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CONVENTION CIRCULAR

To the Local Secretary:—Enclosed find copies of the proposed revised constitution and by laws of the Association as well as some other resolutions of interest. If possible, discuss these in meeting before the convention and be sure to place a copy into the hands of each delegate so that he may familiarize himself therewith before the matter comes up at the big meeting.

It would require pages to fully explain the proposed amendments, but the revision has been prepared with the utmost care and should meet all the needs of the Association so far as a constitution is concerned.

It is not wise to bind your delegates to vote a certain way on any resolution. Let them get the benefit of a full discussion and of fuller information and then use their own best judgment. Send us good men. The cause demands your best. Let no local fail to be represented. There are momentous problems to decide which involve the future welfare of every farmer in Saskatchewan.

A memorandum tablet and pencil as well as a badge will be presented to each delegate. The delegate will use his red credential card in voting.

Nineteen Fourteen has been the Association's banner year. This will be our greatest convention.

J. B. MUSSELMAN,
Central Secretary.
Moose Jaw, Sask., Jan. 9, 1915.

HARD TIMES DANCE

The Women Grain Growers' Association of Red Lake District arranged for a hard times dance on November 27, in aid of the Belgian Relief Fund; the prizes for the best hard time dressed couple (donated by Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wolf) being won by Miss Okerstrom and Mr. Dealey. Six ties, donated by W. L. Joyner, of Moose Jaw, realized in a bean competition \$5.55. Flags, donated by Mrs. Inman and Mrs. Whitehead, sold for 10 cents each, and realized \$4.20. Two boxes of apples, donated by H. Moffat and Wm. Dealey, sold at 2 for 5 cents, brought in \$5.70. These items, with admission fees of \$22.00, make a total of \$37.45, and this amount has been sent to Mr. Musselman, of Moose Jaw, to forward to the Belgian Relief Fund.

MRS. H. DEALEY,
Sec., Red Lake W.G.G.A.

DISPOSAL OF RELIEF MONEY

J. B. Musselman, Esq.:—At our last meeting most of our members were of the opinion that the proceeds of the Patriotic Acre be given to the Belgian Relief Fund. Would this interfere with the Grain Growers' Association plans?

J. R. DRYDEN,
Sec., Tuffnell G.G.A.

J. R. Dryden, Esq.:—I note what you state regarding your Patriotic contributions going to the Belgian Relief Fund. This would not interfere whatever with the plans of the Association. The Central Office is quite prepared to forward all contributions to the Grain Growers' Patriotic Fund to such branches of relief work as may be indicated by the Association making the contribution.

CENTRAL SECRETARY.

Dear Sir:—Enclosed please find \$81. our contribution to the Patriotic Fund. We held a lecture under the joint auspices of the local committee of the Patriotic Fund and the Grain Growers' Association. Atkinson Wilson, a London journalist, who is spending a few months on a farm here for his health, kindly consented to lecture, taking as his subject, "Militarism vs. Christianity." Although the attendance

SASKATCHEWAN GRAIN GROWERS' CONVENTION
Regina, February 10, 11, 12 and 13

Saskatchewan

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was not large on account of stormy weather, the voluntary contributions amounted to \$162.20, one-half of which our Association received.

W. A. PAUL,
Sec., Govan G.G.A.

Dear Sir:—The members of our Local held a box social and dance on November 20, in aid of the Patriotic Fund. There was a good attendance and the baskets realized the sum of \$93.00, which is herewith enclosed.

The secretary was instructed to take a list of any willing to contribute a Patriotic Acre and this will be forwarded you in due course.

JAS. RENWICK,
Sec., Dee Valley G.G.A.

Dear Sir:—Enclosed please find \$10.00 which the Pleasant Butte Women's Auxiliary of the Grain Growers wish to contribute to the Patriotic Fund.

So far as we have been able to ascertain from newspaper reports, we feel that the Belgians are the greatest sufferers at the present time, and we would like to have this money used for their relief.

MARGARET McCURDY,
Sec., Pleasant Butte W.G.G.A.

PATRIOTIC GIFTS

Dear Sir:—The cheque arrived, but my husband does not want me to keep the money, as he says attending the District Convention was a very enjoyable outing for me. As I quite agree with him, I am sending back cheque signed, to be used for Grain Growers' Patriotic Fund.

