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could call a meeting for say a Saturday afternoon there, this I think being most convenient day. Failing this, if you send me the requisite literature—copies of the constitution etc.—our branch will endeavor to start things down there for them.

WILLIAM GIBSON, Sec'y.  
 Kellogg, Man.

## FOXWARREN DELEGATES

Our meeting held on Saturday was a record breaker for attendance. Everybody turned out, even our merchants and business men, and fifteen new members joined our branch, so you may guess the farmers are commencing to "sit up and take notice." This will bring our number of members up to one hundred and twenty-two. Of course the tariff reform was the lodestone, as it was understood that it would be discussed, also the appointing of delegates to Ottawa which was heartily endorsed. On motion of P. Dunlop and G. Laycup the following resolution was passed: "That we, the members of Foxwarren branch of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, request the government to take the duty off all farm implements and machinery. Also that delegates be empowered to support the Western delegation in everything they demand that is of interest to the West." The following resolution was also passed: "That delegates support the executive in their demands for government ownership and control of all terminal elevators in Canada, also cold-storage system and Hudson's Bay railway. It was decided to send two delegates to Ottawa at the expense of the members by taxing each member one dollar. The names are R. J. Donnelly and Ed. Graham.

R. J. DONNELLY, Sec.  
 Foxwarren, Man.

## HILTON MEETING

A meeting of Hilton Grain Growers' Association was held in the school on Nov. 4, at 8 p.m., to hear an address from Mr. R. McKenzie, secretary of Manitoba Grain Growers' Association. There was a good attendance of farmers and others interested and after a few introductory remarks Mr. J. Hill, president of Hilton G. G. A. and chairman of the meeting called on Mr. McKenzie. At the outset the speaker entertained the audience with some interesting information in regard to the early history and present working of the association. He also dealt in an able manner with the oppressive tariff on the Western farmer and pointed out the benefit of co-operation and effective organization. He referred to the building of the Hudson's Bay railway and gave his views on the operation of same, viz.—That it be built and operated by the government. Comment was also made on the working of the government elevators and while considerable inconvenience had been caused at certain places their elevators being taken over at threshing time, he looked forward to better results next year.

In dealing with the work of the Grain Growers' Grain Company, Mr. McKenzie informed the meeting that they had handled one-third of the grain sold on Winnipeg Exchange. There were over three hundred members on the Exchange and if one member handled one-third of grain how much did it cost to handle the other two-thirds? Mr. McKenzie thought this was significant of how the Company was being patronized and added that if the movement continued for two or three years we would have control of the wheat in interior and the placing of same on the old country market. Reference was made to the farmers' delegation to Ottawa to lay their demands before the government. He asked that each branch send a delegate and gave some interesting information as to the program. His remarks elicited some discussion among those present, particularly re government elevators. As some inconvenience had been caused at Hilton through absence of street buyers, it had been claimed that the local branch was at fault in that respect. Mr. McKenzie pointed out that the government ignored the request of the Grain Growers for an independent commission but asked the farmers to bear with the commission in their endeavor to have elevators in shape to handle their grain. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speaker for his interesting and instructive address. It was agreed that a general meeting of the Hilton Grain Growers' Association be held on Nov. 18 to outline a program for winter meetings and transact other business.

Hilton. J. GARVEN, Sec'y.

## WOODMORE SENDS DELEGATE

A special meeting of the local branch Grain Growers' Association was held at Woodmore, Saturday, November 12, for the purpose of electing a delegate to Ottawa. There was a very good attendance of members and considerable interest was manifested. The delegate chosen was J. D. Baskerville, a prominent farmer of the neighborhood. The following resolution was passed at the meeting: Moved by J. D. Baskerville and F. Post, "That this branch of the Grain Growers' Association heartily endorse the stand taken by the executive, on the terminal elevator, the Hudson's Bay railway and tariff questions; and hereby pledge ourselves to stand by the executive to the last in getting a square deal from the government on said questions."

J. F. BATTEN, Sec'y.  
 Woodmore.

## MINITONAS ENTHUSIASTIC

Minitonas branch of the M. G. G. A. held a special meeting on Nov. 12th to choose a delegate for Ottawa, president McLeary presiding. It was one of the best meetings I have had the privilege of acting as secretary at, the hall was filled. Sifton, Dannard, Blain, Marr, Creighton, and all the other veteran fighters turned out and were full of fight. The discussion and debate was of the first order. Two delegates were chosen. J. A. Koons and David Reid are the delegates who will go with the big delegation to Ottawa. Three resolutions were unanimously passed by the branch. Moved by Wm. Sifton and seconded by R. R. Dannard:



Leaving for the field on farm of Chas. Keeley, Russell, Man.

