

Manitoba

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CANADIAN COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURE

The annual meeting of the Canadian Council of Agriculture was held in the offices of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, Winnipeg, beginning on Monday evening, March 6. There were present, representing Alberta, W. D. Trego, H. W. Wood and Rice Jones, representing Saskatchewan, J. A. Maharg, J. B. Musselman, A. G. Hawkes, J. N. Birrell, C. A. Dunning, Thos. Sales and J. F. Reid, representing Manitoba, R. C. Henders, J. S. Wood, R. J. Avison, Peter Wright and R. McKenzie.

Since the last meeting one of the members, Jas. Speakman, has passed away, and the following minute was placed on record: "That this Council of Agriculture express to the family of the late Jas. Speakman and to the United Farmers of Alberta its sincere sympathy in the death of Mr. Speakman. The members of this council have been associated with the late Jas. Speakman in the work of the organized farmers of Canada and the appreciation of his many sterling qualities thus gained deepens our sympathy at his loss. We feel the loss of Mr. Speakman in our councils, but feel sure that the influence of his life remains and will affect beneficially the future welfare of this country."

The following is the financial statement as submitted by the secretary:

Receipts

Cash on hand, Feb., 1915.....	\$135.51
United Farmers of Alberta.....	100.00
Saskatchewan G.G. Ass'n.....	190.00
United Farmers of Alberta.....	90.00
Manitoba G.G. Ass'n.....	190.00
United Farmers of Alberta.....	100.00
Saskatchewan G.G. Ass'n.....	100.00
United Farmers of Alberta.....	90.25
Total.....	\$995.76

Disbursements

Letterheads and telegram.....	\$ 4.25
R. C. Henders, expenses to Ottawa.....	67.30
R. McKenzie's expenses to Regina.....	19.60
Lettergrams.....	9.50
Public Press (on a/c booklets).....	570.00
Rev. J. S. Woodworth (bal. on booklets).....	96.00
Rev. J. S. Woodworth (for stenographer).....	16.00
Public Press (bal. on booklets).....	155.00
Exchange on cheques.....	1.40
Cash on hand (in bank).....	56.71
Total.....	\$995.76

The following officers were appointed: President, J. A. Maharg; vice-president, H. W. Wood (Alberta); second vice-president, the President of the United Farmers of Ontario; secretary, R. McKenzie, Winnipeg.

The secretary submitted to the meeting a series of questions dealing with the appointment of a board of appeals submitted by the chairman of the Canadian Grain Commission, and a set of answers thereto were agreed to, to be submitted at the hearing that was proceeding.

The question of the duty on apples was taken up, and the following resolution was passed unanimously and forwarded to the Fruit Growers' convention now in session in Victoria, B.C. It was also arranged to forward a copy to Sir R. L. Borden, premier; Sir Thos. White, finance minister, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, leader of the opposition:

"Whereas, at the request of the British Columbia fruit growers, the duty on apples has been raised from 40 cents to 90 cents per barrel; whereas, this is an enormously high duty—approximately 100 per cent. ad valorem of the cost of production of apples in Canada; and whereas, the evident purpose of the imposition of this duty is to force the prairie consumer to pay a higher price for apples; therefore, be it resolved that this, the Canadian Council of Agriculture, in meeting declare this to be an unrighteous attempt

to exploit the prairie farmer for the benefit of British Columbia fruit land speculators, fruit growers and middlemen, and we advise the farmers of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba that if this becomes law and they are to be taxed in this manner, to pay these taxes into the federal treasury by purchasing imported apples rather than pay the same duty together with profit thereon to British Columbia land speculators, fruit growers and middlemen."

The following resolution was also passed: "Whereas, this council has found that The Grain Growers' Grain Company, the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company, the Alberta Co-operative Elevator Company, the United Farmers' Co-operative Company and the Grain Growers' Guide are eligible for membership in this association; therefore, be it resolved that the above named bodies be invited to affiliate with this association."

