

Saskatchewan

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DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

At a recent meeting of the Central Executive it was decided to arrange for the holding, during November and December, of a series of fifteen district conventions, or one in each of our organization districts throughout the Province. A vast amount of good should be accomplished by such a series of meetings if each Local will be fully represented, and a tremendous impetus to organization of the farmers of Saskatchewan for the securing and safeguarding of the interests of the basic industry of the Province should result. Further announcements will follow later.

Below is a copy of a letter sent to all District Directors in regard to this matter. "At a meeting of the Executive held recently I was instructed to communicate with you and endeavor to arrange for a District Convention in your district on a date in Nov. or Dec. Kindly write me at your earliest convenience, giving me your views as to where in your district such convention should be held, what should be the character and scope of its deliberations and what the time of its duration. Should representation, in your opinion, be limited to one in ten and, if so, should the railway rates be pooled? Do you recommend that at each of these conventions a District Board be elected for an aggressive campaign of organization? Is there now such a board in your district? If so, what is the secretary's name and address?"

"Kindly write me early and fully in regard to this matter, so that plans and dates may be arranged as soon as possible.

"It is probable that two members of the Executive will attend each of these conventions. These meetings should be over by about December 15 to 18.

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J. B. MUSSELMAN

Central Secretary

Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association, Moose Jaw

"The annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company takes place at Regina on Wednesday, November 10."

J. B. MUSSELMAN,

Central Secretary.

POTATOES WANTED

A great many inquiries are coming to the Central asking for prices on potatoes by the carload, as well as for other vegetables and seed and feed oats.

Any Locals having potatoes or oats to spare should communicate with the Central at once, quoting the price at point of shipment and the quantity available.

J.B.M.

OATS ALSO

Some time ago I wrote you in connection with securing us a car of oats. At that time I was aware that the new oats were not threshed and that it was impossible to buy oats. Now, as the threshing, I presume, is in full swing and the farmers are marketing their grain, would it be possible to find someone who could ship us a car of oats? Every farmer in this district who has felt the effects of the drought of this season is crying for oats for feed. I can assure you of our appreciation in any efforts that you make in securing us a carload of feed.

Thanking you in anticipation of an early reply.

J. W. HOPTON,

Sec'y, Cabri Ass'n.

PREMIER ON RELIEF MEASURES

The following letter has been addressed by Premier Scott to all officers of rural and urban councils, school districts, boards of trade, and Grain Growers' Associations in Southwestern Saskatchewan:

Gentlemen:—The Provincial Government is aware that the crop in Southwestern Saskatchewan unfortunately has steadily deteriorated, under the influence of drought and heat, until the bright prospect of spring has been replaced by a condition bordering on total failure. A crop failure in so large and recently settled an area cannot but have serious consequences, and the government is obtaining from day to day more exact information of the condition in which settlers in the various parts of the drought-stricken area find themselves as a result of the failure of their crops. Once in possession of complete information, complete plans can be made for dealing with the situation. The information already in our possession, however, has justified us in taking action. My purpose in writing to you is to acquaint you with what we have done and to indicate the lines of probable action by this government in the near future. I address you as officers of local organizations, and I ask that you will pass on the information herein contained so that all our people in the areas affected may know what is under way, and may be encouraged to stick to the undertaking upon which they have embarked.

The following measures of relief have either been undertaken or are being arranged for by the Saskatchewan Government:

1. A reduced railway rate to the harvest fields has been secured and harvest labor offices opened at ten centres for the more convenient ticketing of men at that rate, i.e., one cent per mile both going and returning, payable entirely on the return journey if necessary. This government indemnifies the railways against loss in case of any men who go east on the advanced fare basis but do not return, and publicity has been given to these arrangements throughout the areas served. We hope in these ways to induce all who possibly can do so to go to the harvest fields and there secure two or possibly three months' work at good wages.

2. Additional road and bridge construction will be undertaken by the Saskatchewan Highway Commission without delay for the benefit in particu-

lar of heads of families and those owning stock or who are otherwise so placed that they could not leave their farms and go harvesting. The government hopes to be able to make arrangements to obtain sufficient money to carry on this work to such an extent as to enable the settlers to earn funds for supplies and fuel for the winter months. Hay and oats at cost will be provided where necessary for teams employed on road work.

3. Reduced rates on feed have been urged upon the railways by this government, and virtual assurances that a half rate will be given have been received. The details remain to be arranged, and further announcement regarding them will be made in due course. These rates will be of material assistance to many settlers who have, or have access to, some resources and are in a position to purchase feed to take the place of what they are unable to grow.

4. The sale of live stock owned by settlers who have no feed for the late fall or winter, and no funds or credit to buy any, is now being investigated. It is hoped that all or most of such live stock can be sold to farmers in districts where feed and money, this year, are alike more plentiful. As soon as the demand has been ascertained, further announcement regarding this matter also will be made.

