



SASKATCHEWAN SECTION

□ Live Uninsulated Wires □

Members of West Eagle Hills branch are enthusiastic and Progressive.

That the West Eagle Hills branch of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association has cast off its lethargy and got down to good substantial work has been amply demonstrated at the meetings held this year, and the one held in the Cleveland school house on the 19th inst. emphasizes this most strongly. Owing to the cold snap prevailing, the attendance was not as large as expected, some \$1 being present, but the good sound business accomplished was most gratifying to the executive.

Some interesting papers had been prepared for this the opening meeting in the Cleveland school, and were well received. Mr. Geo. Henessy read one on the functions of a seed association, and the secretary gave a "Short History of the Grain Growers' Association." The president, Chas. Truscott, read a splendid paper on the reason why we should have government ownership of elevators.

The suggestion that this association hold a plowing match and picnic during the coming summer met with the hearty approval of all present, and F. S. Palmer gave notice that he would move at the next meeting that such event be held and that an endeavor be made to secure government institute speakers.

Mr. Ellis gave notice of motion that the secretary subscribe to the leading papers of both parties at Regina so as to secure full information of proceedings of the legislature.

Mr. Ellis brought up the question of the co-operation act and thought we should impress upon both local and federal members and senator the necessity of legalizing co-operation, and further suggested that the secretary try to secure an idea of the feeling of the North Battleford and other near-by associations, and send a strong deputation to interview said members.

Mr. Ellis having been actively associated with the co-operation movement in England, it was suggested that he prepare a paper on that subject. This he consented to do, and will present it in the near future.

It was suggested by the secretary

that we might do a little co-operation work among ourselves in the way of securing formalin, gopher poison and binder twine. The suggestion was received favorably, and the secretary instructed to secure quotations on bulk lots of formalin and strychnine. A number of members gave their names, with the quantities of formalin they would require.

Before the meeting adjourned six new members were added to the roll, which gives the association a membership of thirty-nine. Quite a number have signified their intention of joining, and it is hoped they will take advantage of the opportunity at the next meeting.

It was suggested by Geo. Truscott that it would be a good thing for the secretary to write the local member



On Fairview Farm, property of D. A. Braun, Lessor, Sask.

inviting him to attend a meeting of the association, and get his views on the questions put forward, by Messrs. Larson and Ellis. It was thought, however, that we should first get the views of the different associations and discuss the subject more fully so as to have something specific to present to the member.

Mr. Ellis suggested that the secretary secure information as to what the local improvement district council are going to do respecting distribution of gopher poison.

□ What is Our Course? □

How can we escape our old party bias? Ought we not to be able to vote together? If so, how can we do it? One of our farm papers has an article on "Practical Politics." It says: "Farmers must cast aside traditional party lines. Let go Tory and Grit." We may smile or wink the eye, but are we strong enough to do this, or are we still in our swaddling clothes? Can we put tradition behind? Get out of the ruts and strike out on a new path of agrarian freedom?

If so, a forward step will be taken and history made. Some years ago another farm journal said, "A Herculean task lies before the Grain Growers' Association. This reform will be opposed by all the wealth and influence of the powerful companies at present handling our wheat. It is only by combining and putting to the test, whether the organizer producers (farmers) are politically stronger than the middleman." The question resolves itself into one of votes."

Our own GUIDE, on page 3, issue number 31, says: "We are all aware that these interests have great influence over our governments and legislatures; and by exercising this influence to prey on the public by unjust prices for their products," and further, "Farmers must stand together to secure reform, and the only real hope for reform lies with the farmers. The farmers can be independent and yet stand with his brother to redress griev-

ances. Just so long as farmers stand apart just so long will favored corporations take toll from him." Just so! Just so! Bury Tory and Grit in one grave and have a jollification over their funeral. Listen to E. N. Hopkins: "But, gentlemen, I could not express the pleasure I felt at the introduction of the elevator question in the Saskatchewan legislature, to hear Mr. Scott and Mr. Haultain, the two great leaders, say: 'We will not allow this elevator question in Saskatchewan to become a party question. We will not handle this as politicians, but as statesmen,' and I wish, I might whisper in the ears of the legislators of our sister provinces, 'Go thou and do likewise.'"

Then, your humble servant took up the cry before our legislature, quoting Grover Cleveland, "The best results in the operation of a government in which each citizen has a share is best obtained by a proper limitation of purely partisan zeal and effort, and a correct appreciation of the time when the heat of the partisan should be merged into the patriotism of the citizen." He knew the farmers were well aware of the force of the remarks in one of the journals mentioned and trusted the legislators would rise in their might on behalf of the farmers, and hoped they would not force on that test of political strength between the farmers and other organized interests.

F. W. GREEN, Editor

"But, fellow farmers, if your legislators will not heed your cry, why can you not get together with your franchise? No need for much noise. No need for overt acts. You have the little machine to do the trick—the franchise. Yes! The franchise. How shall we learn to concentrate our force on one point? Not spout, but make everyone understand it is votes. As soon as everyone understands it is votes, as soon as we can convince them of that, why,—you know what happened to Jericho."