DUNSTON GRAIN GROWERS

The Grain Growers and Willing Workers of Dunston and district have held two very successful meetings during the past month. The first meeting was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. McLelland. The president of Dunston Grain Growers, Mr. Weir, was in the chair, and was ably supported by a large attendance of members. Messrs. Keif and Stewart gave a very interesting report of their visit as delegates to the annual convention held in Brandon, giving a good account of the work accomplished during the year and a forecast of the reforms they intended to strive for in the near future. The second meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. Saunders, the president presiding. After the business was concluded the ladies entertained the large company with music, recitations and a paper on Woman Suffrage, outlining the responsibilities of the enlarged franchise and need of amendment in many laws affecting the welfare of the women and children throughout the province. Refreshments were provided by the host and hostess on each occasion. The opportunity of meeting in the home of members for social and community interest was much appreciated by all present.—Morden Times.

MACDONALD DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

The annual district meeting of the Grain Growers' Association for the constituency of Macdonald was held at Treherne on Wednesday, March 1. Andrew Graham, the district director, was holding a meeting there on that date, and it was decided to have the annual

district meeting in conjunction with Mr. Graham's. Owing to the severity of the weather the attendance was rather small, but made up in enthusiasm. Addresses were given by R. C. Henders, Andrew Graham and C. I. Baragar, the district president. Each speaker was listened to with rapt attention. The following officers were elected for this year:—President, C. I. Baragar, Elm Creek; vice-president, W. Lovie, Holland; secretary, Thomas Wood, Elm Creek.

A good deal of discussion took place on various topics relating to the work being done by the local associations in the district. Ideas were exchanged and a lot of interesting information was given and received. Some of the members were of the opinion that meetings like these, where delegates from different locals could meet and exchange ideas, were bound to do good to all concerned. The Elm Creek local association tops the list with a membership of 106; Carman comes second with 101. At the request of the president, the secretary gave an account of the work of the Elm Creek Association from its first meeting till the present time, showing the different methods adopted for getting the farmers interested in the movement. Co-operative buying of various commodities proved the best way to get the active interest of members. Thousands of dollars' worth of business being done in carload lots of apples, flour, bran and shorts, corn, fish, coal, fence posts, wire, cordwood, etc. It was also agreed to hold a series of picnics at suitable points during the summer, where two or more local associations could join together and have a good time. Speakers from the Central Association would no doubt be willing to swap a speech for a real good feed with an appetite enlarged by the good, clean, country air.

THOMAS WOOD, Sec.

OAKBURN CONTRIBUTIONS

The Oakburn Association has sent in a further contribution of \$62.70 for Patriotic Acre returns from the following:—W. B. Martin, \$24.70; R. J. Eastcott, \$23.00; J. Halliday, \$15.00. Total, \$62.70.

CARDALE ASSOCIATION

The secretary of the Cardale branch in sending in membership dues reports that they have now 39 paid-up members in their association. They will probably report more before the year is out.

HARMSWORTH'S PATRIOTISM

Secretary H. E. Green, of the Harmsworth Association, writes as follows:—I am enclosing you a cheque for \$775.65 from Harmsworth Grain Growers' Association, receipts from the Patriotic Acre pledges. One of our members, H. J. Bennett, wishes his contribution of \$30.00 to be equally divided between the Red Cross and Patriotic Funds. The balance we leave at your discretion to distribute. Note: This is an excellent

showing from this branch. If we cannot go to the front we can do our part in making existence easier for those who have gone and left dependents behind them in our care.

NEEPAWA DISTRICT

Albert McGregor, director for Neepawa constituency, is holding a meeting of the Lakeland District at Lakeland school on March 16, and at Langruth and Amaranth the following day. Mr. McGregor is taking hold of the organization work in his district energetically.

