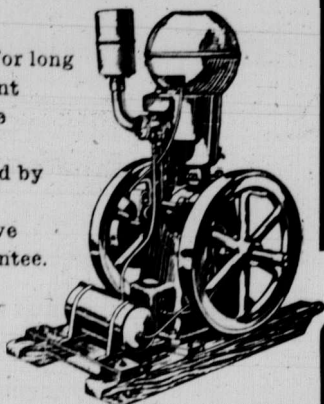


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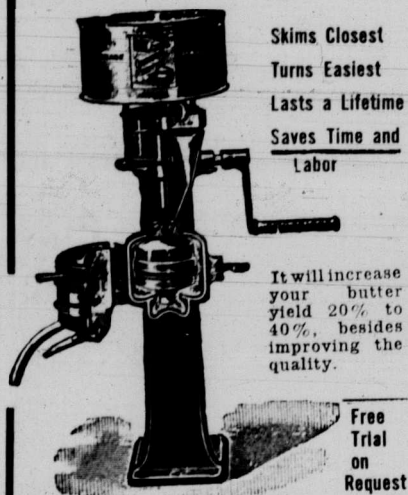
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COMMUNITY OF INTERESTS

In mercantile business frequently the success of one man depends upon the failure of another of his class. Of a half dozen general merchants in a country village not more than two will be permanently successful. To succeed one must win the trade his competitors are catering for, and as one wins the trade the other loses it. As the one succeeds the other fails. The interests of the members of this class at least locally are in large measure antagonistic.

With the farmers of Saskatchewan the circumstances are the exact reverse. A farmer's success depends in a large measure upon the success of his neighbors. He will raise more wheat and better because his neighbors farm well. As his neighbors keep their land clean so will he have less weeds and farm at less expense. Upon the success of his fellow farmers depends in large measure the selling value of his own farm. The trees which his neighbor plants and cares for add tone to the entire district. The gophers which his neighbors raise will eat his wheat without respect of persons. The character of the homes, lawns, gardens, schools, roads and even of the live stock of a district will affect the character of the children the farmer is rearing and indeed the character of the farmer himself. One cannot raise as fine a type of men and women in a shack on a bleak, inhospitable, treeless prairie as in a comfortable house with a well kept lawn, trees, gardens, flowers, good books and wholesome playmates. Truly, and doubly true in Saskatchewan, every farmer serves his own best permanent interest by serving the interest of his class and district.

In Saskatchewan, with practically no other basic industry than that of farming and with our very small home markets, farmers are seldom competitors for trade as they are in other provinces. We cannot haul our produce to the consumers in large cities for we have none. We have to sell on the world's markets, and to reach the same we have to ship long distances. To do so we are forced to co-operate so as to ship in bulk quantities. The same holds true in bringing supplies into the province. We are not competitors, but by the very nature of our geographical situation and our occupation we are co-operators. The need of a class consciousness amongst the farmers of Saskatchewan and of mutual co-operation and helpfulness is more pronounced than elsewhere even amongst farmers, and organization for mutual self help is here infinitely natural and of paramount necessity. Loyalty, like charity if genuine, begins at home. A localized class consciousness leads to class loyalty which in turn is a good foundation for a strong provincial consciousness and a sturdy loyal citizenship. Loyalty and true patriotism grow as do the trees from the roots up. The spreading tree of a loyal Canadian citizenship must be supported upon the sturdy trunk of a healthy provincial entity which in turn must be rooted in loyalty to local institutions and class consciousness.

Every farmer in Saskatchewan should give his support to our great provincial farmers' organizations. The Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association is an organization that is doing vast service for its members and for the class. Come in with us, help a little to pull our common load. We need you. You need us. Now that we have instituted a very extensive co-operative wholesale trading undertaking our enemies are becoming active. So long as we confine ourselves to pretty theories or to an occasional car load order we attract little notice. But now that the Association is doing practical things, on a large scale war is in the air. Our co-operative wholesale catalog and grocery price list is the best possible answer to our assailants. Copies have been sent to all secretaries or can be had on application to the head office, Moose Jaw.

J. B. MUSSELMAN,

Central Secretary

NO CROP HERE

As you are aware, we are practically without a crop here this year and at a meeting of our local on 5th inst., the question of seed for next season came up and was discussed at some length. In view of the large area that is this season dried out and also on account of the European war there is every likelihood that wheat will touch a high price, and our members were unanimous in their decision that the government should be approached and pressed to buy the seed required for next season now instead of waiting until next spring before doing so. If this can be done our members think the cost of the seed will be very much less even with the six extra months' interest added. This is surely a very proper matter for the Central Association to take up and we shall be glad if you can see your way to have the question dealt with immediately, and let me have whatever information you can regarding it as early as possible.

FRED AHNER,

Sec'y, Wapashore Association.

GENERAL SATISFACTION

Will you please let me know the number of this Association to enable me to get it printed on the stationery. You will doubtless be interested to learn that we are slowly forging ahead and have doubled our membership during the last six months. The twine deal went thru without a hitch and gave general satisfaction.

