



SASKATCHEWAN SECTION

This Section of the Guide is conducted officially for the Saskatchewan Grain Growers Association

HOW'S YOUR ASSOCIATION?

The secretary, on returning home after a very busy week, and looking over a mass of correspondence, has a vision of things as seen when one is weary, and he hastily scribbles the following to our officers and members in general:—

Is your Association sick, asleep or dead? Has it only a name or is it a healthy vigorous influence and power in your district, as well as a representative integral part of the vital force striving to find expression through the Central Executive? Is there an endeavor on the part of your local officers to see to it that this expression find its outlet and hits the target? It often happens that institutions once most active in the endeavor to secure a reform are first to revolt if certain men do not secure the chief places in the synagogue, and the principles are lost sight of in the race of individuals for supremacy, as the great men of Rome once fell stabbing each other, rather than allowing one to lead the nation to greatness or rather would they suffer every kind of bondage than enjoy a protection not secured by their own leadership. So today the antagonisms of individuals often retards the progress of our movement and the establishment of our ideals.

What does your Association stand for? Is it an active force to be heard and felt by its foes? Is it something with nothing but a name? Are you a nominal Grain Grower with no activity, saying nothing, doing nothing, being nothing; a nonentity. No use in trouble or distress. No use in the struggle for progress. A thing with nothing but a name. Is there not room, think you, for a moving vital force to work? Is there not a demand for a force to sweep away the blasting power of greed and graft, and also the lethargy of our people regarding the education of our sons and daughters, in order that our class may be supplied with the trained intellectual and economic ability necessary to enable us to successfully compete in the race of today; which the multifarious intricate trading problems, methods of transportation and mediums of exchange call for? Is there not enough real work for our local associations to perform, to cause a vigorous circulation of ideas culminating in action. Yea, even until its heart tapers shall be felt throughout the entire community it which it is located, and its pulsations distinctly felt beating in unison with the Central Association as they together battle against their foes.

Remember that sleep, sickness or death may come not only from the fact that they get no help, but also from the fact that they do not help. Your horse may be poor because his teeth are bad. But more likely it is because he is worked too hard on too little oats. Probably he is balky, because never or poorly broke in and so used to no work at all. Have you yet looked on your local association as the Central pivot of your community? Your College and University? The one place where farmers, young and old, male and female, may be educated and trained in all the various matters and duties of our social, economic and governmental responsibilities? Once you realize the great value of our institution, and you commence to use it as a part of the machinery by which we are to fit and equip ourselves to take our rightful place as a class in the management of the affairs of this land of ours, your Association will be neither a weakling, sick, sleepy or dead. Join for life, and use it thus, and it will live forever in human hearts and lives, and be a powerful instrumentality in the establishment of that which is best.

THE SASKATCHEWAN GRAIN GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

COXBY WANTS RAILWAY

At the last meeting of the Coxby Grain Growers' Association it was decided that we write you asking for the consideration of the railway question as it concerns us. It is expected that the C. P. R. and the G. T. P. will both cross the South Sask-

atchewan at about the same place where the C. N. R. now crosses. Hence places along the routes of these roads will be well served. But we consider that there is just as good a crossing here and if one of these railways were to be built farther east than its present survey, settlements would be benefited thereby. This is a good mixed farming country, but unless we get better railway facilities the best settlers will not stay. Therefore, we protest against the accumulation of railways along one line, and would ask your committee to devise some means of considering some solution of this question which is so vital to us. If we could reach an elevator it would not be so bad. We are unable to ship our wheat on account of the lack of railway facilities. Hence if the route of some proposed line could be deviated, it would be of lasting benefit to this association.

W. R. ORTON, Sec.

Coxby, Sask.

RESOLUTION FROM FIELDING

Be it resolved, that we, the members of the Fielding Grain Growers' Association favor a line of elevators, one at each point, with a complete system and necessary equipment to handle grain from the

is not asking too much. I would like if you would send me all the particulars about the aims and regulations of the said Association. There is no branch of your Association, or any other that I know of, in this district, and I think we need something of the kind here. This is a new settlement here, but the country is developing rapidly. Wishing you every success, and awaiting an early reply.

WM. J. THUN.

Hartburg, Sask.

SEMANS AND CO-OPERATION

Enclosed please find \$25, being 50 cents each for 50 new members, also \$1 for one hundred membership cards. Fifty you have recently sent us, and we would ask you to kindly forward us fifty more. We recently advertised for tenders for twine by carlot, and were able to secure it at \$8.55 per cwt., 550 ft. to the pound, other lengths in proportion. We obtained our formalin at a cheaper rate through organization, and now we are after the coal for next winter. Could you give us any information as to the best way to get the lowest prices? Every person who wished to benefit by the cheap rates on twine or anything else we get must first of all pay his \$1.00 for member-

YELLOW GRASS AFTER SIR WILFRID

On May 24th we held a meeting of our Grain Growers' Association, at which a resolution was passed instructing me to write the secretaries of the Provincial Associations of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, setting forth the importance of making use of the coming visit of Premier Laurier and such of his ministers as may accompany him on his tour through these western provinces, and to urge upon them the importance of the Federal government taking over the terminal elevators at Fort William and Port Arthur. The procedure we propose is as follows:

That the Central Associations of these three provinces shall make complete arrangements for as large a representation of Grain Growers as possible to meet the premier and colleagues at every point at which he will have a public meeting. Let these Grain Growers present him with an address becoming his position, and at the close of it, and forming a part of said address, an urgent appeal for the Federal government to take over the terminal elevators. Make sure that they shall meet at every point a demonstration worthy of the cause we represent. I would suggest that all should wear badges, plain or otherwise. This is a matter that can only be handled by the provincial associations. We have much to gain and nothing to lose by such a demonstration. The government has already been asked to take over these elevators, and probably in time will take action. We cannot, however, take risks, and such a demonstration as we propose will show them how much we are in earnest.

