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FORMALIN

To the Local Secretary:

Dear Sir:—The lengths to which the old entrenched channels of trade will go in order to escape the competition brought upon them by the co-operative buying activities of the farmers thru their own organization is well illustrated by their present effort to lay upon the shoulders of the Grain Growers the blame for their own failure to secure sufficient supplies of formalin at certain places.

Swift Current retailers are howling thru the press that there was a formalin famine at that point, and say that this was due to the fact that many farmers had ordered thru the Grain Growers' Association.

The real facts are that no orders for formalin were placed with the Association by farmers in the Swift Current district with the insignificant exception of one for sixty pounds, from a point seventeen miles from that city.

It looks very much as if the retailers or legitimate (?) local business men, as they call themselves, had resorted to the dastardly trick of leaving their territory short of formalin in order to discredit the farmers' movement. The organized retailers first ordered formalin in quantities quite inadequate to cover local demands, then they did all in their power to prevent the Grain Growers securing their supplies. Now to culminate their iniquity they blame the Association for it all. They do not explain, however, why they charge 100 per cent. profit on formalin, nor why they threaten to boycott any wholesaler who will sell to Grain Growers or any other co-operative body, formalin or other farmers' necessities.

Central Ordered Early

The Moose Jaw branch of one of the largest wholesale houses in Winnipeg canvassed your Central for your formalin business several months ago, and as the prices submitted were satisfactory, they were given the orders, which they from time to time accepted, with the assurance that prompt shipment would be made as soon as danger of frost was past. It was not until near the time for shipment that the local representative of this concern received information, beyond all doubt, because of the pressure of the retail dealers, that the Grain Growers' orders would not be filled.

Immediate steps were taken to secure formalin elsewhere, but the only wholesale house willing to sell us found itself unable to get prompt delivery.

Investigation disclosed the fact that there is only one concern in Canada producing formalin and doing so under a protective tariff of 32½ per cent. There is, therefore, no competition.

A trip was made to Winnipeg and all the available formalin purchased wherever to be found, but as this was quite insufficient to fill all orders, the Head Office at Moose Jaw was instructed to wire all locals that had ordered formalin to secure their supplies locally if possible and if unsuccessful to inform the Central. The Central had actually on hand sufficient formalin to supply any locals which failed to secure supplies locally, so that all its locals were thus fully protected.

Retailers' Latest Move

The latest move of the Retail Dealers' Association is an appeal to the government for legislation which will legalize the imposition of a tax of \$100.00 each upon every local of the Grain Growers' Association or Co-operative Association which dares go past the "legitimate (?) traders" for so much as a barrel of apples or a bottle of formalin. It would be well for you farmers everywhere to find out if your local merchants who fawn upon you when selling you goods, at profits set by themselves, are active in the fight of the Retail Dealers' Association to kill in its infancy your movement for the emancipation of yourselves from the thralldom of these 100 per cent. men.

The organized dealers will find, however, that farmers who have had a taste of

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what organization and co-operative buying can accomplish are not as gullible as they were in the past and that co-operative merchandising is sure to win a permanent place in the business of Saskatchewan as it did nearly two generations ago in Britain where 18,000,000 people are now in the movement with a joint trade of a thousand millions of dollars a year.

Moose Jaw, Sask. J. B. MUSSELMAN,
April 19. Central Sec.

WARMAN MEETING

Warman G. G. A. held a very interesting meeting yesterday in the Warman School auditorium and altho work on the land has commenced, a splendid turnout was witnessed.

Our German element is taking an active interest in our affairs and we had nearly one dozen with us yesterday, paid up members, too.

The car of potatoes, 1,000 bushels, has not arrived yet, but we expect them any day now. This shows a saving to the farmers of our district of a neat one thousand dollars.

We are taking up the question very strongly of becoming incorporated, so as to do business on a sound basis.

The secretary of the Association was recommended to act as agent for the Saskatoon Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Saskatoon. An address on this subject was very ably given by W. J. Thompson, our director at large.

The Ladies' Auxiliary gave us a splendid lunch, which was very much appreciated.

We will hold our next meeting in May, date announced later, to settle other important business.

The travelling library, which was started by our president, H. Parks, thru the Association, is installed, with G. W. Elliott as librarian. Mr. Elliott is taking a keen interest in this and is bound to make it a success. The library is filled full of splendid literature for old and

which had been in progress for the past two weeks, was held. R. G. Williams and J. E. McDermid had been picked as captains and twenty members chosen on each side to see which side could kill the most gophers in the two weeks, the losing side to pay for an oyster supper for the crowd. R. G. Williams' side won with a count of 2,374. J. E. McDermid's side had a count of 1,868, making a total of 4,242 gophers killed in the two weeks. After the count, V. W. Yongst gave a short address on dry farming methods and Mr. Hesser, of Brookling local, also gave an address on co-operation. The oyster supper was then served and a couple of hours' dancing followed.

