

DISTRICT No. 10 MEETS AT
HUMBOLDT

The district convention held at Humboldt was called to order by the district director, J. L. Rooke, at 5 p.m. As the trains both from the east and west were very late, no delegates were there before that time. F. I. Houser, Tom Ervin and A. Campbell were appointed as the resolution committee, and J. H. Riesen as the secretary. As it was too late to have any addresses, the hour before supper was taken up in discussing subjects on which resolutions might be brought in. We spent a very enjoyable and profitable time. At about 6 o'clock, F. I. Houser moved and M. Herman seconded, that we adjourn to meet again at 7.30.

For the evening session about thirty delegates and a few visitors met in the Auditorium to listen to addresses and to discuss resolutions. J. L. Rooke, district director, read his fourth annual address. The address was very interesting and very instructive, and was followed very closely by all who had the pleasure of hearing it. Then followed an address by Mrs. J. L. Rooke, lady director for this district. This address was intended for the women, but the men listened very attentively and all derived benefit from it.

At the close of this address the resolution committee brought in their resolutions, fourteen in all, which were adopted. They were all or nearly all very important resolutions. Most of the delegates took part in the discussion, No. 4 on municipal hall insurance, provoking probably as much discussion as any.

The last item for the evening was a very interesting address by the president of W.G.G.A., Mrs. McNaughtan. Her address was as usual very interesting and instructive. She strongly advised the women to make proper use of the franchise granted to them in the coming election and in all future elections. She related how she used to go to political meetings in her old home—New Zealand—where the women had the franchise long ago. Mrs. McNaughtan also spoke on educational work of the organization. This closed the first day's work, and adjournment being then made until 9 a.m. the following morning.

The Second Day

The address by Director A. G. Hawkes was the first thing in the morning. Mr. Hawkes spoke on municipal hall insurance, and many things were explained that were not understood before. He also explained very fully the National Political Platform as adopted by the Canadian Council in session at Winnipeg last week.

The mayor of Humboldt gave a very nice talk, after which the following resolution was carried unanimously: We, the delegates of District No. 10, assembled in convention in the town hall of Humboldt, wish to record our gratitude for the generosity of the mayor and council of the town of Humboldt in providing us with free use of the town hall for our convention.

J. L. Rooke was re-elected as district director, with F. I. Houser as a second choice. It was decided that the next convention be held in Humboldt. The following resolution was then carried unanimously, viz: That a vote of thanks be extended to Mrs. McNaughtan, Mr. Hawkes and Mr. and Mrs. Rooke for their addresses.

Other resolutions introduced and adopted were as follows: 1. Resolved, that the grain doors be put at all sidings, close to the shipping platform, in charge of the section foreman.

2. Resolved, that this convention is not in favor of raising any further sums to enable the Hall Commission to pay the deficit of 1916.

3. Resolved, that this association is in favor of continuing the Municipal Hall Insurance, but revising it so that premium paid be in proportion to the risk carried, commencing with a flat rate of four per cent. per acre on all lands as provided for by the present Act, and increasing the premium in proportion to the acreage under crop.

4. Resolved, that this association make a request to the Central Association to send delegates to the next convention of the B.C. Fruit Growers' Association and induce them to agree to

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take off the 50 cent. duty put on a barrel of apples.

5. Resolved, that any qualified medical doctor coming to this country be granted a license without passing examination as at present required under the Medical Act.

6. Resolved, that we ask the Dominion government to prohibit the sale or manufacture of snuff in the Dominion of Canada.

Endorse Equal Pensions

7. Whereas Canada is a democratic country, believing and practicing the theory of equal justice and equal opportunity; and whereas the Canadian Expeditionary Force is a volunteer and temporary army in the truest sense of the word, in which officers and men alike have left civilian occupations to answer the call of duty in fighting for justice and equality; and whereas it cannot be pleaded, as in military countries, that officers have been subjected to an expensive equipment, stiff competitive examination, a life's training or heavy financial demands due to their rank; and whereas it is desirable that officers and privates alike would return to civilian occupations after the return of peace, forgetting all distinctions of military rank; and whereas many officers and soldiers will return to Canada in varying degrees of human wreckage, disabled in the service of the Empire and humanity; and whereas their devotion to duty, their loyalty, their sacrifice, their well-merited distinction and their contribution to the cause of humanity at large is equal, whether officer or private. Be it therefore resolved by this convention of Grain Growers of District No. 10 that we place on record our firm belief in equality of compensation, one standard of reward—that we may not deny our gallant soldiers at home what they fought for abroad; and to this end that we use all means in our power to urge upon the government the justice of equal pensions for officers and private soldiers.

