

A GRAIN GROWERS' BATTALION?

I am writing to put the following matter before you: The 1100 locals of Saskatchewan have contributed wheat; why not after freeze up call upon each local to contribute at least one volunteer for the front? I feel certain 1500 men could be raised and would not draw very heavily on each local. Let these men be trained in one place and go to the front as a representation of the farmers of Saskatchewan. I think it would be a splendid idea. Call them "Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Volunteers." Please let me know what you think of an idea along these lines. This local I feel certain, would contribute at least two volunteers.

FRANK RANDALL,
Sec'y North Tisdale Local.

THE PATRIOTIC ACRE FUND
The English Press Appreciates Our Gift

Dear Mr. Musselman:—Seeing that there are quite a number of locals who are not taking any active steps to support the Patriotic Acre project, I would like, thru you, to ask them where their sense of moral obligation is in their, shall I say, apathetic attitude toward a resolution passed at the big Saskatchewan Grain Growers' convention by their delegates held at Regina last winter.

At that convention the Patriotic Acre resolution was voted upon unanimously by the delegates with great fervor. I happened to be in England at that time and well remember the impression the people had of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association after they had read in their daily press what our Association intended doing.

I also have in mind the fact that in the little village of Gillingham (with which I am well acquainted), near the naval and military depot of Chatham, England, there are over 2,000 widows of naval men who lost their lives in clearing the seas of German armed raiders, who were seeking to destroy commerce on the ocean's highway, by which we were benefitted so much last year and are likely to be again this year quite apart from the plundering attitude of the ocean steamship combine.

I am no flag-flapper and always contend that a patriotic citizen is one who interests himself in his country's affairs for the common good of all concerned. Our Association has been foremost in this respect in its endeavors and well deserves patriotic credit. I only hope we shall continue such activity and not allow ourselves to become too conventional.

In conclusion, I would like you to point out to all locals concerned that this Patriotic Acre project is, after all, only a voluntary acknowledgment of services rendered by the British government, by which we have benefitted, and it being voluntary makes it that much more valuable.

GEO. TBUSCOTT,
Sec'y West Eagle Hills G.G.A.
Battleford, Sask.,
Oct. 17, 1915.

PATRIOTIC ACRE FUND
A Magnificent Success

Patriotic Acre promises are now being redeemed in abundance and quite a number of contributions have now been received. It will be a matter of interest to our members to know that up to the present the average yield as it affects this particular fund is no less than thirty bushels per acre. If this average can be kept up to the end the fund will be a magnificent success and one of which the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association may justly feel proud. At the present time we have in hand promises of about 3,750 acres and with several thousand forms still in the hands of our members, we look for a very large accession before the fund is closed. The following are the largest contributions per acre so far received:—

Contributor	Association	per acre
Wallgate Tebbutt	Druid	64
Allan Campbell	Druid	60
Thomas E. Atcock	Eastview	59½
B. Forest	Herschel	57
Oliver E. Wells	Senlac	54.40
Hugo Linke	Biggar	50
Laws Bros.	Lloydminster	48½
T. Humphrey	Parkbeg	46
William Hanson	Tessier	45½
A. W. Wallace	Eastview	44
Jos. Fisher	Hillbourne	43½
A. J. Wilkie	Zealandia	43

H. R. Waite, of Waldron, has sent in a contribution of 88 bushels of oats as the yield of one acre. This is the only contribution of oats received up to the present.

S. W. Y.

Saskatchewan

This Section of The Guide is conducted officially for the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association by J. B. Musselman, Secretary, Moose Jaw, Sask., to whom all communications for this page should be sent.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE COMPETITION

H. Cressy, secretary of the Dollard Grain Growers' Association, is the first member of the Association to send in a design in competition for the prizes offered in the above competition. This is a competition which will test the artistic abilities of our members and we hope to receive many more designs in the near future.

S. W. Y.

PATRIOTIC ACRE FUND

A large proportion of the grain tickets being sent in in connection with this fund show no indication as to the number of the Patriotic Acre form to which they refer or to the Association. It will save an enormous amount of work in the Central office if every contributor will see that these details are supplied when sending in their contributions.

S. W. Y.

MRS. GREEN'S THANKS

To the Women's Section and Local Associations of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association.

Kindly accept our heart felt thanks for your expressions of sympathy in our late bereavement. We trust that the memory of him, whose dying thoughts were of the Association, may be dear because of his work and that that work in so far as it is for the uplift of the community may go on and never die.

On behalf of myself and family, I am,
Yours sincerely,
MRS. F. W. GREEN.
Moose Jaw, Oct. 14, 1915.

