

Manitoba

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OTTERBURNE FLOURISHING

Mr. R. McKenzie,
Winnipeg.

Dear Sir:—With reference to the letter re "Studies in Rural Citizenship." At a meeting held last night it was decided that owing to the scattered location of our members, it is impossible for us to undertake weekly meetings and we therefore look forward to reading the articles you mention in The Guide.

We propose to hold discussions on various subjects during the coming winter, as we did last year, but our meetings are governed by the moon and will have to be monthly.

Referring to the latter part of your letter, I hold your receipt for Central dues of 34 members and hope to forward another payment shortly. We now have 57 members on our books, as against 53 last year. Ten new members have joined this year and of last year's membership, two have, I regret to say, departed this life, four resigned, one left the district, and three transferred to the St. Pierre branch. Thirty-nine members have paid their dues for the current year and I expect to enroll at least two new members shortly.

Being unable to work up a car of flour, arrangements were made with one of our storekeepers, a member, to supply our members with flour at cost for cash. I am now taking orders for two cars of mixed bran and shorts, a car of oats and probably three cars of coal. We have also ordered a car of apples from The Grain Growers' Grain company. Practically every family in the district is represented in our organization, so I think I may safely say that we are flourishing in spite of exceedingly hard times.

We have started a Patriotic War Fund since our last meeting and altho money is scarce I fancy every one will remember those heroes who are fighting our battles for us for freedom at the front, and subscribe to the best of their ability.

I heard today for the first time that some of our ladies of the district had been discussing a relief fund and I regret to say that they were not represented at our meeting, so that we could have co-operated in this excellent work, but I hope that our subscription list being already open will not prevent them from helping those who are fighting the battles of those who, for various reasons, are unable to take up arms themselves.

T. C. BUCKLAND,
Sec. Otterburne G. G. A.

RUFFORD BRANCH

Mr. R. McKenzie,
Winnipeg.

Dear Sir:—Enclosed I beg to submit two resolutions passed at our meeting last night.

Moved by H. W. Hartley, seconded by W. K. McKenzie, that the Rufford Grain Growers' Association believe that the best way the Grain Growers' Associations can help the Mother Country at this time is to persuade the Dominion Government to give Great Britain free trade with Canada.—Carried.

Moved by Alex. Paten, seconded by Kenneth McKenzie, that this Association would propose flour as the Grain Growers' Association contribution to War Relief Fund and that each member of the Association pledge themselves for one bag.—Carried.

P. C. NORTHCOTT,
Sec.-Treas. Rufford Branch.

SLOW BUT SURE

Mr. R. McKenzie,
Winnipeg.

Dear Sir:—At a meeting of the Bagot branch of the Manitoba Grain Growers' association last evening it was agreed that we should do something by way of a contribution to the War Relief Fund, but they did not seem very decided about the form that the contribution should take. However, after the meeting was over, it was further discussed and I myself think that we would not have any

trouble in collecting one hundred bushels of wheat at this point.

You asked in another letter as to the standing of the Association at this point. We have forty-four members at the present time and are getting along slowly but, I think, surely, and co-operating together in buying supplies, etc.

ARTHUR SMALLPIECE,
Sec.-Treas. Bagot G.G.A.

SPRINGHILL HEARD FROM

Mr. R. McKenzie,
Winnipeg.

Dear Sir:—The following resolution was passed at our Association last night.

Moved by Geo. A. Baker, seconded by W. A. A. Rowe, that we endorse the suggestion of Ninga Association that the Manitoba Grain Growers make a contribution to the War Relief Fund and recommend that the contribution be in the form of flour and suggest that the minimum contribution be equivalent to one sack of flour from each farmer.

We will need 40 booklets for the program of winter studies.

I am enclosing you money order for nine buttons, \$2.25, also \$10.00 our pledge to the Central Association.

A. J. M. POOLE,
Sec.-Treas. Springhill G. G. A.

MATTER FOR THE GOVERNMENT

Mr. R. McKenzie,
Winnipeg.

Dear Sir:—At a meeting held on October 3, the Rosser branch of the Association passed this resolution regarding War Relief Fund:

Moved by D. Childerhouse, seconded by J. G. Green, that in the opinion of this Association the War Relief Fund should be handled by the Dominion Government and not by appeal to the general public.

Carried unanimously.
J. E. BERGEY,
Sec.-Treas. Rosser Branch.

CONTRIBUTING LOCALLY

Mr. R. McKenzie,
Winnipeg.

Dear Sir:—I received from you some time ago a letter in connection with the War Relief Fund, asking that the Association of the Grain Growers take it up.

We had a meeting on Friday evening last and this matter was dealt with and found that our council of the municipality of Pembina has (or are) donated quite a sum of money toward the Patriotic Fund, of which we form a large part; so we thought that this would be quite enough just now.

The Red Cross Society has taken up the work also thru the council, but they are appointing two ladies as collectors in each township to collect from house to house and every one that they see. So, under the circumstances, they thought it would not be advisable to do anything else at present. Thanking you for letting us know what other Associations are doing.

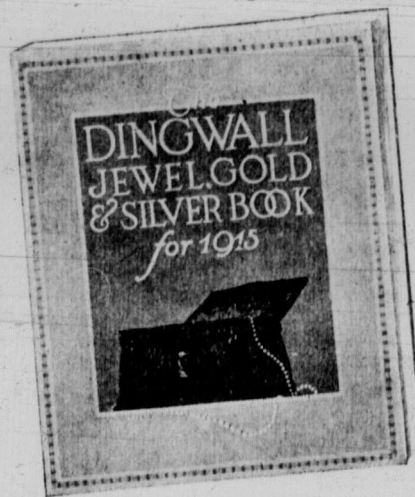
GEO. W. SANDY,
Sec.-Treas. Shadeland G.G.A.

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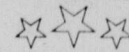
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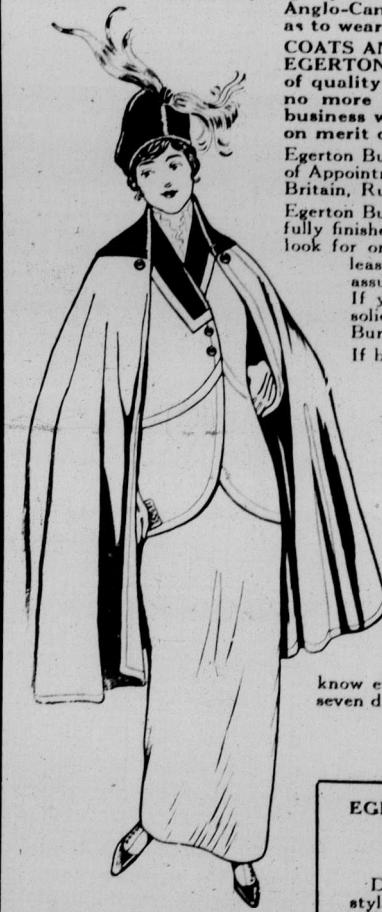
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