8. Whereas, the condition of car shortage on the C.N.R. main lines and its branches east of Warman has become so serious that the movement of grain is practically at a standstill, elevators at most points being full to the roof, temporary bins being built in the towns, and farmers having either to haul their loads back to the farm or to some farm adjacent to town and store it until room is found in the elevator, we, as delegates of the eighty Grain Growers' local associations of District No. 10, assembled here in convention at Humboldt on December 8, demand that the Railway Commission take this matter up with the C.N.R. immediately and stipulate that we get instant relief.

9. Whereas, there is a lack of intelligent understanding of most matters of urgent importance amongst our members and locals; therefore, be it resolved that this meeting endorse the work of the Special Study Committee appointed by the Central Executive and advocates the promoting of debates and discussion of public questions in each local this coming winter.

10. Resolved, that the fire insurance policy, as introduced by O. Newmann, be referred to the Central Executive for its consideration.

11. Resolved, that the executive of the Central do all in its power to get the provincial government to bring a Rural Credits Bill at their next session of the legislature.

12. Resolved, that the calling of convention for the district be left with the director, and that it be his business to notify each local and that the notice be sent out at least by October 15 in each year.

13. Resolved, that this district convention assembled at Humboldt endorse the platform as adopted by the Canadian Council of Agriculture at Winnipeg on December 2, 1916.

J. H. RIESIN,
Secretary of Convention

DISTRICT No. 7 AT BALCARRES

The annual meeting of District No. 7 of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association convened at 11.30 a.m., December 19, 1916, at Balcarres, A. G. Hawkes in the chair. It was moved by Mr. Fleming and seconded by Mrs. Steuck, that secretary of Balcarres local act as secretary of district meeting. The following were appointed as a resolution committee with instructions to meet at 1 p.m.: Mrs. John Burton, and Messrs. Fleming and W. Penny. Moved and carried that meeting adjourn to meet at 2 p.m.

On reassembling for the afternoon session, it was moved by W. Penny and seconded by Mr. Steuck, that visitors be allowed to take part in all discussions but not allowed to vote. Carried.

The following resolutions were then submitted for discussion:

1. That grain doors should be supplied at all railway sidings close to the platform and in charge of section foremen.

2. That the provincial government be asked to give every municipality a fair share of the revenue received from motor car licenses.

3. That the Dominion government be asked to make provision for supplying seed grain to farmers who have suffered from hail and rust, and that applications for such be brought before each municipal council to be ratified, before acceptance, and that payments for same may be extended to two years.

4. That any qualified medical doctor, dentist or veterinary coming to this country be granted a license without passing an examination as at present required under the Medical Act. Carried.

5. That we favor the paying of 1916 hail losses in full. Carried.

6. That we adopt the report of the Hail Insurance Committee on its recommendation to put the Municipal Hail Insurance on a more firm basis.

7. That the notice calling the district convention for each district be sent out by the district director not later than October 15 in each year. Carried.

8. That the district convention now assembled endorse the platform adopted by the Canadian Council of Agriculture at Winnipeg, on December 2, 1916.

9. That we ask the government to present a true Direct Legislation bill, and that it become law on a majority vote.

10. Whereas, the gasoline, fuel oil and kerosene sold in this vicinity is very unsatisfactory, and whereas the general public has no knowledge of the grade or test of the above commodity, therefore be it resolved that the government be asked to enact legislation to inspect gasoline, kerosene and fuel oil, and that its efficiency or test be registered on each barrel sold, and that these inspectors be given power to enforce the giving of correct weight when the commodities are sold by the gallon. Carried.