MARY L. HICKS.

Rossitti.

Dear Sir:—We wish to congratulate our Honorary Secretary on his generosity in requesting that the recognition fund be donated to the Grain Growers' Patriotic Fund. We approve of the board granting Mr. Green's request in this matter.

JOHN AMES,
Sec., Hanley G.G.A.

PATRIOTIC ACRE TOO SLOW

At a meeting of our Local, held on the 2nd inst., the circular regarding Patriotic Acre, etc., was discussed and approved, and I was instructed to convey our sentiments in addition:

While we do not approve of the Patriotic Acre suggestion, as it is not of any use for immediate needs.

Therefore be it resolved,
"That all Locals be asked to forward with their representatives to the Central Convention, a sum of money from the Local as a contribution to a fund, in aid of the needy in the war-stricken area, as a Grain Growers' Association contribution for 1914."

O. R. GOULD,
Sec., Salem G.G.A.

COMMENT FROM THE DROUGHT AREA

Your circular re G.G.A. Patriotic Fund to hand. I will bring this up at our first meeting and will let you know about it, but my own opinion is there will be very few who will contribute towards it, as probably you are aware that the crops in this district have been very poor and every Grain Grower will have a hard struggle to pull thru this coming year as this is a new country and the people are not in a position to stand a bad year.

GEORGE L. HAWTHORNE,
Sec., Burns G.G.A.

Dear Sirs:—I thank you for your favor of the 16th inst., stating that you will discuss the matter of contribution to the Patriotic Fund at your first meeting. I do not wish that any undue pressure should be brought to bear upon our members who are in straightened circumstances in connection with this matter. The Patriotic Acre scheme gives

such members a full opportunity to show their loyalty to the Empire and their appreciation of the service that is being rendered us by those at the front without any drain on their present resources. Every one should be given an opportunity, however, to contribute to the cash fund, and I am quite sure that no fair-minded Saskatchewan Farmer will fail to put in his Patriotic Acre of wheat for the Empire next spring.

J. B. MUSSELMAN,
Central Secretary.

GOOD WORK OF TRAYNOR G.G.A.

We had a good, interesting meeting on November 28, and discussed at considerable length the questions of weeds and gophers, two councillors being present, and we are looking for some beneficial result.

Correspondence was read and accepted respecting the Grain Growers' Patriotic Fund. At a previous meeting we had resolved to support the local efforts which were being made in aid of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, and on November 7 a box social was held at Traynor, which realized \$40. On the 27th, at a neighboring school house, we cleared \$84 as a result of a box social and dance. We thought as there would be a long continued need for support, we would make another effort later on, on behalf of the Grain Growers' Patriotic Fund.

J. J. WHITING,
Sec., Traynor G.G.A.

SOCIAL AT FLORADALE

The Floradale Grain Growers' Patriotic Social, which was held December 23, proved to be a great success, both financially and socially. One of the largest crowds ever seen in the school house was present.

Mr. Williams occupied the chair and gave a short patriotic address, after which a program consisting of songs, duets and recitations was given by members of the G.G.A., assisted by friends from Lockwood and district. Some of the items were of a very talented order and were thoroughly appreciated by the audience.

After the program was concluded, W. J. Casterton was called upon to auction off the large number of fancy boxes which were contributed by the ladies. For those who were not fortunate enough to get a box, refreshments were provided and a jolly half-hour was spent in discussing the good things which the boxes contained.

About 12 o'clock the floor was cleared and a real good "old-time dance" kept all present in good spirits until the early hours. The sum of \$61 was collected and as the local Grain Growers paid all the expenses of the evening, this sum has been paid over in full to the Patriotic Fund. The Floradale Grain Growers are to be congratulated on the manner in which their social gatherings are conducted.

NO TRUTH IN STATEMENT

Several of our members have been solicited to buy shares in the Estevan Oil Fields, Ltd., and one of the arguments used to give them confidence in this project was that our General Secretary, J. B. Musselman, was a Director in this Oil Company. I am directed to ask if there is any truth in this statement?

