

Manitoba

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THE STUDY COURSE

The booklet, "Studies in Rural Citizenship," will be off the press before this number of The Guide is issued and all orders for same will be filled at once. We especially commend it to all our branches as the booklet has been prepared to meet a real need in the winter work of the associations and is issued under the auspices of the inter-provincial council, and in addition to the material furnished in the booklet there will be an article appearing each week in The Guide and other farm journals dealing with each study in the order in which they are placed, giving material supplementing the information contained in the booklet. We hope that all the branches will avail themselves of this opportunity and arrange to hold weekly meetings, so that all may begin the course at the same time.

R. McKENZIE,
Secretary Man. G. G. Association.

ORGANIZATION WORK

Dear Mr. McKenzie—I have just returned to Winkler from Kronsart. I did not have a very big meeting last night owing to the storm, but nine joined and six paid their dues. They have another meeting on November 21. On Thursday night I had a very good meeting in Rhineland village, twelve miles south of Winkler, at which eighteen joined. They are also having another meeting next Friday. This is I think the start of a great movement among these people. They are going to buy two or three cars of coal from the company right away and they tell me there will be nine or ten villages organize before spring. I am going to North Star, south of Morden, tomorrow and will get two or three Associations in that district next week.

MURDOCK McCUISE.

WAR RELIEF FUNDS

Previously acknowledged	\$841.45
Springfield	105.00
Gilbert Plains	50.00
Foxwarren	376.40
Reston Pres., Sec. and J. H. Skelton	35.00
Inkerman	73.00
	\$1,480.85

A NEW BRANCH GROWING

The secretary of the Dauphin Plains branch writes: Enclosed please find \$7.50, which is the Central Association's share, as we have just fifteen paid up members for this year yet. As it was so late in the year before we got in working order a good many have not come in for this year, but we have had very lively meetings and the feeling is that we will have a good deal larger membership next year. We are also handling goods of various kinds thru our Association and are getting good satisfaction.

We have appointed collectors to cover the ground for this district for the War Relief Fund and you will hear from us later about that.

LORNE McKILLOP,
Sec. Dauphin Plains Branch.

THIS IS ENCOURAGING

R. McKenzie,
Secretary Man. G. G. A.
Sir:—Kindly find enclosed \$22.00, being membership dues for the year 1914. We have forty-four members now. At our last meeting held on the 13th a resolution was passed for each member to give the value of an acre of wheat to the Belgian Relief Fund and as only sixteen or seventeen were present, we appointed a committee to call on the others. The sum of \$261 was given that night and \$10 more subscribed, making a total of \$271. As soon as the committee have finished the work of collecting we will forward the money.

CHAS. CRAIG,
Sec. Blaris-Isabella Branch.

FROM ELVA

Dear Sir:—I am enclosing money order for \$25 from Elva branch G. G. Association, which you will please allot as follows: Emergency Fund, \$10; Membership dues, \$10; and to Mr. McKenzie's expenses

at Elva meeting last March, \$5. I will forward some more dues shortly. Hope to see you in Brandon in January at the convention.

ALEX. MATTICE,
Elva G.G.A.

PATRIOTISM—SUBSTANTIAL PROOF

The following letter has been received from Foxwarren branch of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association:

Dear Sir:—Enclosed please find check for \$376.40 for Belgian Relief Fund—a donation from the Foxwarren branch, also an express order for \$40 from the same branch for dues for current year.

Note.—This indicates a good, healthy Association. The largest subscription yet to the War Relief Fund.

INKERMAN'S CONTRIBUTION

R. Marner, the secretary of the Neepawa branch, writes as follows: Please find enclosed the sum of \$73 for the Patriotic Fund, the result of our efforts in Inkerman district—this amount being raised entirely by a patriotic concert. We wish it to go to the Prince of Wales' Fund.

A RESTON DONATION

The secretary of the Reston branch writes: I am enclosing dues from the Reston branch of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association. We have 19 paid up members this year, so am forwarding \$9.50, together with \$35 for the Belgian Relief Fund. Our president, J. R. McLean, contributed \$25, J. H. Skelton \$5, and self \$5, making up the \$35. Should I receive any other subscriptions will forward same without delay, but I find many have already subscribed to this and the Patriotic Fund thru other channels.

WILL. E. WILKINS,
Reston Branch.

