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DEATH OF W. J. TREGILLUS

Resolution of Condolence

At a meeting of the full board of the Executive Officers and Directors of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association, held in Regina, on Thursday, November 12, 1914, the following resolution, conveying the condolences of the Association to the United Farmers of Alberta thru its executive board was unanimously passed:

"This meeting has just learned, with deep and profound regret, of the sudden death of W. J. Tregillus, of Calgary, president of the United Farmers of Alberta. The life and work of the deceased has left a deep and lasting impression upon the progress and permanent welfare of the farmers, not alone of the Province of Alberta, but as well of the whole of Western Canada. Mr. Tregillus brought to bear, in his work as president, an ability and devotion of the highest order. His wide and full knowledge, keen insight and ever ready capacity to deal with the social, economic, political and agricultural problems affecting the progress of Western Canada, was always at the command of those in need of the same.

"The Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association feels it has lost a stalwart supporter, and that Canada as a whole has lost a citizen worthy of the highest honor and respect, and it takes this opportunity of expressing to the United Farmers of Alberta its deep sorrow in the sad loss of President W. J. Tregillus, requesting at the same time that they convey this message of condolence to the members of the bereaved family of the deceased. "Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Assn., "J. A. Maharg, President."

MR. GREEN'S PATRIOTIC ACTION

To the Local Secretary.

Dear Sir:—Your local was kind enough to send some time ago a contribution to the fund for securing, as a public recognition of his services, a portrait of F. W. Green, former secretary-treasurer of this Association. Mr. Green, on November 12, presented to your board of directors, of which he is a member, his wishes in this matter as hereunder stated. It was thought that all locals who contributed should be given an opportunity to give or withhold, as they see fit, acquiescence with his request.

Unless the central secretary receives from yourselves on or before December 15 at the head office, Moose Jaw, instructions to the contrary, the amount of the Green Presentation Fund will, in accordance with the very generous and splendidly patriotic desire of Mr. Green, be turned over to the Grain Growers' Association Patriotic Fund.

J. B. MUSSELMAN,
 Central Secretary.

Moose Jaw, Nov. 16.

The following is a copy of Mr. Green's letter:

Gentlemen:—Regarding the proposal to procure a portrait of the writer in recognition of services rendered the association, I would say I appreciate most sincerely the generous spirit which prompted the directors and those who responded to the suggestion. I would be ungrateful if I did not confess that, Caesar-like, I am loth to put it by. Under ordinary circumstances I should be pleased to accept and fall in with your plans, but at this time of supreme individual and national sacrifice so small a service as mine is totally unworthy of so costly and prominent a tribute as that proposed, particularly when I am reminded that I only worked in conjunction with all the rest of you.

I would much prefer my own imperfect effort might be buried in the greater sacrifice now being offered by those brave hearts fighting at the front in defence of our homes and common heritage, our flag, our king and country. I therefore respectfully suggest, if it meets with your approval, that the contribution referred to be given to the Patriotic Fund.

Trusting that the outcome of the war will be stability, liberty and peace.

Yours sincerely,

FRED W. GREEN.

Moose Jaw, Nov. 10.

MRS. HAIGHT'S ADDRESS

At the Grain Growers' Convention of District No. 4, held at Regina, on Nov. 10, Mrs. S. V. Haight the provincial vice-president of the Women Grain Growers, in a forceful and comprehensive address set forth the platform of the Women Grain Growers' Association. Her address showed conclusively that the wives of the Grain Growers are as capable as the men of carrying out a widespread propaganda of organization and education. The address was remarkable in that while it showed a masterly grasp of the great social and economic problems of the time it did not effervesce in mere lofty theorizing but fairly scintillated practical suggestions.

Politics is Women's Business

Mrs. Haight reviewed the rapid development of the Women Grain Growers' Association stating that its growth was more rapid than that of any other women's club in the province and while demonstrating that our women are always pre-eminently the home-makers—the devoted guardians of our children and the solace of all who suffer—said that really none of these duties can be dissociated from politics. In forceful epigrammatic sentences the address states: "It is women's business when the bar is placed as a temptation in the way of our children. That thousands of our people die yearly from the dread tuberculosis and other preventable diseases is our business. That our young men are perishing by the war is women's business."

Continuing the speaker showed the paramount necessity of the presence of women in our school boards stating wittily that "possibly an occasional bachelor might be found who has a real interest in the instruction of the young," but that the supervision of the health, education and morals of the young is peculiarly women's sphere in the social structure.

Medical Attendance in Rural Schools

"The aim of the W.G.G.A. is to make life more attractive as well as more effective," said the speaker, and made an eloquent plea for better and more efficient, more attractive and more refining home environment. Music, magazines, flowers and trees were shown to be of incalculable value, while labor saving devices to relieve drudgery will give woman an opportunity to develop her better self. The logical argument was advanced that with proper medical inspection at rural schools the health and efficiency of the rising generation could be greatly benefited.

"The Bar must go and wars must cease," said Mrs. Haight, adding trenchantly: "Nothing can ever repay a nation for the loss of its young men." A strong plea was made for woman suffrage for "Women would use their votes for humanity rather than for prosperity," said the speaker.

