

instancing the municipality of Hamilton as having introduced the above system with success, taxes being no higher and general satisfaction with results being expressed. It was resolved to hold fortnightly meetings throughout the winter months and monthly meetings throughout the summer. The question of increasing the membership was also discussed, and the consensus of opinion was that individual effort by every member was the best means for securing such. Regret was expressed that Kellow was not included in Mr. Dixon's tour in the interests of direct legislation.

W. GIBSON.

Kellow, Man.

GET POSTS CO-OPERATIVELY

Stearthouth branch had a special meeting on the 18th and after an address by the president, Alex. Stewart, on the objects and aims of the association, with special reference to the reciprocity treaty, eight new members were enrolled. A rubbing order for two carloads of cedar posts was arranged and placed through the local branch.

MIAMI FOR RECIPROCITY

At a largely attended meeting of the Miami Grain Growers' Association held Saturday, February 25, the following resolution was passed unanimously and the secretary instructed to forward a copy to the prime minister, W. D. Staples, M.P., W. H. Sharp, M.P., and The Guide: "Resolved, that this association endorse the action of the Dominion government in entering into a reciprocity agreement with the government of the United States, in so far as they have gone, but are not satisfied with the small reduction of duty on agricultural implements, and we would also approve of a further preference being given Great Britain."

Miami, Man. H. UMPHREY, Sec'y.

BOWSMAN TO BUILD HALL

A most successful meeting of the Bowman Grain Growers' Association was held on Friday, February 18. For the past two years our association has been proceeding somewhat slowly as regards membership. Since the beginning of 1911, however, matters have taken a turn for the better and the future promises great things. The meeting above referred to was attended by about thirty members, President W. Edwards in the chair, with Secretary D. Wright also in attendance. A report was received from a committee appointed to enquire as to price and make selection of a lot in the town to be used as the site of "the Grain Growers' Hall," an addition to the report being made to the effect that Mrs. M. A. Davies, owner of the townsite had offered to donate half the price of the lot selected for the good of the cause, which proposal was received with great enthusiasm. An expert building committee was at once appointed to prepare and submit plans at the next meeting. The delegate to the Brandon convention, D. Wright, next gave a very comprehensive report and in reply to a vote of thanks for his services, dwelt very strongly on the very great educational value of such a convention, strongly urging the advisability of sending more than one delegate to the next and any subsequent provincial gatherings of this nature. Various points brought up by the convention were discussed, particularly the proposed Hudson's Bay line. A feature of the meeting was the carrying of a proposal that the example of other associations in purchasing flour, etc., in car lots be followed and prices obtained from various wholesale houses. The secretary was also authorized to purchase and distribute fifty pamphlets on the subject of direct legislation. It was decided to appoint a correspondent from amongst the membership to report from time to time the doings of the local association to The Guide, after which the meeting was adjourned.

R. C. DAVIES, Correspondent, Bowman.

WINCHESTER MEETING

The farmers of Winchester, S. D., six miles northeast of Arden, held a very successful meeting at the school house on the evening of January 5th, being the first meeting since organizing on December 10th. The writer had the pleasure of assisting at the organization meeting and nearly all the farmers were never connected with the association before. Arrangements were made to buy flour co-operatively. A very instructive paper on the tariff was read by Mr. Wm. Dale. It is a solemn truth that no good effects

of government will ever be secured for the people without first establishing a government of and by the people such as direct legislation will do. The putting of the party rule in the place of the rule of the people, and the compelling of voters to have an unanimity of appetite to swallow all kinds of food before they can partake of the particular kind which is agreeable to their taste. Well, then, if we are not to get a change that will do away with a government of middlemen, such as we now have, and in its place establish a government of, by and for the people, if we are not to get such an amendment by our party, getting into all places of pie and preferment, from constable to prime minister only by really waiting for something to turn up in some undefined way, sometime or somewhere or by the 'destroying death angel of civil resolution, then how are we to get it? The answer to this is simple. The

very means which our people are now adopting. Then let us all join heartily in supporting the campaign and starting for direct legislation. The truth is always a witness of itself and that the great change so far as the government is, or can be concerned, is the change of rulership from partisan oligarchs direct to the people.

ALBERT MCGREGOR.

Arden, Man.

NOT TO RUN AGAIN

Toronto, Feb. 28.—Sir Alan Aylesworth, minister of justice in the Dominion government, announced to the executive of the North York Liberal association at Newmarket, that he would not again present himself as a candidate interviewed subsequently, Sir Alan repeated that he would not be a candidate in North York again and volunteered the statement that he would not run in any

other constituency. Sir Alan's resignation caused little comment as it was anticipated. The choosing of a successor was discussed, and the name of Thomas C. Robinson, K.C., was received with favor. A meeting of the association will be called shortly to consider the situation.

NO DIRECT VOTE

Washington, D.C., Feb. 28.—The senate to-day defeated the resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution so as to provide that senators be elected by the direct vote of the people. A brave fight had been made by the supporters of the measure, as was indicated by the vote. Fifty-four senators stood for the resolution, and thirty-three against it. Though this division showed a large majority of the senate to favor popular elections, the number was not sufficient by four to carry the measure, which required a two-thirds vote for its success.

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