11. Whereas, there is a lack of intelligent understanding of most matters of urgent public importance amongst our members and locals. Therefore, be it resolved, that this meeting endorse the work of the special study committee appointed by the Central secretary, and advocate the promoting of debates and discussions of public questions in each local this coming winter. Carried.

12. Resolved, that this district meeting express its appreciation of the many way in which the Hon. Chas. A. Dunning resigned from the executive of the Co-operative Elevator Company of Saskatchewan, and are glad that we have in him a member of the government from the ranks of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association.

Want Rural Credits Bill

13. Resolved, that the Central executive of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' association should do all in its

power to get the provincial government to bring in a Rural Credits Bill at the next session of the legislature. Carried.

14. Resolved, that this convention make a request to Central to send a delegate to the next convention of the B.C. Fruit Growers' Association and induce them to ask the government to agree to take off the duty on apples. Carried.

15. Resolved, that arrangements should be made so that incorporated locals may be given the protection of a discount on their trade with the Central, to give them a working margin below the price they must sell at. Carried.

16. Resolved, that this district meeting is of the opinion that sufficient supervision is not given by Central in regard to goods supplied to locals, particularly apples, and in future nothing of this class should be supplied unless government inspected. Carried.

17. Whereas, there is a great scarcity of farm labor at the present time because of the war. Therefore, be it resolved by this district meeting, that the Grain Growers of Saskatchewan ask the Central to take up the question of mobilization of farm labor, in order that as much crop may be seeded in 1917 as possible. Carried.

18. This meeting heartily endorses Dominion-wide prohibition. Carried.

19. That the educational and co-operative department of the association be separate. Lost.

20. Resolved, that in the opinion of the district meeting the banks in Saskatchewan should pay their managers sufficient salaries to enable them to live, without being compelled to take up side lines such as insurance, to make a living. Carried.

21. Whereas, Canada is a democratic country, believing and practicing the theory of equal justice and equal opportunity; and, whereas the Canadian Expeditionary Force is a volunteer and temporary army in the truest sense of the word, in which officers and men alike have left civilian occupations to answer the call of duty in fighting for justice and equality; and, whereas it cannot be pleaded, as in military countries, that officers have been subjected to an expensive equipment, stiff competitive examinations, a life's training, or heavy financial demands due to their rank; and, whereas many officers and soldiers will return to Canada in varying degrees of human wreckage, disabled in the service of the Empire and humanity; and, whereas their devotion to duty, their loyalty, their sacrifice, their well-merited distinction and their contribution to the cause of humanity at large is equal, whether officer or private; therefore, be it resolved by this convention of Grain Growers of District No. 7, that we place on record our firm belief in equality of compensation and one standard of reward. That we may not deny our gallant soldiers at home what they fought for abroad, and to this end that we may use all means in our power to urge upon the government the justice of equal pensions for officers and private soldiers, and that copies of this resolution be sent to: The Hon. Minister of Militia, to the Hon. Minister of Public Works, and to the Hon. Solicitor-General. Carried.

Farmers' Platform Endorsed

Meeting adjourned on motion of Mr. Fleming, seconded by Mr. Fike, to meet at 7.30 p.m. The meeting reopened at 7.40. Nominations for district director were then asked for. Moved by Mr. Benwell, and seconded by J. Humphries, that H. C. Fleming be appointed. Carried. Moved by Mr. Fleming and seconded by Mr. Fike, that the following be appointed as sub-organizers for 1917: Messrs. Benwell, Smith, Hunter and W. Penny. Carried. Moved by W. Penny and seconded by W. C. Northgrave, that we hold 1917 district meeting at Balcarres. Carried. An amendment to hold the meeting at Nokomis was lost. A. G. Hawkes spoke at some length on the platform adopted by the Canadian Council of Agriculture. This was endorsed by the meeting.

Mr. Hawkes also made a strong appeal for life members, pointing out the need of capital for co-operative trading.