F. W. GREEN.

SASKATCHEWAN ORGANIZATION MEETING

The following is a list of meetings to be held along the Canadian Northern Railway between Warman and Lloydminster, addressed by Mr. A. G. Hawkes: Dalmeny, March 7; (two meetings); Langham, March 8; Borden, March 9;

Halcyonia, March 10; Great Deer, March 11; Raddison, March 12; Luxemburg, March 14 (afternoon); New Ottawa, March 14 (evening); Fielding, March 15 (afternoon); Maymont, March 15 (evening); Ruddell, March 16, (afternoon); Denholm (East Hill school), March 16, (evening); North Battleford, March 17; Waseca, March 18; Newlands, March 19 (afternoon); Lashburn, March 19 (evening); Kempton, March 21 (afternoon); Marshall, March 21 (evening); Greenwood, March 22 (afternoon); Lloydminster, March 22nd (evening); Fartown (Marshall), March 23.

ENDORSE CO-OPERATION BILLS

The following resolutions were passed at a meeting of the Lanigan Grain Growers held February 16:

"Whereas there have been two bills introduced at the present session of the Dominion parliament:

"The first bill dealing with credit societies or co-operative banking.

"The second bill, the main purpose of which is to co-ordinate the laws affecting co-operative societies, to provide cheap and simple machinery for incorporations of institutions where the principle of co-operative effort is involved, and the regulation and control by a government department thereof, and

"Whereas believing that the enactment of the said bills would tend to benefit the agricultural and other working classes of Canada, be it

"Resolved, that we, the members of the Lanigan Grain Growers' Association, give our hearty endorsement to the said bills.

"The second resolution is to the effect 'That this association is strongly in favor of abolishing the tariff on American farm machinery coming into Canada.'"

The above resolutions have been forwarded to their proper destinations.

It is interesting to note that a resolution, pertaining to the present method of signing machinery notes to mature in the fall of the year, and which was passed by the Lanigan association in the early winter has also been taken up by other

sister associations in the west, showing that the objections to the system are general.

OVER TWO HUNDRED ATTENDED

A social evening under the auspices of the Cory Grain Growers' Association was held on Friday night, February 18, in the Cory Orange Hall, with an attendance of over 200. Rev. M. F. Munro acted as chairman and after his preliminary remarks the following program was rendered: duet by the Misses McIvor and McKinnon; recitation by Miss Mabel Pollock; duet by the Misses Lennox; address by Mr. John Evans of Nutana; instrumental by the Misses McIvor and McKinnon; recitation by Miss Annie Cherry; instrumental by Mr. John and Miss Sadie Cherry; address by Mr. Patience; recitation by Mr. Roy Cameron; song by Mr. John Cherry; address by Mr. Barry; recitation by Miss McKinnon.

Short addresses were also given by Messrs. Lee and Kirkpatrick on their trip to the convention at Prince Albert. Mr. Barry gave several gramophone selections. The address of Mr. John Evans of Nutana, was worthy of note. In it he dwelt on the value to the farmers of organization and the benefits that would result from the construction of the Hudson's Bay line.

Refreshments were served by the ladies during the evening. The Cory Grain Growers' Association is in a flourishing condition, having a membership in good standing of about sixty.

THIS ASSOCIATION ISSUES BADGES

Last Wednesday afternoon there was quite a large turnout of farmers at the Stoughton Grain Growers' meeting to hear the report of the delegates that attended the convention at Prince Albert. R. L. Hayes, in a speech of about two hours, explained the program taken up from day to day in a very interesting style and received a very hearty vote of thanks at the conclusion. He was followed by W. F. Carefoot, who made a few remarks on organization and promised the meeting a more lengthy address at the next meeting. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 12, and it is expected that the secretary will have badges for all members paid up for 1910.

GLASSTON GRAIN GROWERS' ACTIVE

The regular meeting of the Glasston Grain Growers' Association was held in the school house on Saturday afternoon, February 19, with the president, Mr. Geo. Wilker, in the chair. After the regular business had been dispensed with the secretary, Mr. A. C. Moynes, who had been in attendance at the Prince Albert convention, as a delegate, gave a detailed report of the proceedings which was received with great interest by those present, after which the association tendered a vote of thanks to the delegate. A lengthy discussion took place on the advisability of purchasing a car of twine by the association, and the secretary was ordered to get all the information possible on the matter to lay before the members at the next meeting, to be held on March 19.

A. C. MOYNES, Sec.

NORTH BATTLEFORD REACHES CENTURY MARK

North Battleford Grain Growers' Association met on February 26, a large number of members being present. After hearing the delegates, Mr. Davies and Mr. G. Boerna, report on the Prince Albert convention, it was unanimously resolved that we sent a motion to the Hon. W. Scott, premier of Saskatchewan, urging the necessity for immediate action in connection with the government scheme of elevators, and that the Grain Growers' Association be represented on the commission by at least three members of the Grain Growers' Association.

It was also resolved that our own member, Mr. D. M. Finlayson, who was present at our meeting, be asked to use his influence on behalf of the Grain Growers.

The binder twine was the next consideration, and out of four firms that had sent in prices we accepted those of the "Ontario Farmers' Co.," which will save our members a few dollars on this article. Our membership is now over one hundred.

JOHN GRAHAM, Sec.-Treas.