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#### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY AT WARREN

Mr. McArthur, of Longburn, director of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, addressed a meeting of the Warren branch on March 6. Mr. McArthur gave a splendid address, which was listened to very attentively and was much appreciated. There was a good attendance at the meeting and interest in the Association seems to be increasing. A meeting has been arranged for the 9th, to appoint delegates to attend the district convention at Stonewall, on the 18th inst. Mrs. Lilley, of Winnipeg, gave a short address on woman suffrage, after which she organized a Woman's Auxiliary to help the Association and all movements for the advancement of women and children. The following ladies were elected officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Cowley; Vice-President, Mrs. Munroe; Treasurer, Mrs. McDonald; Secretary, Mrs. Hunter, with eighteen members.

#### BANQUET AND WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Harding branch held their annual banquet on February 10, and altho it was extremely cold, there was a house full and a splendid time. Frank Simpson, of Shoal Lake, gave an excellent address on the live topics pertaining to the farmers' interests. Mrs. Lilley, of Winnipeg, gave an address on the great need of the women of today being organized so as to be able to help each other. She was successful in organizing a Woman's Auxiliary in connection with the Harding branch. The Harding branch is coming to the front, with the women in the lead.

#### A NEW BRANCH AT GRUND

A number of the farmers of Grund district met at the home of W. C. Christopherson for the purpose of organizing a branch of the Manitoba Grain Growers'

Association. M. McCuish was present and spoke at some length on the work the Association was engaged in, and recalled to the memory of many present the condition that obtained before the days of the Grain Growers' Association. Mr. McCuish claims the time has come when the farmers have to do something for themselves, and the first step is to build up a strong organization. After Mr. McCuish's address Grund branch was organized. The officers for the year were: President, J. A. Svenson; Vice-President, Miss R. Christopherson; Secretary-Treasurer, W. C. Christopherson; Directors, J. Sigurdson, W. M. Sampson, T. Badger, A. Svenson, Mrs. Christopherson, Mrs. T. Badger.

St. Louis Guilbert Association had an enthusiastic and well attended meeting on Wednesday evening, February 25, in Wakefield school-house. The meeting, which was a special one, was called for the purpose of hearing a debate between Clandeboye Association and this Association—subject: "Resolved that mixed farming is more profitable than grain farming." The debaters on the affirmative side were Messrs. Muckle, Schnyder and Bird, Clandeboye; on the negative side were Messrs. Peck, Meneer and Moffatt, St. Louis Guilbert. Judges were Messrs. McDonald, Stevenson and Strowger. Duncan McDonald, in making the report for the judges, said that neither side had the better of the debate, and it was decided to renew the debate at some future date. Unfortunately two of the "Mixed Farmers" were absent, attending to chores, and Mr. Muckle ably defended mixed farming unaided. Mr. Moffatt, one of the "Grain Farmers," was also absent and it is rumored that he was busily engaged counting the profits of his last grain crop.

# Manitoba

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The Strowger Brothers' orchestra contributed an excellent musical program. It was decided to order a carload of flour and feed from The Grain Growers' Grain company.

WM. H. PECK, Sec.

#### IN CANADA TODAY

(A Distressed Farmer's Complaint)

O, the spider sits in his web to spread  
A net for the busy bee;  
A cunning thread he spins from his head,  
And they call him the mortgagee.  
And the honey we've stored in a toil-  
some hoard  
Is gulped by the spider grey.  
Such things are done in the eye o' the sun  
In Canada today.

They are fed with the stores our hands  
have culled,  
They feast from the harvests shorn,  
and when autumn's fruits from the tree  
is pulled,  
We are left with the leaf and thorn.  
They are fattened and sleek from toe to  
cheek,  
We are wilted and worn away.  
Such things are done in the eye o' the sun  
In Canada today.

And they who on heights of statecraft  
stand,  
Our four-year-absent friends,  
Have basked and gorged on the hard-  
tilled land  
They have raked for private ends;  
And a laugh thru the nose at the "hay-  
seed" goes,  
As they call him "the country's stay."  
Such things are done in the eye o' the sun  
In Canada today.