Women from all parts of the province, whether organized or not, were invited to send delegates to the big convention at Regina in February.

J. B. M.

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF DISTRICT No. 4

The annual convention of District No. 4 of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association was held at the Y. M. C. A. hall, Regina, on Tuesday, November 10. This was the first of a series of sixteen district conventions which are being held thruout the province during November and December. If the interest which was manifested in this first convention may be taken as a criterion of what the series is to be, they will prove amongst the most interesting and helpful gatherings which Saskatchewan has ever known.

R. M. Johnson, of Eastview, who is the district director for District No. 4, was, by virtue of his office, chairman of all the sessions, and much of the success of the gathering is due to his untiring and systematic work.

The convention was composed of delegates from locals and various representatives from the Central Executive. The privileges of the convention were extended to all visiting Grain Growers, who were quite numerous, partly in consequence of the gathering of delegates who were in Regina to attend the annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company.

Chairman's Address

Chairman R. M. Johnson presented a written address to the convention, which is worthy of more than passing note. Indeed, so well was the convention impressed with this address that it was decided by unanimous vote to give the same wide publicity thru the press of Western Canada. In his address Mr. Johnson gave evidence of a deep and comprehensive insight into public affairs generally, and the work of the association in particular. He reviewed economic conditions thruout the west, as also the peculiar conditions arising in Saskatchewan because of the terrible war in which the empire is engaged, and showed most pointedly the duties and responsibilities which devolve upon the farmers of this province because of these phenomenal conditions. In his review of the work of the association, and particularly of its extensive co-operative trading undertaking he showed himself to have a comprehensive grasp of the whole question, as well as a clear conception of what is essential in our future development if the organization is to make the most of the splendid opportunities for service which are within its reach.

The chairman referred in concise and striking phraseology to such paramount questions as the conference of the western farmers' organizations with representatives of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association at Winnipeg, the need for equitable freight rates, better banking facilities and tariff reductions. Referring to the war, and the patriotism of western farmers, the address states "the loyalty and patriotism of western farmers needs no stimulant to bear cheerfully and without murmur any burdens imposed in the national emergency, nor will they, when peace conditions are restored, meekly lie down to a commercial tyranny as heartless as Prussian militarism. Organized agriculture asks no favors, but insists on fair play."

Mr. Hunter, of Creelman, gave an interesting report on organization work in his district, making a special reference to the splendid progress they have been making in co-operative trading, and showing, with striking figures, the very large savings which they were effecting, not only in the reduced prices at which they were able to purchase their supplies thru the Co-operative Wholesale Department of the Central, but demonstrating conclusively, as was done by several other delegates as well, that the effect of our movement

has been to cause a general reduction of prices on the part of traders.

Dr. Flatt, of Tantallon, a provincial director of the association, delivered an address on the economic questions of the day in his usual eloquent and convincing manner. Considerable discussion followed, which was participated in by many of the delegates present, including the women.

Resolutions Passed

After the noon adjournment, the Resolution committee submitted its report, and amongst the resolutions passed was the following:

"Whereas there is considerable shortage in cars of coal;

"And whereas the freight in many cases amounts to as much as the original cost of the coal;

"And whereas the consumer not only pays for coal he does not get, but pays freight on shortages, which the railway company does not haul;

"Therefore be it resolved that the Dominion Government be memorialized and asked to make full investigation of the matter of shortages in coal shipments, and to enquire fully into the methods and facilities for weighing coal at points of shipment, and that President Maharg be delegated to take up this matter with the Minister of Trade and Commerce during his approaching visit to Ottawa."

By a majority vote the meeting decided not to attempt the pooling of rates, it having been pointed out that many of the delegates who were present had come to the city at the expense of the Elevator Company to attend the annual meeting of the same.

On the nomination of the chairman, a committee of organizers was appointed to assist in a thoro canvass of the entire district between now and the close of the current year. The committee is composed of the following: Mr. Bell, of Eastview; Mr. Dynes, of Francis; Mr. Hunter, of Creelman; Mr. Ross, of Gray, and Mr. Downs, of Lewvan.

Mr. Musselman, the central secretary, addressed the meeting at some length, dealing principally with the Wholesale Co-operative trading activities of the Central Office.

Protection for Debtors

Hon. George Langley, who was present on the invitation of the chair, gave a very interesting address to the meeting, dealing largely with the activities of the government in connection with the protection from oppressing creditors, which they have endeavored to afford to farmers thruout those districts of the province which suffered crop failure. He made very witty reference to the action of the central secretary in referring to him all members of the association who had appealed to the Central Office for such relief, stating that he had been deluged with no less than a thousand letters from all over Saskatchewan because of this action on the part of Secretary Musselman. He showed conclusively, however, that not only was there the utmost need of protection of unfortunate debtors, but also that without having had recourse to the government powers of refusing to creditors the use of the courts for the collection of debts, they had been able, by moral suasion, to save from bankruptcy and absolute ruin very many farmers who had been unfortunate in the loss of their crops.

Mrs. Haight, vice-president W. G. A., delivered a splendid address which is reported more fully elsewhere.

A resolution was introduced memorializing the Central Executive to devise some means for the closer unification of the Agricultural Co-operative Associations of the Province with

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