J. H. FRICKEY, Sec.-Treas.,
Great West G. G. A.

RE-ORGANIZED

We held a meeting at the school house for the purpose of re-organizing. All old members rejoined, also many new ones and the following officers were elected:—president, C. C. Somson; vice-president, J. C. Spencer; secretary-treasurer, T. K. Tongerson; directors, H. C. Anderson, Dan McPhee, Frank Day, A. F. Stone, W. B. King, Ed. Sheldstad.

We now have thirty-six paid up members to date. We gave two entertainments which netted \$69.50 for our local.

T. K. TONGERSON,
Sec. Cow Creek G.G.A.

TEMPERANCE LEGISLATION

A large number of the farmers of this district gathered into the Copeland School on Saturday, taxing the seating capacity almost to its utmost, to listen to an address by W. J. Thompson of Saskatoon, who had come in the unavoidable absence of J. F. Reid of Orcadia.

Mr. Thompson's address was enthusiastically received and as a result our

| DISTRICT DIRECTORS: | |
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| Dist. No. 1—W. H. Beasley | Balbeck |
| 2—M. P. Roddy | Rouleau |
| 3—G. E. Noddy | Lampman |
| 4—R. M. Johnston | Eastview |
| 5—J. W. Easton | Moosomin |
| 6—F. W. Redman | Grenfell |
| 7—C. O. A. Travis | Bethune |
| 8—Thorn M. Eddy | Govan |
| 9—John F. Reid | Orcadia |
| 10—J. L. Rooke | Togo |
| 11—T. Sales | Langham |
| 12—Andrew Knox | Prince Albert |
| 13—W. H. Liwall | Wilkie |
| 14—T. M. Morgan | Aqueduct |
| 15—Frank Burton | Vanguard |
| 16—W. T. Hall | Surbiton |

and sixteen became members. The men not wanting to be in the minority, twenty-four of them stepped up and planked down their dollar, so we are starting 1915 with forty members.

Mr. Pratt, of Tugaskie, paid us a visit and gave us an address on the co-operative side of the association's work.

The following officers were elected: president, J. H. Norris; vice-president, W. Campbell; secretary treasurer, A. E. Taylor; directors, F. Riggall, J. Macalister, Mrs. Winters, Mrs. V. Cornish.

The ladies organized a branch of the W.G.G.A., when Mrs. S. V. Haight, organizer for this district came to put them on the right track, and held a social to finish up the evening.

Enclosed please find \$20, the amount of membership fees for forty members.

A. E. TAYLOR,
Sec. Eyebrow G.G.A.

RESOLUTIONS FROM BALMAL G.G.A.

Moved by E. C. Hullabe, seconded by Edward King, "That whereas the first three to five years of pioneering in Western Canada are the most hazardous in developing homesteads, therefore be it resolved that dominion government make such regulations as will enable married homesteaders to obtain a loan of at least five hundred dollars at a low rate of interest to be repaid on the amortization plan and which shall be used exclusively for the building and equipment of a home."

Moved by E. C. Hullabe, seconded by Herb. Sheppard: "That the dominion government can promote the settlement of the prairie provinces by granting women the same privileges in homesteading as men."

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the province.

J. H. PARKS, Sec.-Treas.,
Warman Local.

BRIGHTSAND ANNUAL

The annual meeting of the Brightsand local was held recently, Mr. Spice presiding. The G. G. Hall committee reported progress, also that more help was needed and such was contributed.

The following officers for 1915 *were then elected: President, H. Spice; Vice-President, De Lon Bleakney; Secretary, Robert Bell; Directors: R. P. Ellis, W. Showers, H. Campbell, J. H. Trask, R. B. Gilliland.

ROBERT BELL, Sec.-Treas.,
Brightsand G. G. A.

SUCCESSFUL GOPHER CONTEST

On April 10 the Great West local held a regular business meeting. After the business of the meeting was over, the hunt for the gopher killing contest,

membership has increased to thirty-seven. I enclose herewith \$3.50 balance of dues to date.

The following resolution was unanimously passed on the motion of E. J. Laxdal, seconded by S. Smith, "That we desire to place on the official records of the Dafoe Grain Growers' Association the hearty approval of this association for the courageous stand of the Hon. Walter Scott, premier of Saskatchewan, in his purpose to have the government carry into effect the wishes of the people to banish from the province the retail consumption of liquor at hotel bars."

E. E. BOLTON,
Sec. Dafoe G.G.A.

LADIES ARE HELPING

The ladies of the district had been reading the reports of the women's convention and thought they would like to take part in the Grain Growers' Association movement, so a goodly number of them turned up at our meeting