage.

I am sending you ten dollars on account, which is 75% of the fees of the members that have joined now, but we are expecting quite a number more to join on or before our next meeting, so I should be much obliged if you will kindly send me along any literature and receipt books, etc., that are needed at your earliest convenience. Trusting for our future success, I remain,

THOS. KENYON, Secretary.

THE INCREASED DUTIES

The following tables indicate the custom duties imposed on the different lines of farming implements, showing in parallel columns the previous duty, the increase added by the last budget and the percentage of increased protection given the manufacturers, consequently increased percentage of burden upon farm production.

	Former duty	Increase	Percentage of increase
Binders, reapers, mowing machines	12 1/2 %		
Cultivators, plows, harrows, seeders, horse rakes, manure spreaders, weeders, windmills and complete parts thereof	20	7 1/2	37 1/2
Portable engines with boilers, horse powers, traction engines for farm purposes, threshing separators, wind stackers, weighers, baggers, self-feeders and parts thereof	20	7 1/2	37 1/2
Hay loaders, potato diggers, fodder or feed cutters, grain crushers, fanning mills, hay tedders, post hole diggers, farm, road or field rollers, snaths and other agricultural implements, N.O.P.	25	7 1/2	30
Axes, scythes, sickles or reaping hooks, hay or straw knives, edging knives, hoes, rakes, N.O.P. and pronged forks	22 1/2	7 1/2	33 1/2
Shovels and spades, N.O.P.	32 1/2	7 1/2	23
Lawn mowers	25	7 1/2	30
Stoves of all kinds	25	7 1/2	30

Ostensibly this large increase of duty is to secure increased revenue and encourage production of manufactured goods in Canada. Will some farmer arise and tell us how we are to increase our revenue from customs duty by buying Canadian made implements only?

Again, our government encourage home production of manufactured goods by increasing their protection against foreign competitors, to enable them to get better prices for their goods, and encourages production of farm products by raising the cost of implements of production and making no effort to increase the price of the product to the farmer. Why the difference?

FOR FREE TRADE WITH BRITAIN

At a meeting of the Shoal Lake branch of the Grain Growers' Association on March 27, after a discussion on the tariff and "Made in Canada" campaign, the following resolutions were passed: "That this Association approves of the purchase of commodities that are taxable from such sources as will pay the revenue into the public treasury instead of into the pockets of the manufacturers."

"That this Association deprecates the increase in the tariff against Great Britain as being unpatriotic and would strongly recommend the adoption of Free Trade with Great Britain as being the proper way to strengthen the bond of union between Canada and the mother country."

BERT McLEOD, Secretary. Shoal Lake, Man.

SHADELAND PATRIOTIC CONCERT

A patriotic concert, under the auspices of the Shadeland Grain Growers, was given in Zion Methodist church on Thursday evening, March 25. Rev. Mr. Hellyar occupied the chair in his usual able style. Mr. Brown, Vice-President of the Southern district, gave a very helpful address, showing how we each have a share in building up our empire in its great need and employing the gift of the patriotic acre. Mr. Henders, the president of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, gave an address on "The cause of the present war." Both these speakers were listened to with rapt attention by an appreciative audience. A recitation, "Home Letters," was given by Miss Beatrice Ching. Miss Gladys Andrews gave a selection entitled, "Glory." Each number was written by a young Canadian sergeant who was killed in action in France on February 3. The musical part of the program was well rendered and much enjoyed by all. Percy McElroy gave a fine patriotic selection; Misses Edna and Freda Irvine gave a duet, Harry Veals, Darlingford, sang "Long live the King," and Harry Bolton, of Darlingford, sang "When Jack comes back." A quartette from the St. Andrew's church, comprising Mrs. Charter, Miss Aspivig, Mr. Aspivig and Mr. Spanglo, sang "Just before the battle, mother." Mr. Alex Lumgear sang "Oh, why left I my home." Mr. Lumgear also gave a humorous Scotch reading. Miss Lillie Sandy, Miss Gladys Andrews and Mrs. W. C. White acted as accompanists. The offering amounted to \$80.00. Miss Annie Hill, Miss Beatrice Ching, Miss Gladys Andrews, Russell Arnott and Geo. White deserve great credit for decorating the church so nicely for the evening. The next meeting of the G. G. society of the Shadeland district will be held in Calf Mountain school, April 10. There will be a discussion on "The best way to exterminate wild oats." The society is growing in interest and numbers under the direction of our new president, J. C. Smith.

PORTAGE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

The Portage la Prairie District Association of the Manitoba Grain Growers, held their first convention of 1915 in Portage la Prairie, on March 10. The morning session opened at 10.30, with president P. D. McArthur in the chair. The first business discussed was the boundaries, which were supposed to conform with the new Dominion constituency, and Josiah Bennett and Ben Richardson were appointed delegates to the Neepawa convention next day to arrange a different boundary. Next was a resolution from the Berton branch, asking the Central executive to prepare a pamphlet setting forth all the advantages the Grain Growers' Association had got for the farmers. After this a resolu-

tion was presented by Josiah Bennett from the Pine Creek Association, dealing with the new tariff, which was laid over till the next session. It was decided to hold the annual picnic this year and a committee was appointed to look after the same.

The afternoon session opened at 1.30, and the secretary read an invitation from the mayor of Portage la Prairie to hold the annual picnic there, which was unanimously accepted. The resolution on the tariff was then brought up again and it was referred to a committee.

Mrs. J. S. Woods then addressed the convention, setting forth the part the woman should take in the Grain Growers' movement and how, by co-operating among themselves, they could better their own conditions.

R. C. Henders followed with an address to the school teachers, many of them having responded to the invitation to come and co-operate with the Grain Growers along educational lines. Mr. Henders made it plain to all present that the public school should be more closely connected with the Grain Growers' movement. There was too big a gap between the two lines of education. It is now the idea of the Portage la Prairie district to follow up the idea further and many are looking forward to our convention a year from now, when we expect to see every teacher in the district present.

Rev. G. H. Crozier delivered an address on the new patriotism, dealing with the kind of patriotism we have and the kind we should have and how people were deprived of their rights. He also showed how Nature had provided for man in this world and how some men had monopolized Nature's stores and even women and children had to suffer by it.

Mr. McGuire, school inspector for the Portage la Prairie district, was present and spoke favorably of the step the Grain Growers had taken and offered to visit any of the local branches and speak along these lines.

The resolution condemning the new tariff was then passed and the National Anthem sung and this brought to an end one of the best conventions ever held in Portage la Prairie.

BEN. RICHARDSON, District Sec.

If commercial transactions were conducted on the basis of doing unto others as one would be done by, the nation would be sounder, happier, and better in every respect.—Mr. Tootill, M.P.

I have never believed that Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton. But I am quite ready to believe that the present war will be won in the workshops of Great Britain.—Arnold Bennett.

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