PATRIOTIC ACRE RETURNS

The Neepawa District Grain Growers have sent in a contribution of \$483.00 as Patriotic Acre returns from their district. This amount has been sent us by V. F. Chalmers, treasurer of the fund, who is also manager of the Neepawa branch of the Home Bank, with the following list of contributors:

H. F. Warne.....	\$ 15.00
R. Lea.....	30.00
Peter Smith.....	15.00
J. M. Poole.....	10.00
Geo. Dunn.....	25.00
Evan Roberts.....	10.00
Geo. Peeler.....	25.00
Ed. Roberts.....	10.00
J. C. Hannah.....	30.00
F. C. Drayson.....	20.00
J. G. Hutton.....	20.00
J. Clark.....	25.00
J. Wrest.....	10.00
R. B. Graham.....	20.00
G. D. Thomson.....	5.00
J. L. Leveson.....	1.00
R. M. Huchanau.....	5.00
J. H. Irwin.....	25.00
T. H. Drayson.....	30.00
Alf. Willeson.....	25.00
J. N. Poole.....	20.00
W. C. Coulter.....	27.00
L. Knudson.....	20.00
F. Hoekin.....	20.00
F. Irwin.....	10.00
Neil Smith.....	15.00
H. Bradigan.....	15.00
Total.....	\$483.00

STRATHCLAIR'S SECOND CONTRIBUTION

The Strathclair secretary sent in \$101.60 for the Patriotic Acre fund from the following contributors: Don Morrison, \$21.60; Thos. Bu aell, \$25; Oliver Marshall, \$25; R. J. Black, \$15; E. Harnell, \$15. Total, \$101.60.

FAIRVILLE BRANCH CONTRIBUTES

R. M. Morgan, secretary of the Fairville Association, sent in a contribution of \$169 as the proceeds of pledges given by its members to the Patriotic Acre fund. Of this amount the sum of \$70 has been contributed by members who are Russians, and wish this to be devoted to the Manitoba Patriotic Fund, thus showing that they have identified themselves with the country of their adoption and are contributing to the needs of Manitoba sufferers thru the war.

PATRIOTIC ACRE PLEDGES

Previously acknowledged.....	\$11,797.19
Moffatt children, Belmont.....	1.00
Fairville Association.....	169.00
Bethany Branch, per Talbert.....	
Sedgwick.....	20.00
Neepawa District G.G.....	483.00
Strathclair G.G. Association, second contribution.....	101.60
Hartney G.G. Association.....	354.00
Total.....	\$12,925.79

BUTLER ASSOCIATION RE-ORGANIZED

H. S. Bradley, secretary of Butler Association, reports as follows: Mr. McCuish visited this point and we re-organized our association last week. We have ten paid-up members, and at our meeting on Saturday next we expect to finish our organization work and get more members enrolled. I want you to send me some constitutions and membership cards before then, as well as any literature bearing on the movement, etc.

Note.—We are pleased to learn that this branch is again taking up active work for the Grain Growers' movement and hope that they will meet with much success in their activities.

Handy Devices and Inventions

WE WANT YOUR IDEAS

We want to publish all the handy conveniences or new inventions that our readers will send us. On practically every farm there is some cheap, handy device which has been fixed up so as to save time or labor in some way or other. Your little device may seem simple and common enough to you, but probably your neighbor has never thought of it. We want you to give us the opportunity to assist your neighbor, and in doing so you are certain to get some valuable ideas from others. If you have some invention, it will greatly assist you in bringing it to the attention of farmers generally to have a description and drawing of it published in The Guide. For example, we received the following letter recently, and intend to publish further details as soon as they are furnished:

Dear Sirs:—I have invented a new binder canvas, which is much superior to the old style wood slat binder canvas. Will you consider publishing for me a good descriptive write up and illustration of this invention?
Wolsley, Sask.

If a practical substitute for the present binder canvas has been invented it will prove of great value to farmers generally, and we consider it part of our service to our readers to keep them posted on all developments such as this.

Let us have your ideas. There are a thousand and one odd things round the barn, harness, machinery, etc., which, if collected, would form very valuable reading. Keep your description short. Write on one side of the paper. Never mind if your spelling or grammar are imperfect. We can fix that, and also any rough sketches which you send along in addition. Address all letters to

GRAIN GROWERS' GUIDE, WINNIPEG, MAN.