They have chains of gold and rich attire  
And cigars of the finest glow,  
and they crack their joke amid sparks  
and smoke  
Like those in the pit below.  
Whilst the weary one who the silk hath  
spun  
Must dress like the moulting jay.  
Such things are done in the eye o' the sun  
In Canada today.

The bank, the rail and the factory trust  
Have gathered them gems and wine,  
They have taken the wheat and have  
left the dust  
And in royal state they dine.  
While the poor, pinched purse and the  
bare deal spread  
Are ours from day to day.  
Such things are done in the eye o' the sun  
In Canada today.

But there's wild unrest in the farmer's  
breast,  
Our patience is overdone,  
And hand-in-hand we'll learn to stand,  
And fight till the battle's won.  
Then they who toil shall enjoy the spoil,  
And each shall receive his pay,  
And right shall be done in the eye o'  
the sun  
In Canada that day  
JAMES MORTON.  
Two Creeks, Man.

The Brant Argyle Grain Growers' association held a very successful social evening on Monday, March 9, when a capital concert in which much local talent was evinced was given before an audience of some 180 people. After supper, dancing was kept up till the early hours and everybody went home well pleased with the excellent entertainment. This branch of fifty odd members, during the evening of a social gathering, transact their usual monthly business in usual form before the assembled guests and in this way believe there is an incentive for bringing new members into the Association, thus combining business and pleasure.  
ARTHUR VINK, Sec.-Treas.

#### Directors:

Peter Wright, Myrtle; R. M. Wilson, Marringhurst; P. D. McArthur, Longburn; Frank Simpson, Shoal Lake; W. H. English, Harding; R. J. Avison, Gilbert Plains.

#### CLANDEBOYE SENDS CHALLENGE

Clandeboye branch held its regular monthly meeting on the evening of March 9. Owing, no doubt, to the bad roads, the turnout was not so large as was expected, but a good deal of business was done. A challenge was sent to St. Louis branch to a debate, with three members from Clandeboye and three from St. Louis, on the subject, "Resolved that Woman Suffrage is in the best interests of the country." C. M. New, of the Central Office, gave a short address on organization, education, co-operation and legislation. A stock company has been formed for the building of a hall and the prospects of this local are very promising.

#### EMERSON'S SOCIAL EVENING

\$1,831 seems to be a pretty good income for six months from thirty cows, yet such was the statement, backed up by figures, given by Walter Moore, of Letellier, at the Grain Growers' meeting. We all wished we had that eighteen hundred, and would be perfectly willing for the middleman to keep the thirty-one. Mr. Moore is the pioneer dairyman of the Letellier district, having entered the business fifteen years ago and has it reduced to a science. Never was there a better attendance (about 100), or better interest shown. A large number came from the Marais, and Letellier, Dominion City, Ridgeville and Emerson also were well represented. As chairman, Wm. Lindsay proved himself the old reliable, and called on the following speakers: D. A. Fraser, corn culture; L. H. Peto and Frank Gray, silos, their cost and construction; Walter Moore, dairying; R. Curran, the rearing of beef cattle; Wm. Forrester, some advantages of home life on the farm. H. Stewart and J. Morrison, of Ridgeville, gave short addresses, and Mrs. John McRae a paper, entitled "The Truth About Woman Suffrage." Recitations were given by Miss Maunder and A. R. Knowles; solos by Mrs. Gray and C. S. Root. A very pleasing feature was the excellent exhibition of club swinging by Mrs. Turner. The music of the evening was supplied by Fred Empson, violin, accompanied by Miss Nellie Empson, organ, and was rendered in their usual efficient manner. Refreshments and the singing of the national anthem brought to its conclusion a very successful evening. Emerson Grain Growers now number forty, the largest yet attained.

T. W. KNOWLES.

After a meeting of the Grain Growers' Association, held on Saturday, March 7, the Ashern Agricultural Association was formed, with F. A. Pickersgill, president; R. J. King, vice-president; H. A. Whitfield, secretary, and a board of six directors.

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