



SASKATCHEWAN SECTION

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Saskatchewan Elevator Commission Will Hold Sittings at Several Central Points

THE secretary of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association has sent the following circular to the secretaries of the local branches:

"We have received information that it is likely the elevator commission will hold sittings at several central points in Saskatchewan for the purpose of hearing statements of those who have views to present, evidence to offer, or plans and ideas to submit, and which would aid the commission in securing the widest and best advice and assistance in propounding a plan which will be a most suitable solution of the elevator question. Commencing country point sittings about the first week in May, with the following as a possible itinerary, though this may be much curtailed.

Kindly place this before your directors and see if they would undertake to present the case before the commission from the Grain Growers' point of view, and report to this office at your earliest convenience.

THE POSSIBLE ITINERARY OF THE ELEVATOR COMMISSION

Moose Jaw	Lanigan
Weyburn	Saskatoon
Estevan	Warman
Carduff	Parowin
Carlyle	Prince Albert
Stoughton	Melfort
Regina	North Battleford
Wolsley	Traynor
Walpole	Kinley
Wapella	Rosetown
Esterhazy	Outlook
Saltearts	Tugaske
Bangor	Davidson
Abernethy	Lumaden
Bulyea	Swift Current
Nokomis	Maple Creek

MR. LUNN'S HUSTLING WORK

I wrote you on the 21st. inst. and have since organized a branch association at Walkerville school district, with the following officers and directors: Albert Hool, president; Henry Gooden, vice-president; Nelson Gooden, secretary-treasurer, and seven directors. Please send them membership tickets and advise the secretary to push things.

I have been driving all the week through the district embracing the Gilbert school district, Pruden P.O., Brombury, P.O., Model Farm P.O., and Horse Lake P.O., and have arranged to organize three associations later on, as soon as arrangements can be made to get the people together.

The P.O. address for the Walkerville school district is Beckenham. We are to have a big meeting at Ituna-Hubbard association tonight, so I must hurry off. In haste.

CHAS. LUNN.

ASKING FOR INFORMATION

Please send me organization forms and directions for organizing. Send enough for Waldron and Cana, providing Waldron has not already made a start. I suppose it will not be necessary for us to call on one of the directors or officers to help us along.

Most of the farmers here are intelligent and well read, but I am sorry to say are blind to our own interests, on account of having the wool pulled over our eyes by elevator companies, etc., but thanks to the Grain Growers' Association, which has brushed all obstacles and coverings to one side, we now see these ponderous monopolies as they are.

D. R. McDOUGALL.

Cana, Sask.

A WORD FROM TATE

Enclosed you will find the sum of thirteen dollars and fifty cents, the fifty cents being for membership tickets and the thirteen dollars being the fees from twenty-six members.

We purpose holding regular meetings throughout the summer and any assist-

Luffman, "That the secretary be instructed to furnish himself with necessary material and file a complete bill of same."

—Carried.

Moved by Wm. Bacon, seconded by K. Hansen, "That this branch of the

A MESSAGE FROM MR. PARTRIDGE

Galveston, Texas, March 29, 1910.

F. W. GREEN, Esq.,

Dear Sir:—Your favor of March 21st to hand, re request of the executive that I undertake "a study of the Bank Act of Canada, with a view to laying down a plan before our association as to the mode of action to be adopted in an endeavor to secure reforms on our behalf; and to report to the executive at earliest convenience."

This is an extremely large order and would involve not alone the reading of the Bank Act of Canada, and studying the various effects of its various provisions, but would also involve an investigation of the banking systems of other countries, whether consisting of private institutions, co-operative concerns, national undertakings, or a medley of these.

I could not promise to undertake this task on behalf of the executive, though I think it would be in the public interest that the subject should be investigated by a man, or men, occupying a sympathetic position towards the people who live by their own toil rather than by the toil of others.

The trouble is that such men are themselves workmen and are too busily engaged in providing for the needs of themselves and families to devote their time to community tasks without remuneration.

We have not advanced far enough in voluntary co-operation to provide the funds for such undertakings, while the workers are not yet sufficiently represented in the councils of our law-makers to ensure any enthusiasm in such efforts to discover how to replace present systems by others more in accord with the principle of "equality of opportunity to all with special privileges to none."

When I get home, which I expect will be about May 5th, I will undertake to re-read the Bank Act of Canada and prepare an epitome of it to be published in THE GUIDE, so that our people may become familiar with its most important provisions.

I may also find time to collect and epitomize the banking laws of some of the more progressive countries. At present I do not know what sources of information are available to the English speaking student in this connection, but will make an effort to find out.

In an article which I read a short time ago, entitled, "A Commonwealth Ruled by Farmers," and which refers to Denmark, I find the following: "There are 336 co-operative savings banks in the country. Here the farmer places his savings. Here he goes when he wants a loan. The deposits in 1906 amounted to \$208,500,000. Now, the peasants are talking of organizing a great central bank for the whole country, a bank which will include all the co-operative societies and all the labor unions as well."

It has just occurred to me that our farmers, if they only thought so, could well afford to study conditions in a "Commonwealth Ruled by Farmers," and report back with a view to preparing their example.

Faithfully yours,

E. A. PARTRIDGE.

since you will give us will be thankfully received.

Owing to the fact that spring work has started our last meeting was not very well attended, and as yet we have only three directors appointed.