STILL IN BUSINESS

The Oakburn secretary of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association writes: You will find enclosed \$16, our dues to the Central Association. I have only 32 members paid up yet, or eighteen less than last year, but expect others to pay up soon, but maybe not in time for your annual report. We handled 3 cars of flour, etc., 3 cars of coal, 1 car of apples and a car of twine, so we are still in the business. At a recent meeting we appointed S. Stephenson to represent our Association in the handling of subscription lists for the War Relief Fund. At last account we had over \$50 towards it.

JAS. HALLIDAY,
Sec. Oakburn Branch.

A SPLENDID RECORD

One of the most successful years in the history of the Lavinia Grain Growers' Association will soon be at an end, and during the past year the members of this local association have truly shown their loyalty in every respect in patronizing co-operation in purchasing their needs in large amounts. During the year, which will end on the 5th of December, when their annual meeting will be held, the following carloads of material have been purchased: One car of woven wire and gates from the Sarnia Fence Co., of Sarnia; one car of cedar fence posts from a Winnipeg dealer; half car of salt, one car of Blue Bell twine thru the Grain Growers' Grain Co., and one car of apples from the Norfolk Fruit Growers, of Ontario. During the year nearly one hundred sacks of granulated sugar were sold to members, along with fifteen hundredweight of evaporated apples; also one thousand lbs. of honey. During the first part of 1914 a large quantity of coal in car was used, but owing to the local association not having a building of their own it was decided to buy thru the lumber company, from which up to date two cars have been purchased during the year. A great many new members have joined the association, and we look forward to one of the most successful years in the history of this new association. The Grain Growers' Elevator at this point has been well patron-

ized, and a large amount of grain has been handled. During the year the C.N. Railway erected a stockyard and several cars of hogs and cattle have been shipped from this point. The railway company at all times endeavored to help out the farmers in supplying cars, and in this way a much larger business was done than in former years. During the past season, although dry and lacking the usual welcome showers which usually fall in this locality, an abundant harvest was reaped. The prices have been good and the farmers sold early, and a great many matured notes have been lifted and consequently, the farmers are in splendid shape to go into winter quarters. There is abundance of good feed, the hay crop thruout the district was the best for years, and, altho the oat and barley return was not as large as in former years, quite a number of stall cattle will be fed. During the last two weeks several farms have exchanged hands, and good prices were paid in all cases. This association was well represented at the Central Association last January, and if all accounts are true there will be a much larger representation this year, as many have signified their intention of going.

Trusting that these few lines might help to encourage greater interest in some association that has not the same loyal members as this association. A. E. Dixon is the regular secretary, and Ed. W. McConnell the co-operative secretary.

ED. W. McCONNELL,
Hamiota P.O., Man.

MANITOBA EXTENSION WORK

S. T. Newton, head of the technical department of the Kelvin Technical School, at Winnipeg, has been appointed to the position of superintendent of extension work at Manitoba Agricultural College. Mr. Newton was brought up on an Ontario farm and spent several years in farming. After completing the Ontario high school course, he spent one year in Toronto University, and later had considerable experience as a teacher in the rural schools of Ontario and Manitoba. During recent years he has been identified with the manual training department of the Winnipeg schools, and for the past two years has been head of the technical department at Kelvin High School, and principal of the evening classes at the same school, where 1,500 students are in attendance.

Mr. Newton was one of the first students in special courses at Manitoba Agricultural College. He afterward studied at Stout Institute, Menomonie, Wis.; Bradley Polytechnic Institute, Peoria, Ill., and at Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York.

In addition to his connection with Winnipeg schools, Mr. Newton has been, for the past five years, in charge of the agricultural survey work being carried on in Manitoba by the Dominion commission of conservation, and is, therefore, very familiar with agricultural conditions in that province.

RELIEF FOR BELGIANS FROM SALTCOATS, SASK.

When an appeal was made thruout the country for relief for the Belgians, the citizens of Saltcoats immediately called a public meeting. The meeting was well attended and it was decided to respond to this worthy cause, the arrangements to be carried out under the auspices of the Daughters of the Empire, which society was recently formed here. A committee of six men was also appointed to assist them and it must be said that everyone went into the object heart and soul, with the result that in less than a month the handsome sum of \$1,607 was collected, also a large quantity of blankets, clothing, boots, etc. It was decided to convert this money into flour, and the milling company of this town loaded out 500 sacks, suitably stenciled for the occasion. It was also decided that the surplus over and above the cost of the flour be divided equally between the Red Cross and Patriotic funds. The donors of this consignment of flour and clothing feel that they are only performing a duty we all owe this small but heroic nation.

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