

Saskatchewan

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A PARTIZAN CAD

The man who can see no good in legislation for the reason that it was not enacted by the particular political party to which he stakes his faith is indeed a blind partizan. The man who, for the purpose of injuring the party in power, or for fear of credit accruing to a government, will endeavor to prevent the successful operation of a good measure, is a cad. Such men may be temporarily successful politicians, but they are, nevertheless, citizens to be ashamed of. That there are a considerable number belonging to this class, and that the class is composed of members of all political parties, makes this crime against society not a whit less reprehensible. The most disgusting practice of these men, and it is in great evidence amongst them, is that of attempting to cover up their own traitorous actions by conspicuous waving of flags and loud protestations of patriotism. Patriotism, like religion, is genuine only in proportion as it increases one's devotion to his fellows. Guns, uniforms, empty shouting and flag flapping may have passed for patriotism in an earlier and more gullible age, just as did similar outward appearances for Christianity. This is not the case today. To judge the value of a man's religion we do not now follow him to church, to the confessional, or to the prayer meeting. We follow him to his home and to his business. His treatment of his child, of his wife, or of his employees is a safer guide for our judgment than the regularity of his attendance at church or his bequests to charity. His treatment of his dog indicates the true value of his religion vastly more unflinchingly than do his public prayers, be they ever so eloquent. As it is with religion, so also it is with patriotism. The only patriotism that is truly a virtue is a character rather than a profession. True patriotism can never be less than a love of our fellows and a devotion to all that makes for their well being. True patriotism places state interests before party interests and the class before the individual. How utterly lacking in true patriotism are those who would for partizan advantages or personal ends work ruin to the cherished institutions which, by patient, persistent effort, have been built up by the organized farmers of this province. It is to be hoped that the farmers will not be deceived by their transparent tactics.

J. B. MUSSELMAN.

FARM MORTGAGE ACT

During a personal conversation I had with Premier Scott at Herschel on July 4, and afterwards in a public statement made at that point on the same date, the premier stated that the government does not think it advisable to proceed with the farm mortgage associations act at present, owing to the fact that money is too tight to give the bonds a chance of finding a ready market.

I am sending this letter to you hoping you will see fit to publish it in the Saskatchewan section of The Guide, and at the same time I would ask all secretaries of locals who have written to me on this matter to bring this letter before their locals, as in that way I shall be saved a good deal of unnecessary letter writing.

W. H. LILWALL,
Director District 13

AMONG THE LOCALS

At a meeting of the people of Rock Lake District it was unanimously voted that we form a Grain Growers' Association, to be known as the Rock Lake G. G. A., and the following officers were elected: President, G. A. Moore; vice-president, George McElroy; secretary-treasurer, W. H. Wensley; directors, Sam McKee, John Daly, Jessie Slater, Robert Blackwell, Robert Gully, Wilbert Gully.

W. H. WENSLEY,
Sec., Rock Lake Association.

At a meeting of Flax Hills Association the following resolution was passed and ordered to be sent to the Department of Interior and also sent to you, hoping you would give this more publicity:

"That whereas there are so many syndicates at work testing for oil in Saskatchewan, we, the Flax Hill G.G.A. respectfully beg the government of Canada to revise the homestead laws, giving the homesteader mineral rights on his land."

JOHN B. CROSS,
Secretary, Flax Hills Assn.

Enclosed find \$6.00 membership fees from Lydden Association, which was organized on the 14th of July. The following officers were elected: President, E. L. Hoir; vice president, M. Mathews; secretary-treasurer, W. Stempel; directors, Messrs. Barber, Barker, Henderson, Beckett, Dunbar and Mansell.

W. STEMPEL,
Secretary Lydden Assn.

We are beginning to go ahead in this neighborhood. New members are coming in fast and are earnest about co-operation. We cannot get going very quick yet as the majority of us are low in cash, but hope to do better after the harvest. We had our first picnic on the 10th of July and it turned out good. We had an excellent program and a real good holiday, lots of fun, the ladies helped along well and everybody enjoyed themselves. Enclosed find \$15.00 membership fees. We hope to send more soon.

H. LOHMEYER,
Secretary North Side G. G. A.

On Saturday last the farmers of the community held a meeting and decided to form a local branch of the Grain Growers' Association. Thirty-five men attended and twenty-eight decided to join right away. We elected all officers as per the constitution and decided to hold our meetings the second Saturday in every month. As the C.P.R. will be completed this month, we decided to hold the meetings where the town of Fuseleer will be and the name of this branch was called the Fuseleer Branch. Only six members paid the entrance fee, so I am holding over the fees until after the next meeting, when it is hoped that at least 50 members will be present and pay the entrance fee. The following is a list of officers appointed: President, F. Aschbacher; vice-president, F. M. Smith; secretary-treasurer, H. L. Smith; directors: J. Hill, Mr. Walleen, Jr., Mr. Johnson, Sr., H. J. Kopitsky, R. Umphrey, H. Millar.