JAMES RUTHERFORD,
Sec., Hitchcock Association.

Secretary, Hitchcock Association:—I have your favor stating that my name is being used to persuade farmers to purchase shares in The United Natural Resources, Limited, (Estevan Oil Fields, Limited.)

Of the prospects of this company I have nothing to say, but I have to state that I am in no way connected with it.

DISTRICT DIRECTORS:		
Dist. No.	1—B. N. Hendrichs	.. Outlook
"	2—M. F. Roddy	.. Rouleau
"	3—Nelson Spencer	.. Carnduff
"	4—R. M. Johnston	.. Eastview
"	5—J. W. Easton	.. Moosomin
"	6—F. W. Redman	.. Grenfell
"	7—C. O. A. Trask	.. Govan
"	8—Thorn M. Eddy	.. Bethune
"	9—John F. Reid	.. Orcadia
"	10—J. L. Rooke	.. Togo
"	11—T. Sales	.. Langham
"	12—Andrew Knox	.. Prince Albert
"	13—W. H. Lilwall	.. Wilkie
"	14—John N. Burrill	.. Cabri
"	15—Frank Burton	.. Vanguard

I am not now and never have been a director or a shareholder of this or any other company in the West excepting only our farmers' companies and associations.

It is a wise policy for farmers to invest their money in undertakings in which they are directly interested and of which they have considerable knowledge, and at least a fair measure of control.

My name appeared in connection with that of this company by an error without my knowledge or consent, and any agent of the company making the statement that I am a director thereof is doing so without the knowledge of its principals.

Fraternally yours,
J. B. MUSSELMAN.

Dear Sir:—We, the members of Avonlea G.G.A., wish to thank J. B. Musselman, Secretary-Treasurer of the Saskatchewan G.G.A., very kindly for the credit note received from the Central Office at Moose Jaw for \$15, same being a shortage of four barrels of apples in the car we received a short time ago. We feel that we have found the right place to do our purchasing. Please accept our thanks.

J. A. CAMPBELL,
Sec., Avonlea Association.

Dear Sir:—Valentine G.G.A. held its annual election a few days ago, electing the following officers: President, Jacob Zeller; Secretary, F. A. Zeller; Chairman of Directors, H. L. Stutzman; Delegate to convention, J. Zeller.

F. A. ZELLER,
Sec., Valentine Assoc.

Dear Sir:—I am enclosing you herewith \$7, being the 50c fee of 14 members of the new Association organized by Mr. Eddy at Lake City last week. You may also register Mr. Eddy as a life member.

H. D. STEWART,
Sec., Lake City Association.

Dear Sir:—This afternoon after a talk by Frank Burton and another gentleman, whose name I failed to learn, we organized a G.G.A. Local with twenty members. Enclosed find \$10 membership fees. The following officers were elected: President, Charles Quinn; Vice-President, Thos. Balfour; Secretary, Edward Brink.

EDWARD BRINK,
Sec., Mossbank Association.

Dear Sir:—The annual meeting of the Gerald G.G.A. was called to order by the President at 4 p.m., January 9. The following officers were elected: President, J. A. Salkeld; Vice-President, Herman Tatz; Secretary-Treasurer, A. L. Bligh; Directors, M. Dunsmore, F. V. Salkeld, C. A. Bligh, S. R. Shaw, A. H. Williamson and John Kotorba.

We have elected a delegate to attend the annual convention.

A. L. BLIGH,
Sec., Gerald Association.

Dear Sir:—The farmers and ladies of this district to the amount of a packed country school house, listened to a very pleasing speech given by T. M. Eddy, of Bethune.

A lady speaker was to have accompanied him, but at the last moment was unable to do so, but Mr. Eddy assured the ladies present that they could go ahead and form a ladies' branch as well here in Bermuda District, so I hope in the course of a few days you will hear from us that we have a ladies' association organized.

The following officers were elected: President, A. K. Feltis; Vice-President, Henry Code; Secretary, Charles Fetterley; Directors, W. H. Scott, J. E. Kinnick, E. T. Blair, J. R. Fitzpatrick, H. Greer, W. T. Ritchie.

CHARLES FETTERLEY,
Sec., Bermuda Association.