

SUGGESTION RE EDUCATION

Central Secretary:—At a meeting of our local held today the following resolution was passed:

"That, whereas, we are in receipt of the report of the 1916 convention from our delegates, and upon consideration and discussion of said report are of the opinion that there is considerable and a pressing need for education in the rank and file of the association along the following lines: 1. The principles for which the association stands; 2. true co-operation. And furthermore we are very much afraid that the dollars and cents proposition has in the past two years begun to take first place in all our thoughts and ambitions, to the great detriment of the fundamental principles of our organization and further carrying on this line of thought, we are of the opinion that we must keep the educational principle ahead of the principle of co-operation now and always."

"We would therefore suggest to our executive that they see to it that as much, if not more, time and thought be given to the educating of the members of the locals than in the past, also see to it that locals are better and more frequently visited by good exponents of the principles of our organization. We would also point out that a prophet has no recommendations in his own country, and that the association cannot rely with certainty on the efforts of the few to keep their members educated up to the right pivot of enthusiasm all the time, and that therefore we would further suggest that our executive and as many more first class speakers as can be employed be given lines of locals outside their own neighborhood and that these speakers visit every local in the organization at least once a year and more often at points where education is most needed."

"We are forced to bring this matter to the notice of our executive cognizant of our own very great need in this respect, and being convinced also that co-operation in trading lines without first having a thorough understanding of the principles of our organization and knowledge of the individual self-sacrifice which is necessary to make our co-operative movement a success, will eventually work only harm to the association."

Yours very truly,
Rutland Grain Growers' Ass'n Ltd.
Per S. M. Chambers, Sec. Treas.

Secretary's Reply

Dear Sir:—I have your favor under date of the 11th instant, and have perused the same with the utmost interest. I am glad to know that you are giving attention to the educational work of the association. All your leaders are of the opinion that the association is prominently an educative body, and if you have followed the work of the Central carefully during the past two years, if you have read the circulars and articles which have come from the Central secretary's pen and have carefully studied the various booklets or pamphlets, which have been distributed in very large numbers, you must know that never in the history of the association has the educational end of its work been pushed as it has during the past year. Particular attention was drawn to this fact at the convention.

It is well to bear in mind, however, that dealing with dollars and cents is an inseparable part of the business of living, and that the purpose for which the association was originally formed was that of bettering the financial position of the men and women upon the land. This has been the very corner stone of the foundation of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association from the very beginning. Now say that you are of the opinion that "we must keep the educational principle ahead of the principle of co-operation now and always." The paramount purpose of our whole educational campaign is that of the development of co-operation in its truest and widest sense. Co-operative buying and co-operative selling may be and ought to be just as lofty in principle as any kind of collective endeavor for the betterment of our fellow-man can possibly be.

You suggest to the executive that more time and thought be given to the educating of the members of the locals

than in the past, that many more first-class speakers be sent to the locals and that each local in the organization should be visited at least once a year by such speakers. Personally I do not think that your recommendations are sound. You have not grasped the full meaning of the true value of co-operation. One of the very greatest benefits derived from the association's work has been that of building up local leadership by depending on local men to carry on the work at the local point. We are not satisfied with the building of an institution. Our ultimate aim is the building of citizenship, and that is accomplished only by bringing into action our men. Education of the highest order is not attained by merely sending teachers to the people to fill their minds with facts. True education is attained only by the exercise of the faculties of the student himself reaching out.

Have you considered the expense which would be incurred should the executive follow out your suggestion? An able speaker sent out from the Central and devoting his entire time to the work would do well indeed to address three hundred meetings in a year. To visit every local during the year but once would necessitate the employment of four such men, together with a special department at the Central to take care of their correspondence, and would cost not less than fifteen thousand dollars, which would be more than the entire amount of revenue which the Central receives from the members.

I should like to know whether or not pamphlets Nos. 10, 12 and 13 have been carefully studied, chapter by chapter, by your local in meeting, and whether or not you think that in that way your members are getting a fair insight into the principles for which the association stands and whether or not this is the kind of educational effort which, in your opinion, the Central should put forth.

Yours fraternally,
J. H. MUSSELMAN.

SHELLBROOK PROGRESSING

Central Secretary:—Please find enclosed \$13.50 members' fees for seven local members—\$8.00 and \$5.50 for Grain Growers' buttons from the Brightmouth branch of the G.G.A. Yours truly,
B. WHEATLEY, Sec.,
I. BROUILL, Pres.,
Shellbrook, Sask.