HARRY L. SMITH,
Secretary Fuseleer Assn.

The following is a copy of a resolution passed at our last regular meeting: "Be it resolved, that this Transcendent Branch of the Saskatchewan G.G.A., located at Trossacks, place ourselves on record as being unanimously in favor of the movement now at work to banish the bars of Saskatchewan, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to our local M.P.P., Dr. Mitchell, of Weyburn."

Resolution was moved by H. R. Whitley, seconded by George Crossing and carried unanimously. I take much pleasure in sending you a copy also.

H. R. WHITLEY,
Secretary, Trossacks Assn.

Please find enclosed the sum of \$13.50 membership fees due headquarters for 37 paid up members.

THOMAS BODDY,
Secretary, Dowd Hill Assn.

At a meeting held on the 11th inst., it was decided to form a branch of the Saskatchewan G.G.A. to be known as "The Clunie G.G.A." The following officers were appointed: President, M. Clark; vice-president, Charles G. Shallow; directors, Wm. Morley, E. Grem-

blay, Fred Hart, Franks Siscoquet; secretary, Wm. Craig. Members: F. Sharpe, G. Covey, G. Miller, S. Harkow, B. Bulloes, N. Thomas, R. J. Boyne, C. H. Greene, H. Goelet, G. Kergoat, R. J. Dunsmuir, Charles Watley.

WM. SMITH,
Secretary Clunie Assn.

The announcement that President Maharg would address a meeting at Spring Creek brought together one of the largest crowds ever seen in the district. Seating accommodation had been arranged for two hundred and fifty, but all idea of housing the multitude was abandoned early in the game and the seats were taken out and placed in the yard, where wood piles, wagon racks, etc., were pre-empted as reserved seats, much to the disadvantage of the "wracks," be it mentioned. O. P. Ketcheson, president of Spring Creek local, occupied the chair and after an excellent program, District Director J. W. Easton introduced President Maharg, who was received with greatest enthusiasm. Mr. Maharg spoke for an hour and ten minutes, touching on the prevailing educational, financial and social conditions and was listened to thruout with closest attention. This was the first time a Spring Creek audience had the privilege of hearing Mr. Maharg and should he ever come to the district again, a much larger audience will meet him.

C. W. FLEWELLING,
Secretary Spring Creek Assn.

SUBSCRIPTION PAYMENTS

At a meeting of the Moose Pond G.G.A. held on July 4, a resolution was passed condemning a practice followed by certain newspapers or periodicals. On the strength of a subscription paid in advance for a year or sometimes part of a year, the paper is persistently mailed for a longer period, sometimes several years, and then a demand made for overdue subscription, with refusal to quit sending the paper till this demand has been met. The movers of the resolution held that the only safeguard against this form of nuisance is a registered letter at expiry of subscription, a precaution seldom taken except by those who have been "bitten." It is held that a farmer might refuse the paper at the post office, only to have his neighbors bringing him an accumulation of papers previously refused, also that the publishers will claim that the papers have not been returned by the post office authorities. Our members would be pleased to know whether you have heard anything of this matter from other parts of the province.

THOS. E. WOOD,
Secretary, Moose Pond Assn.

Thos. Wood, Esq.—I have before me your favor of the 20th inst., containing resolution regarding the practice of newspaper publishers of continuing to send their papers after the period of subscription has expired. This is a question which has received a good deal of attention both by newspaper men and subscribers. Most of the publishers have long since given up this unbusiness-like practice. This is particularly true of those periodicals whose subscribers are at great distances from the place of publication. In the case, however, of our local and provincial newspapers and periodicals, the argument is advanced that great disappointment would result to readers by having their paper peremptorily stopped the moment the paid subscription expires. I do not think that this practice is adopted by the publishers for the purpose of keeping up their subscription lists, but, rather, for fear of disappointing their many readers who allow their subscriptions to expire without prompt renewal and who nevertheless are desirous of continuing to take the paper. It is scarcely to be expected that struggling newspaper publishers will be very ready to assume that their valuable(?) publications are no longer desired simply because the subscriber has failed to remit the subscription price. I am of opinion that no one can be held legally liable for the payment of a paper after having properly notified the publisher that he no longer desires the paper to be sent to him.

J. B. MUSSELMAN.

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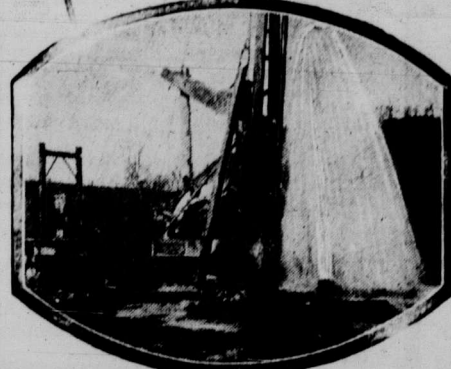
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