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THE SUMMER CAMPAIGN

The need of a closer touch of the locals with their Central office and with each other thru it has been apparent to a great many of the leaders of the association for some time, and this need has become more and more imperative as the activities of the association have extended to lines of action that are more than merely educational or which are educational in that they teach by practice rather than by precept, or in other words, which teach how to do by doing. From time to time there has been a pressing demand from many parts of the province for visits by members of the Central executive or by officers direct from the head office, it having been felt by local leaders that only someone very closely and directly in touch with the work and the policy of the Central could instruct the members fully regarding the activities of the association. To meet this demand in some slight measure, both President Maharg and the secretary have attended as many meetings as possible, while other executive members have lent their assistance as they were able to, but so far neither the demand nor the need have been adequately met.

To visit all locals by representatives of the Central office even once in each year would incur an expense so great as to be prohibitive. It would require the entire time of at least four men to accomplish this, and would require as much or more outlay than the entire membership fees received. Still the executive has been disposed to meet the need as far as possible.

A great deal of good has been accomplished by the issuing in large numbers of various pamphlets from the Central office. Pamphlets Nos. 10 and 12 have been sent direct to members in numbers of many thousands, and pamphlets Nos. 12 and 14 explain very minutely how to form and carry on locals and incorporated locals of the association. Much has also been explained thru the columns of The Guide, yet correspondence shows that local leaders at many points are of the opinion that a vast amount of good could be accomplished by a man coming direct from the Central office addressing the members in meeting, answering such questions as present themselves to their minds, teaching them and being taught by them. Such a speaker would carry to the locals not only a full explanation of the policy of the activities of the Central, but he would bring back to the Central a fuller understanding of the needs and activities of the local. A stronger, more efficient and more closely knit organization generally would doubtless ensue.

Extensive Summer Campaign

The executive has decided that in the best interests of the association the secretary may not attend any large number of local meetings, but that he shall hold himself open to attend such gatherings as necessary, conferences with other interests and large gatherings of other bodies where Grain Growers' interests are involved, as he may find time for besides his immediate work as managing director of the Central. President Maharg, on the other hand, as chief executive representative not only of the provincial organization but also of the Canadian Council of Agriculture, has so many calls upon his time that it is not possible for him to undertake any definite and extensive campaign thruout the province. The work which the executive has in mind is one which can scarcely be done effectively by any other than our own recognized leaders, who have the confidence of the members generally. For this reason it has not been thought wise for the present to permanently employ travelling representatives of the Central. It has been decided, however, to organize an extensive summer campaign somewhat along the lines fore-shadowed in the report of the managing director to the convention in Sas-

katoon. The province will be divided roughly into four sections, in each of which a series of meetings will be conducted by one of the members of the Central executive with the assistance, so far as possible, of the various district directors in whose territory the executive member may for the time being be operating. The president and the secretary will each endeavor to attend some of these meetings, but this work will fall especially upon the other members of the executive, being: Vice-President A. G. Hawkes, of Percival, and Messrs. J. F. Reid, of Orcadia; Thom. Sales, of Langham; and John N. Burrill, of Indian Head, all of whom are fully acquainted with all of the problems of the association and are well fitted to render this service.

The number of meetings which can be held under this plan has not yet been decided, but will depend somewhat upon the measure of co-operation which the locals will extend and the interest which they manifest in this announcement of the plan. In many districts it should be possible to hold two meetings per day during a period of about six weeks, extending from say June 15 to August 1. This campaign must of course be planned by and directed from the Central office, but all locals especially desirous of securing meetings attended by executive members are invited to write the organization department as soon as possible, filing their request and stating what they are prepared to do by way of such co-operation as entertainment of speakers, advertising meetings, arranging with other nearby locals for a central gathering, driving a speaker to the next place of meeting where the train service is not suitable, and so forth. Wherever feasible meetings should be so arranged that two or more locals can meet together at one point.

All phases of the Association's activities will be discussed at these meetings. The question of incorporating the locals will be fully gone into and the whole trading policy of the association both as it relates to the Central wholesale activities and to local retail distribution will be thrown wide open for discussion. If all parties will give their friendly and enthusiastic co-operation in this undertaking a vast amount of good to the cause of the organized farmers will be accomplished. Indeed it is hoped that with the meetings which each district director will hold in his own district independently of this special campaign practically all of the locals may be visited by an officer of the association during the course of the present year.