"Resolved by the Minitonas Association, that the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association make arrangements to maintain a lobby at Ottawa for the balance of the session to look after the interests of the Grain Growers of the West." Moved by J. L. Creighton and seconded by Wm. Sifton: "Resolved that we, the members of Minitonas Association deputate our delegates to wait upon the members of this constituency and ask him to support the program of the Grain Growers in its entirety." Moved by R. R. Dannard and seconded by W. Marr: "Resolved by the members of the Minitonas association, that in case the delegation from the North West Provinces cannot get a definite promise from the government at Ottawa, that the Hudson's Bay railway will be built by the government as has been promised and operated by an independent commission, that the construction of the H. B. Road be postponed for the present with a view of having the road constructed and operated by the farmers of the West."

DAVID REID, Sec'y-Treas.  
 Minitonas.

## PROSPECTS GOOD AT BOISSEVAIN

At a meeting of this branch of the Grain Growers' Association to-day we had Mr. W. J. Avison with us, who, after our regular meeting gave an address on various subjects, each of which he handled well and without gloves, driving every point home. It was an enthusiastic and appreciative audience that listened to him.

J. J. Musgrove was unanimously appointed as delegate to Ottawa next month, also Dr. J. L. Schaffner M. P. The latter of course will be there in his official capacity but if they have any conferences in committee he could attend. When the secretary announced that there were hardly sufficient funds the necessary amount was instantly subscribed by those present. This branch suffered from a light oat crop but have secured eleven cars which will be eagerly taken up as soon as they arrive. The prospects for an increased membership for 1911 are very good but we want every member to be a worker, something after the "Catch your pal" idea that is doing

such good work for the temperance cause in "Ould Oireland" to-day.

ED. BROWN.

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## GOOD MEETING AT MINIOTA

A special meeting of the Miniota Grain Growers' Association was held in Hawthorn's hall on Nov. 13 for the purpose of hearing Mr. Burdette on the work of the Association, past and future, the terminal elevator question and various other matters of interest. The advisability and necessity of sending delegates to Ottawa was another subject tabled for discussion. This question was first taken up in a lively and interesting manner. All present seemed thoroughly imbued with with the idea and the great results that must necessarily follow from such a "March on Ottawa." After a thorough discussion of the question the following resolution was laid before the meeting and carried without a dissenting vote: "That we, the members of this Association, in meeting assembled, after due deliberation and discussion, heartily approve of the idea of Canadian farmers sending a strong and representative delegation to Ottawa to impress upon the Dominion government and parliament their views and the requirements of the agriculturists throughout the Dominion. And that this Association co-operate by sending one or more delegates." The question of the delegate's expenses was gone into and in a few minutes a large sum was paid into the treasurer's hands. A committee was also appointed to solicit contributions from the business people

of Miniota whom it was felt would willingly aid in an object having for its aim the betterment of the great producers of the country. Mr. Burdette on being called upon took up the rest of the afternoon in laying before his audience, in an interesting manner, the good accomplished by the organization in the past and the work of the present and near future and several other topics of interest. After the usual vote of thanks had been tendered Mr. Burdette the meeting dissolved to meet again on Nov. 30 when the delegate to Ottawa will be appointed.

WM. LINDSAY, Jr.,  
 Sec.-Treas.  
 Miniota.

## DELORAIN MEETING

We had a very representative meeting here Nov. 12 when A. J. Avison gave a good address on the aims and objects of the Association to an appreciative audience. Deloraine will be in line for the Ottawa delegation with one or more delegates. We meet two weeks later to appoint them and hold our annual meeting. Will send you the names as soon as I know them.

JAMES B. STEWART, Sec.-Treas.  
 Deloraine.

## LYLETON DOES IT RIGHT

The annual meeting of the Lyleton branch of the Grain Growers' Association was duly opened by the president, who gave his retiring address. The following officers were then installed: President, John Harkness; vice-president, R. Stinson; directors, J. Kennedy, A. Reekie, A. Maitland, C. Howard, A. G. Lyle, R. J. Tooke. R. J. Tooke will act as secretary until his successor is appointed. The president then called on Mr. A. J. Avison of Gilbert Plains, representing the board of directors. Mr. Avison gave us a pousing speech which put fire into the nerves of most of those who listened to him. In his closing remarks he wished the Lyleton branch would see their way clear to send at least one delegate to Ottawa. Mr. Avison also answered several questions to

the satisfaction of those present. We then discussed the advisability of sending a delegate to Ottawa, which took but a few minutes to decide. Moved by R. Stinson and seconded by A. M. Lyle: "That we send two delegates to Ottawa." Carried unanimously. After several nominations R. J. Tooke and A. M. Lyle were appointed delegates. The subscription list was next presented. Five and ten dollar bills were thrown on the table to defray the delegates' expenses, to the wonderment of Mr. Avison. R. Stinson was then appointed delegate to the Brandon convention. The meeting adjourned to meet again on December 6, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

R. J. TOOKE, Sec.

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