5. The provision of seed and feed for next spring, while not of such immediate importance as some other measures, is nevertheless already receiving attention, and negotiations with the Dominion Government in this regard are now under way. Settlers may rest assured in the meantime that no farm which did not yield seed this year need go unseeded next year on that account. Every settler whose crop was a failure and did not yield the seed, and who is without resources, will be seen thru somehow, by one government or the other.

6. In order that these measures may be effective and settlers may be undisturbed in possession of what little crop they have, their seed, and what money they may be able to earn, all large creditors have been asked by us officially not to press collections in Southwestern Saskatchewan this year. A conference with these creditors will be held in the near future to further press this matter upon them.

These, then, gentlemen, are some of the more important measures of relief undertaken or secured by the Provincial Government up to the present time to partially cope with the situation existing in your districts. In addition to these, of course, will be measures, doubtless quite as effective, undertaken by the Dominion Government, whose wards, being occupants of unpatented lands, most of the settlers in the affected area still are. I mention these measures in order that you may give them further publicity locally.

A gratifying feature of the crop failure is that, as I am assured by my Minister of Agriculture, by officers of his department and by farmers of the drought stricken areas, and as I have seen in part for myself, in almost every district there are some crops which prove that, even under such extremely adverse conditions as prevailed this year, reasonably good returns can be obtained from properly summerfallowed land. Our faith in the excellence of our soil, which is the real basis of the permanent prosperity that will come, is only strengthened by the experience of this year—trying as that experience is to those who are called upon to go thru it. The government feels encouraged to continue and extend the efforts that for years have been made to impress the fundamental truths of dry land agriculture upon the minds of settlers, and additional means to this end will be provided in the near future.

I feel sure that upon reflection you, too, will take this view, if you do not already share it, and will encourage every settler in your district to study the problem this winter and tackle it afresh next spring, meantime accepting the buffetings of fortune in the spirit of true pioneers.

Very sincerely yours,

WALTER SCOTT,

Premier of Saskatchewan.

Regina, August 17.

EWSONVILLE ORGANIZED

A meeting was held in this district on July 24 for the purpose of forming an Association. Officers were elected as follows: President, James Ewson; vice-president, Chas. Charters; secretary, treasurer, Wm. Ewson; directors, John Elliott, John Bradley, John Fitzpatrick, Harold Austin, Wm. Tyers, Thomas Ramness.

Owing to a number of the members at the July 24 meeting not having any money with them, another meeting was called August 15 for the purpose of collecting subscriptions, when the following members subscribed: John Bradley, Chas. Charters, Harold Austin, Thomas Ramness, Wm. Tyers, Chas. Tyers, John Elliott, John Fitzpatrick, John Ford, Harold Ewson, James Ewson, Wm. Ewson.

It was moved by John Elliott, seconded by John Bradley, that Mr. Ewson, councillor, bring the matter of having a municipal scale put in at Plenty before the council at next meeting. Carried.

I hope next meeting to enroll more members. Just now things are quiet and dollars hard to get, but they are very enthusiastic here.

WM. EWSON, Sec'y,

Ewsonville Ass'n.

FROM THE DRY BELT

The following is a resolution passed at our last meeting: Moved by Mrs. C. Jacklin, seconded by Angus Kincaid, "Be it therefore resolved, that whereas crops in this district are anything but favorable, the drought and hot winds have almost completely destroyed the year's crops, and farmers in this district are indebted to machine companies in such a way that if the machine companies are allowed a free hand the farmers will lose everything.

"We therefore pray you will use your influence with the government that they will pass legislation that will protect the farmers for one year during this peril."

OAKDALE G.G.A.

I received your letter and also printed matter regarding the organization of a Grain Growers' Association. As I stated in my first letter to you, we organized an Association under the name of Burens Association, but I neglected sending in the membership fees, which you will find enclosed.

The following is a list of our officers: President, E. A. McCready; vice-president, S. P. Herickson; secretary, L. B. Quinn; directors, W. I. Linton, R. J. Cox, C. H. Bailey, John Jensen, Joseph Petit, Alex. Paulhus. Members, Joe Paulhus and Ovela Petit.

L. B. QUINN,

Sec'y, Burens Ass'n.

A Local of the Saskatchewan G.G.A. was organized at Stenen on the 8th, with the following officers: President, Mat Hanson; vice-president, Pat. Wallace; treasurer, C. H. Wright; directors, H. Ball, O. L. Anderson, George Kelough, John McLeod, H. Brons, John Hailey.

F. McINTYRE,

Sec'y, Stenen Ass'n.

SPREADING OUT

Enclosed please find \$6 in postal notes, being half of the amount for twelve more members to our Local.

On the 31st of last month we called a meeting at the school house at a district close by to see if we could either get more members for our Local or start up another Local. We had a very nice meeting, which was well attended. People are getting awake to co-operation. We could not get them to start a Local of their own, finding it difficult to find anyone to volunteer for the secretarial work, so they decided to join ours. We secured ten paid up members that evening, and I have quite a few more promises of members. This season of the year one is too busy to look them up.

I would like to thank you for your kindness in sending me a membership button. I must show it to our members at the next meeting and see if I can induce them to get some.

F. CROCKER, Sec'y,

Meskanaw Ass'n.