F. C. FLOWER,

Sec'y, Shellbrook Association.

OFFER TO WINTER CATTLE

As the country around you is dried up so badly that there is neither grass nor grain I thought we in this part might be of some use to the settlers in your district by offering to winter their stock for them. We have been favored with several good showers here this summer so have a fair harvest and an abundance of grass and hay and good water, so that if arrangements were made at once our G.G.A. could get up hay enough to winter four or five hundred head of horses and cattle (running out) O.K. Personally I could winter fifty or sixty head and provide sheds for them all. We have lots of good natural bluffs for shelter. I think a fair price would be \$7.50 per head from now until next spring.

Awaiting your reply.

G. A. HOPE,

Pres., G.G.A. Wadena.

Persons interested in this offer should communicate with Mr. Hope direct.

J. B. M.

AIMING HIGH

I am sending herewith \$6.50 membership fees from Struen local organized here today. The following officers were elected: President, Matt Hanson; vice-president, Pat Wallace; secretary-treasurer, C. S. Wright; directors, Henry Ball, O. S. Anderson, George Kelbough, John L. McLeod, Henry Bruns, J. J. Healy.

This is rather a weak start considering the possibilities here, but they are each and all enthusiastic and live workers in behalf of the Association and I have every reason to believe that our membership here before the coming spring should reach the wholesome number of 100 or more. We hope to incorporate in the near future and will be thankful to receive any information or aid you can extend to us concerning the co-operative association or organization act.

C. S. WRIGHT,

Sec'y, Struen Association.

A FLAG INCIDENT

I have to thank you for your letter of the 9th inst. The flags were forgotten forever and you would never have been reminded of them, as I am sure your visit to our picnic repaid us for any flags you needed, but as you say, "deduct from buttons," all is now O.K. If your visit to us gave you pleasure, I can assure you that our feelings were mutual as an

Association, many having come to me since and expressed their pleasure at meeting with you and hearing your address, especially the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

We all agree with you that our first picnic was most satisfactory and great good done by bringing strangers of many nationalities together in a friendly and sociable way. May many follow in years to come. We thank you heartily for coming, but come again.

The office printed our picnic posters and taxed us \$5 a hundred for preliminary notice and \$7 a hundred for details. I objected to it, but in vain, we have to pay. The Grain Growers' Guide gets the next business, unless you can advise me better.

H. MONTAGUE BRIDGER,

Sec'y, Dunkirk Local.

I have no better advice for Dunkirk or others.

J. B. M.

MR. DUNNING UPHELD

Copy of resolutions passed by the Sandford Dene Grain Growers' Association in meeting assembled at Sandford Dene, Sask., July 24, 1914.

No. 1. "That this meeting of the Sandford Dene Grain Growers' Association repudiate the statements of F. W. Green as made in the Moose Jaw News and that they entirely support the contents of Chas. Dunning as made in his address to the Manufacturers' Association in Toronto. And that if F. W. Green should persist in his statements that he be asked to resign from his position on the executive of the Grain Growers' Association."

Also it was resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the two Regina papers and the two Moose Jaw papers asking that they publish same.

No. 2. "That experience has proven that in the preemption area, particularly in this section of the country, it is necessary to have three hundred and twenty acres to make a living as farmers, and that we request the Dominion government to take off the price of \$3 per acre on preemptions and to allow persons who stay the six years of residence to prove up the same as for homesteads."

Signed on behalf of the Sandford Dene G.G.A.

THOS. J. DERMAN,

Secretary pro tem.

PRACTICALLY NO CROP

At a meeting of the board of directors of our local held last evening I was requested to write you with reference to what is being done towards assisting farmers in drought districts. I may say our district has practically no crop at all. There is an occasional field of wheat that will hardly pay expenses of harvesting—the rest of the crop amounts to nothing. We will not have feed oats for our stock for this winter nor for next year's work, and all seed grain for 1915 will need to be provided for. I am informed these matters are being taken up at your office and we would appreciate hearing what is being done to relieve the situation and be advised as to how we may proceed in securing assistance for this district.

J. S. AWDE,

Sec'y, Hillcrest Association.

APPEALS TO GOVERNMENT

The following is copy of resolution passed by the Yellow Lake Association: "To the Honorable Prime Minister of Canada:

"Whereas your honor and your colleagues prior to your election to office this term did promise that provided you were returned to power you would hand over all lands in Saskatchewan to the government of said province.

"And whereas this has not as yet been done, and the coffers of the Dominion have been replenished by many thousands of dollars taken from this province for purchased homesteads and preemptions.

"Resolved that the Yellow Lake Branch of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association do humbly pray the Dominion government to look into the conditions of the people living in that part of Saskatchewan that has been dried out this year.

"Be it further resolved that in the opinion of this Association the government should return much of the monies taken from this province to the people now in their time of dire need."

JOHN J. AITKEN,

Secretary.