I now leave the matter in your hands. Hoping you will give it a favorable consideration, I am, yours sincerely,

JAS. SMITH, Secretary.

Yellow Grass, Sask.

initial shipping point to the ultimate market. The management of the elevators to be vested in the hands of a commission of three men, two to be appointed by the G. G. A., and one by the government, with power to add to their numbers if necessary.

LADIES ARE JOINING

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed thirteen dollars, being half of the fees for twenty-six members. Kindly send me more membership tickets. Bright prospects of getting more members. At our last meeting twenty-one new members joined, thirteen of them being ladies. We had a directors' meeting on the 23rd, and in reference to the elevator question it was resolved, "That we, the directors of the Ohlen Association, favor a Government monopoly, with a complete system having all the necessary equipment to handle all the grain from the initial shipping point to the ultimate market." A committee of four was appointed to meet the Commission, and we ask a special favor that the Commission will sit at Esterhazy.

O. E. LINDGREEN, Sec.
Stockholm, Sask. Ohlen G.G.A.

SEEKING THE LIGHT

In looking over a copy of THE GRAIN GROWERS' GUIDE, I noticed an article on Life Membership in the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association. Now, if it

ship fee. It not only benefits themselves, but is educating, as it goes to show what little we can do locally, and how much more the head association could do, especially if everyone put his shoulder to the wheel. The farmers must come out on top if they only will stick together.

V. T. N. PELLETT, Sec.

Semans, Sask.

CARNDUFF DISAPPOINTED

On account of the short notice our executive are not able to send a representative to attend the sitting of the elevator commission at Carlyle. I might say we have only had time to meet late last night to consider a number of questions that some of our members thought needed more careful thought than could be given them in a hurriedly called meeting. We would also have had to cover a distance of about fifty miles that morning to attend the sittings at Carlyle, and as we had no intimation as to how long the commission would sit at that point, we have had to let the matter drop, regretting the circumstances.

I am requested by the executive to forward the following resolution, and trusting that we may yet have the opportunity of contributing our mite towards the advancement of the farmers' cause in Saskatchewan: "Moved by R. Young, seconded by S. Hill, that this association express its regret that the elevator commission has not held any

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E. N. HOPKINS - - - MOORE JAW

PRESIDENT:

F. M. GATES - - - FILLMORE

VICE-PRESIDENT:

J. A. MURRAY - - - WAPWELL

SECRETARY-TREASURER:

FRED. W. GREEN - - - MOORE JAW

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

DISTRICT DIRECTORS:

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

meeting on the Estevan line of the C. P. R., and hope that the commission will be able to hold a sitting on this line a later date." Carried unanimously. Carnduff would be more convenient than points west on account of the passenger train coming our direction in the morning, and going back west in the evening.

J. SHIER, Sec.

Carnduff, Sask.

WANTS TO MEET COMMISSION

The Bienfait G. G. A., at their meeting on May 14th passed a resolution to send a delegation to meet the elevator commission, but on account of not knowing where the commission would meet, and was in expectancy of it sitting at Estevan they have been deprived of the privilege, and on account of getting your mail informing us of the commission holding a session in Weyburn, which we got to late, we are desirous of giving the commission a verbal report of our decision on the elevator question. If the commission intend holding a sitting on the Souris branch, we would deem it a favor if you could let us know when and where and at what time it would be held. Please let us know at your earliest convenience. In case we cannot meet the commission we can send our resolutions to the commission for their consideration.

J. H. CLARK, Sec.

Bienfait, Sask.

NORTHMINSTER GROWING

Our meeting of the 23rd inst. was attended with better results than previously and I herewith enclose you \$5.50, which is half our membership fees to date. Now that we have made a commencement more members will quickly come in. The officers of the association are as follows: President, G. Almond; vice-president, E. Babey; secretary-treasurer, A. Barrat. Directors: T. Metcalf, W. Franklin, C. Hayes, J. Ralph, G. Donaldson and L. Weaver. In your letter of April 13th you state that you had sent E. reports of your convention. These have not yet come to hand. We are having a special meeting on June 13th re binder twine, and to consider the elevator question.

A. B. BARRAT, Sec.
Northminster, Sask.

WEIR HILL DISTRICT ACTIVE

On the evening of May 13, the Weir Hill Grain Growers' Association held their regular meeting in the large and commodious Weir Hill school house, which was crowded to the door.

Owing to a social gathering the same evening only part of the business before the meeting was transacted. The prospect for a live, active, long-lived branch certainly looks promising. A large number of farmers, farmers' wives, sons and daughters were present, and are all getting alive to the benefits derived from the Grain Growers' Association. At 8:30 o'clock the officers took their respective places at the desk, and the president, Mr. Bacon, called the meeting to order and as requested by Mr. Haug, reminded those present of the sad news of the death of King Edward. Mr. Haug also wished