Any suggestions for the good of the association will be thankfully received.

(Sgd.) O. N. CUMMINGS, Sec.-Treas.

GETTING BUSY

A meeting of the Weir Hill local branch of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association was held in the Weir Hill school house on March 5. A good turnout of farmers were present.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Wm. Bacon, and the following resolutions were passed:

Moved by K. Nielson, seconded by J.

association desire to express its approval of the work done at the convention held at Prince Albert, and that the secretary write THE GUIDE confirming same."—Carried.

A resolution was carried unanimously by a standing vote, empowering the secretary to order one barrel of formaldehyde in conjunction with the Glasston branch.

Moved by R. McCurdy, seconded by S. J. Weir, "That we now adjourn to meet again on March 21, for the transaction of general business."—Carried.

(Sgd.) R. McCURDY, Sec.-Treas.

DENHOLM'S ACTIVE ORGANIZATION

Address by A. G. Hawkes

Hearing on the 17 inst., that friend Hawkes would be returning home through here on the 24th inst., I decided to waylay

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HONORARY PRESIDENT:

E. N. HOPKINS - MOOSE JAW

PRESIDENT:

F. M. GATES - FILLMORE

VICE-PRESIDENT:

J. A. MURRAY - WAPELLA

SECRETARY-TREASURER:

FRED. W. GREEN - MOOSE JAW

DIRECTORS AT LARGE:

E. A. Partridge, Sintaluta; George Langley, Maymont; F. W. Green, Moose Jaw; E. C. Tate, Grand Coulee; A. G. Hawkes, Percival; Wm. Noble, Oxbow.

DISTRICT DIRECTORS:

James Robinson, Walpole; J. A. Mahorg, Moose Jaw; Charles Dunning, Beaverdale; John Evans, Nutana; Dr. T. Hill, Kinley; Thos. Cochrane, Melfort; Andrew Knox, Colleton; George Boerma, North Battleford.

him. So we postponed a meeting that had been fixed for the 19th inst. Owing to the extraordinary fine weather, so many of our members being at work, we only mustered twenty; but they were all enthusiastic and enjoyed the address greatly.

The president, Mr. Little, having called the meeting to order, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed. The secretary-treasurer gave an account of the financial standing of the association, including results of a box social dance. This showed that after paying \$30.00 for delegates' expenses to Prince Albert, there was a balance of \$22.00. This was approved of, and Mr. Little proposed that a life membership be presented to Mr. A. J. Greensill as an acknowledgment of his services to the association. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

The meeting then discussed for a short time the way socialism was being talked at various meetings (not ours), strongly disapproving of same, and decided not to allow any such discourse at Denholm. Mr. Little then called upon Mr. Hawin to come forward and speak. Mr. Hawin gave us a most interesting discourse on the birth, growth and work of the association generally, going into detail on important items, such as the leading platform, service of grain cars to farmers, handling of grain, the elevator question, etc., pointing to an instance that had come under his personal observation only two days before, of downright unjust treatment meted out to a farmer near Lloydminster by an elevator operator. He pointed out many ways whereby the farmers have already been benefited directly or indirectly as a result of the organization of the association. He also read several letters, which had been referred to at the convention, between Mr. Green and the Scott government.

He then referred to the life membership, urging the members to take same up as early as possible, showing how very greatly the central association and each individual member would be benefited thereby. I can only add that Mr. Hawkes' address was intently listened to and greatly enjoyed by all present. A vote of thanks was moved by the president and passed unanimously, after which the meeting closed. Our membership is now fifty-seven.

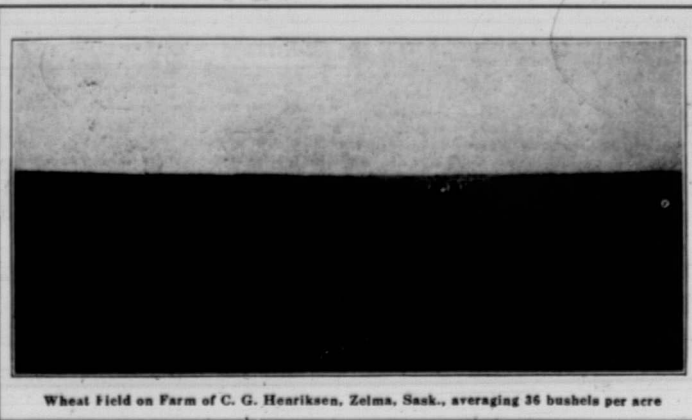
A. J. GREENSILL, Sec.-Treas.

Denholm.

LANIGAN HAS FORTY MEMBERS

A meeting of the members of the Grain Growers' Association took place in the town hall on the 2nd inst. A large number of the farmers were present. In the absence of Mr. L. Dunn the chair was occupied by Mr. Ed. Anderson. Four new members were enrolled, which now brings the number of the paid-up members up to 40. The efforts of the members in striving to increase the membership is surely being rewarded. The number at present is almost double what it was last year.

After the conclusion of business an excellent paper on the subject of co-operation was read by Mr. Ed. Anderson, and was much appreciated. The Rev. J. C. Sinnett also favored the meeting with an interesting address. A hearty round of applause was given in approval at the close.



Wheat field on farm of C. G. Henriksen, Zelma, Sask., averaging 36 bushels per acre