

# Manitoba

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## A DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Marquette District Grain Growers' Association held its midsummer convention at Minnedosa on July 21, at which there was a fair attendance, although the Brandon fair was on. President C. S. Stevenson opened the meeting, and after a brief address called on Mayor Grierson, who welcomed the delegates, and in an inspiring address dealt with the work and aims of the association. The roll call showed the following locals represented: Lornedale, Havelock, Moline, Cameron, Basswood, Newdale, Strathclair, Shoal Lake, Deepdale, Birtle, Vista, Bethany, Empire and Rapid City. Mr. McCuish, of Deepdale, organizer, gave a fine address dealing with organization, the farmers' market and district association work. C. H. Burnell, of Portage District Association, followed, dealing with co-operation and the questions that confronted the farmers at the present time. Mr. Davis, of Franklin, spoke on the social problems of the day, showing how the Grain Growers could improve conditions of farm life. After considerable discussion the Livestock Exchange Bill and the Farm Machinery Act were held over till the next convention, which will be held at Minnedosa on November 24. A resolution committee was appointed, consisting of J. T. Davis, John Allen and Mr. Taylor to have resolutions on these and other questions prepared for next convention. All resolutions should be sent to the secretary or J. T. Davis before the convention. The meeting adjourned at 5.30, and the delegates were taken to view the dam, power house and other places of interest in cars provided by the mayor. The evening session was taken up by a discussion on Inter-municipal Hail Insurance, addresses being given by Messrs. Burnell, Allen and others, the secretary being instructed to notify the branches interested to take the matter up in the different municipalities. After tendering a vote of thanks to the speakers, the mayor and citizens of Minnedosa, the singing of the National Anthem brought the convention to a close.

BERT McLEOD,  
Secretary.

## PICNIC AT VALLEY RIVER

The Valley River Grain Growers and the ladies of the Home Economic Society held their annual picnic on July 22, and had a most successful and enjoyable time. The sports were well contested, not the least entertaining on the program being a fat women's race. F. J. Dixon, M.P.P. of Winnipeg, was present and gave an inspiring address, the spirit of which sank deep into the minds of the people. We owe this gentleman a deep debt of gratitude for the part he is taking in trying to awaken the conscience and intelligence of the people. His sincere words were much appreciated, and we hope will be long remembered.

After luncheon a league game of baseball was played between Gartmore and Wilson River, resulting in a win for Gartmore, and we thank our baseball boys for the splendid exhibition they gave us.

F. KILTY, Sec.

## NEW BRANCH AT THOR

A meeting was held at Thor School on Wednesday, July 7, for the purpose of organizing a branch of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association. The speakers were M. McCuish, of Roblin; G. Playfair, of Greenway, and J. S. Conibear, secretary of Baldur branch. Mr. McCuish addressed the meeting first, and told of the struggles the Grain Growers had to get legislation giving the farmers the privilege of shipping their grain from over the loading platform, stating we were only sure of retaining the Canada Grain Act as it is by having a strong farmers' organization in the west. He stated that as late as 1912 an attempt was made to tamper with the Grain Act, but it was saved by the western Grain Growers.

Mr. McCuish also gave some time to co-operation, outlining the policy of the Central Farmers' Market and The Grain Growers' Grain Company. After the election of officers Mr. Playfair and Mr. Conibear gave very interesting addresses on organization and co-operation. I. Frederickson was elected secretary.

## PIERSON PICNIC

The members of the Pierson Branch held an enjoyable picnic in the park close to the town, with a large turnout of the farmers and their families. The sports largely consisted of a baseball tournament, in which a prize of \$50 was awarded to the winning club and \$25 to the second best.

After the first game of baseball was played the crowd gathered to listen to addresses from W. H. English, the district director, and R. McKenzie, secretary of the Central Association. The arrangement of stopping all sports during the addresses enabled the speakers to get a very much better hearing than is too often the case at Grain Growers' picnics.

The lady members of the association provided bountifully on well spread tables under a large tent. An admittance fee to the park of 25 cents was charged. All the proceeds of the picnic were devoted to the Patriotic Fund. This was the first picnic held by Pierson Association, and the success attending their first efforts encourage the officers to make this picnic an annual affair.

## MCOREARY BRANCH

R. A. Forbes, of McCreary Association, writes that their picnic, held on July 22, met with gratifying success. The proceeds of the booth, in which fruit and ice cream were sold, were applied to the funds of the local association. This branch—only re-organized last spring—is developing along lines of co-operative buying of farm necessities with gratifying results. The secretary is untiring in securing members and promoting the interests of the Grain Growers' movement in that district.