J. B. MUSSELMAN,
Central Secretary.

DARMODY ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Darmody Grain Growers' Association was called to order on April 1 by the president, C. E. Wellman, who asked the secretary to read his reports. The report that the finances of the association were in good condition and that there was a credit balance of \$187.93 was well received, and on the motion of Chas. E. Linton the reports were adopted. The president then called for election of officers, which resulted as follows: President, C. E. Wellman; vice-president, James Linton; directors, John Ask, Geo. Linton, John Alken, D. Sinclair, L. Wilkins and G. McNaughton.

A motion was then made by G. McNaughton that the secretary be given a grant for his services for 1915, and on the president asking the amount they desired to donate, and taking a show of hands a grant of \$75 was decided on. The secretary replied thanking the members for their kindness and said he would hand the amount to the Church Building fund. The president then asked the members if they desired to give a donation to the Church Building fund, and on the motion of G. McNaughton it was decided to donate

\$25. Some discussion followed as to where the association could meet in future, and it was decided that by putting a basement under the church, which it was proposed to build, it would make a fine hall for meetings. The motion to adjourn was then made by L. P. Wilkins.

CHAS. E. WILKINS,

Sec.-Treas.

LAURA LOCAL'S BUSINESS

Central Secretary:—Your letter received, and in reply to same I will give a list of business done at this local in 1915: 21 cars or 694 tons of coal; 9 cars of flour, bran, shorts, oatmeal, etc.; 8 cars of wood; 1 car of apples, 200 bbls.; 1 car of potatoes, 990 bus. We have 117 members and held 16 meetings. A ladies' local was organized with 23 members. Frank Beal, Laura, Sask., is secretary-treasurer for 1916 and as he has the books, I will ask him to send you the list of members in 1915. You could have had this report months ago, only I expected to receive a form the same as last year.

W. G. PAGE,

Sec., Laura Association.

NEW FARWELL LOCAL

Central Secretary:—This is to advise you that there was a local association organized at this place last evening (March 2), and I am enclosing a list of the members, but as there will be another held in a week's time and all the members have not paid in their dues, I will forward them after that meeting. I would be pleased to have you forward some literature to arrive here in time for that meeting to show some of the benefits that may be derived from the association. The meeting was held at the house of F. H. A. Bowles. Messrs. H. L. Lewis and Harrigan from Hay Creek Association were present. H. L. Lewis was appointed chairman and F. H. A. Bowles sec.-treas. pro tem. The secretary read some of the rules of the constitution and the following officers were appointed: President, J. E. Ingram; vice-president, Dan. McLean; secretary-treasurer, F. H. A. Bowles; directors, B. L. Brown, H. A. Armbrister, Jas. T. Foley, Geo. Armstrong, Harry Clark, Oliver Ferguson, Geo. Buckner and Roy Raines. Moved by H. L. Brown and seconded by H. A. Armbrister that in future the association will meet once per week on Thursday at 7.30 p.m., at the house of F. H. A. Bowles until the month of May, was agreed to by the meeting.

F. H. A. BOWLES,

Sec., Farwell Local.

PROPOSED G.G. BATTALION

Central Secretary:—At a mass meeting of Grain Growers held in the town hall in Yorkton on March 28, the following resolution was put to the meeting and unanimously carried. "Whereas since the outbreak of the war so many of our farmers of Saskatchewan and farmers' sons have enlisted to defend their country in the different regiments that have been recruited in this province, now be it resolved that we, the Grain Growers of Saskatchewan, petition the Minister of Militia to name one of the existing regiments now in the province The Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Canadian Yeomanry, to commemorate their services to the Empire."

I was instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to you, and that you be asked to have the executive consider the advisability of taking the matter up with the proper authorities.

Yours fraternally,

D. H. WALKINSHAW,

Sec. Yorkton G.G.A.

NEW GRAND TIME LOCAL

Central Secretary:—A number of farmers met in the schoolhouse, March 17 and organized a local with the name of "Grand Time Grain Growers' Association."

The following officers were elected for the year: president, Christ Markin; Secretary-Treasurer, Albert Lutton; Directors, Henry Kindolph, T. Truxal, P. Bander. I would ask that a portion of the literature sent out to this Association be printed in German as one-half of the members cannot read English.

ALBERT LUTON,

Kuset, Sask.