DRINKWATER ORGANIZED

Central Secretary:—R. M. Johnston, of Eastview, was over to Drinkwater on the night of June 10 and organized a Grain Growers' Association, known as the Drinkwater G.G.A. The officers are as follows: President, H. H. Heffley; vice-president, L. Demming; secretary, Guy C. Fossnot; directors, Wm. Fessler, G. B. Strayer, Geo. L. Cole, and Guy C. Fossnot.

CO-OPERATIVE ASS'N AFFILIATES

Central Secretary:—At a meeting of the Earl Grey Co-operative Association Limited, held here on the 10th inst., by-laws were passed providing for affiliation with the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association Limited. Three copies of these by-laws have been sent to the director of co-operative organization for approval, and as soon as I get two of these back I will send you one.

We very much appreciated the presence of Mr. Brouill with us on that date, and he put us wise to quite a few points which we were rather hazy on, especially about buying & selling in the Central Association. I had intended asking you about this when I was in to see you the other day.

I expect to be able to mail you a check for \$25 to buy a debenture some time soon.

Sec., Earl Grey Co-operative Association Ltd.

NEW LOCALS

Central Secretary:—This is to report that we had a very successful farmers'

meeting at Lone Tree on May 27, resulting in the formation of the Lone Tree Local, twenty-five members joining. Officers elected were: A. Brown, president; D. J. Gillespie, secretary-treasurer.

We formed another local at Karluck on June 3, and fifty new members were enrolled. Officers are: Geo. Gilbertson, president; D. W. Oakland, vice-president; O. J. Seman, secretary-treasurer.

Yours fraternally,
GEO. SPENCE,
Whitewater Local.

LONE TREE ORGANIZED

Central Secretary:—At a meeting held on May 27 a Grain Growers' local was formed, called Lone Tree. G. Spence, of Whitewater local, and A. Smith and Geo. Patterson, of Diebolt local, spoke on organization and of the railway scheme which originated at the Whitewater local. The new local seemed very enthusiastic of having a railway in the near future. Please find enclosed \$21, of which \$13 is due the Central office for twenty-six membership fees. Please send fifty membership cards, one set of books and necessary stationery for the local.

W. J. GILLESPIE,
Sec. Treas., Lone Tree G.G.A.
Patriot, Sask.

RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING

Central Secretary:—We were very pleased to have with us District Director W. T. Hall, of Surbiton, to preside at our re-organization meeting, which was held in Fiske school house on Saturday evening, June 17. We are very sorry indeed that it is not possible for our district director to visit us more frequently, but should he find it possible to visit us now and then he will surely be a welcome visitor. After passing the necessary affiliation by-laws the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, N. Pierce; vice-president, N. W. Holtzman; directors, Wm. Deane, E. Hall, J. G. Moore, Ed. Grady, Bert Bath and James Turnbull. Owing to the lateness of the hour the meeting adjourned, leaving the appointment of a secretary till a meeting of the board of directors to be held Saturday, June 24.

N. W. HOLTZMAN, Sec. pro tem.

PATRIOTIC DONATIONS

Central Secretary:—I am enclosing herewith order for \$30, \$20 of which is for the Belgian fund and \$10 for the Red Cross. We expect to send some more for the Red Cross soon. This is from the Women Grain Growers of the Woodlawn local.

Yours truly,
M. C. E. SPARROW,
Secretary.

ORGANIZE TO GET RAILROAD

Central Secretary:—We are organizing the country south of the White Mud River into local branches of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association with the object of building, or causing to be built as soon as possible, a Grain Growers, or some other line of railway. We have already thirteen locals joined as a single body with that one object in view, and we are all co-operating to get the rest of the territory organized.

BRUCE G. WELLS,
Canuck, Sask.

SECRETARY ENLISTS

Central Secretary:—I am sorry to let you know we have lost the services of our able secretary, C. E. M. Weller, who has enlisted in the 210th Battalion. Mr. Weller is an enthusiastic Grain Grower, and we hope the time will soon come when he will be back again with us. At our last meeting I was elected secretary-treasurer, and will to the best of my ability carry on the work.

H. CHANDLER,
Oranston, Sask.

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The Grain Growers' Guide.
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E. B. WALKER.

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