## LADIES ARE BUSY

The ladies of the Forrest Branch have been very busy lately in assisting the various war relief activities, working under the guidance of Brandon Patriotic and Red Cross officials.

## GRAIN GROWERS WIN CASE

Ottawa, Aug. 3.—The railway board has delivered judgment in the complaint of the Two Creeks Grain Growers' Association against discrimination in freight rates as between Winnipeg and Elkhorn, and Winnipeg and Two Creeks, Manitoba, on the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

Complaint was made by the Grain Growers' Association of Two Creeks, Man., regarding an alleged discrimination in freight rates as between Winnipeg and Elkhorn, on the one hand, and Winnipeg and Two Creeks on the other.

Elkhorn, 198 miles west of Winnipeg, has a first-class rate of 54 cents, the other classes being appropriately scaled. Two Creeks, 194 miles west of Winnipeg, has a first-class rate of 57 cents.

It was alleged by the railway that the difference in rate as between Elkhorn and Two Creeks does not create a discriminatory situation. It was stated that the two points have nothing in common; that the tonnage in and out of Two Creeks is insignificant; that Elkhorn is on the main line, where the cost of operating is lower and the density of tonnage and population much greater.

The board points out that the 54 cents rate is given to Elkhorn; but, while Virden and Harmsworth, falling within the same mileage group, are given the same rate, and while Elkhorn and Minnola have the same rate, Elkhorn and Two Creeks, falling within the same mileage group, are given different rates. This the board finds is discriminatory

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treatment, which has not been justified, and Two Creeks should be given the same rate as is given to Elkhorn.

## NEW GOVERNMENT'S PROMISE

The Pine Creek Grain Growers' Association at its last meeting unanimously passed a resolution calling upon the Manitoba government and its supporters in the legislature to at once fulfil its pledge on Direct Legislation by passing a full and complete measure for the Initiative and Referendum as outlined by the Direct Legislation League of Manitoba.

Several of our members signed the pledge for the Patriotic Acre, but we are disappointed in the response to the appeal. We believe that the people do not understand fully the seriousness of the situation of the German menace and what Britain is fighting for. Sometimes I think it would be a good lesson for some of us to be under the iron heel of Germany for a few years; we should then appreciate the freedom of British rule. A determined effort will now be made to get every farmer to sign the pledge for the Patriotic Acre Fund, whether a member of the Grain Growers' Association or not.

JOSHUA BENNETT,  
Sec., Pine Creek G.G.A.  
Pine Creek P.O., Man.

## PATRIOTIC ACRES

The Oakburn Branch suggests the purchasing of machine guns for war purposes with the proceeds of the Patriotic Fund of their branch. There are increasing demands on our Patriotic Fund as the war grows in intensity. It is to be hoped that our different branches will not forget to press for contributions of the Patriotic Acre. Manitoba is blessed with a bountiful harvest, and our farmers should manifest their gratitude by contributing for the benefit of those who are sufferers

by the war. Farmers who are blessed with peace and plenty should contribute generously to help those who are sufferers from the effects of the war.

## BAGOT LADIES' AUXILIARY

The ladies of the Bagot Auxiliary of the Grain Growers' Association have forwarded us the sum of \$40 as a contribution to the War Relief Fund. They designate that this be applied to the Red Cross work. This auxiliary has only been in existence a few months, but is making good progress. They have now fourteen members affiliated with more to follow their good example.

## DOWER PETITION

Many of our branches are actively circulating the petitions for Woman Suffrage and the "Dower Law," as indicated by the number who are sending in for additional copies of the petitions. It is to be hoped that none of our branches are neglecting the circulating of these petitions.

## SOLDIERS FOR HARVEST FIELDS

Announcement is made that arrangements have been completed with the military authorities to allow any soldiers now at Camp Sewell to have a month's leave of absence for the purpose of helping farmers with the crop. This is a splendid opportunity for farmers to procure help, and it is hoped that many of them will avail themselves of it by promptly furnishing the provincial employment bureau at Winnipeg with full particulars of their needs.

A special rate of one cent per mile was arranged with the railroads, and to date about 3,000 men have been sent out from Winnipeg by the provincial employment bureau.

Application from the farmer must be sent to the provincial employment bureau, corner Main and Water Streets, Winnipeg, and not to Sewell. This is absolutely necessary.