FROM THE CENTRAL SECRETARY
To the Secretary and Members:—The season has again come around when farmers can give a little more time to self improvement and to the upbuilding of a



The Ontario Farmer
Photo by H. E. Shannon, Wilhelmina, Sask.

better, more helpful social environment. Perhaps the greatest work that the Association has accomplished has been accomplished in merely bringing the farmers as a class into closer association with each other. T. A. Crerar, in speaking of the value of occasional meetings of the leaders of the various farmers' organizations, said on one occasion: "It would be worth the trouble if we should do nothing more than sit around a table and visit." The same is true of farmers locally. The simple matter of getting together at regular intervals is of the first importance. If all the farmers in each district in the West, men and women, could be induced to meet regularly once a week all winter and to talk over their mutual problems, Western agriculture and rural social conditions could be revolutionized.

The field for helpful activity for a Grain Growers' Association is almost without limit. It is very much better that ideas and suggestions should emanate from local meetings and be forwarded

to the Central than that a line of work should be fully mapped out at the Central and forwarded to the locals. As much as may be, initiative in the locals should be encouraged but a few suggestions may not come amiss.

Enclosed herewith you will find copies of three pamphlets:—

No. 10, 1915—"Romance of the Grain Growers of Saskatchewan," gives a short outline of the history, aims and objects of the Association. This pamphlet ought to find its way into the hands of every farmer in your community and is valuable especially for use by members for distribution when desiring to secure the interest of non-members in the movement. They are for free distribution and will be supplied upon request to the Central.

No. 12, 1915—"How to Form and Carry on a Local" was prepared especially for the guidance of leaders and to assist any who may wish so to do to organize new locals. It contains also a topic card. At least every secretary and every president should possess and read this pamphlet.

No. 11, 1915—"How to Conduct a Public Meeting" should fill a long felt want. Here in half a dozen pages are found in simple form practically all the rules of parliamentary procedure that are ever called into use in an ordinary meeting. Heretofore there has been nothing smaller than a two hundred page book available on this subject and it was too complex for our people. This pamphlet ought to be in the hands of every member, man or woman, and it would be well to take an evening to read it in meeting and to discuss and practice its various rules. The average farmer is lamentably ignorant of how to conduct a meeting or how to conduct himself in one. This pamphlet is supplied at 30 cents per dozen. It is hoped that every local will order a supply for all its members.

Of the copies of the various pamphlets sent free herewith, one is intended for your president and one for the secretary.

A number of locals have established rest rooms in town. I would like to have short letters from such, giving full details of how the room was established, how furnished, at what cost, by whom and how freely used, etc., etc. These letters are wanted for publication so that others may benefit by your experience.

The question of public accommodation is one of great importance and should receive the attention of every local, especially as the Association is so largely responsible for the closing of the hotel bars.

Has your local decided to enter the Association's great seed grain competition at Regina fair next summer? Now is the time to take action. A great opportunity is afforded here to place the greatest industry of the province into the forefront at the provincial exhibitions where it ought to be. Show your interest in your own business and help us make this the big feature of next year's fair.

The district conventions of the Association will be announced in the near future. What has your local to suggest that will make these meetings successful and helpful?

Do you want free entry into the United States markets for your grain? Think of what it has meant to us in marketing beef and pork. Why not write a letter to Sir R. L. Borden direct? Get every farmer in your community, Grit or Tory, into your local so that you can send a memorial that will represent you all. This is no longer a partizan question.

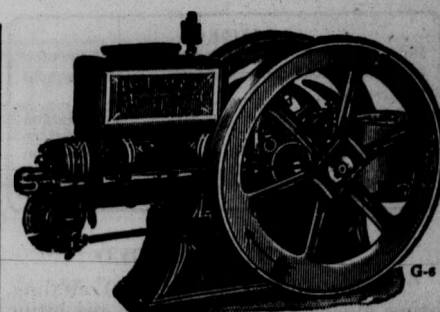
The Central would like to know of any of your members who have gone to the front and especially of any who have suffered death or injury in action.

Fraternalty yours,
J. B. MUSSELMAN,
Oct. 22, 1915. Central Secretary.

A NEW LOCAL

With the assistance of F. Burton, district director, and P. L. Craigen, a local of the S. G. G. A. was organized in this district with the following officers: President, C. D. Richmond; Vice-President, Geo. Randall; Directors: W. A. Fahay, Leonard Else, C. T. Richmond, Wm. McNabb, and W. F. Vergowe.

W. F. VERGOWE,
Sec. Arnold Local.



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