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MORE IMPORTANT PROVISIONS OF AGRICULTURAL CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATIONS' ACT

Assented to December 19, 1913 To become operative at once.

His Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

Interpretation

2—In this Act unless the context otherwise requires the expression: (1) "Registrar" shall mean the registrar of agricultural co-operative associations for Saskatchewan;

(2) "Association" shall mean an association incorporated under this Act;

(3) "Supplies" shall mean building and fencing material, fuel, flour, feed and such other commodities as may be shipped in car lots and distributed from a warehouse. The word shall not be interpreted as applying to a retail business.

3—The Lieutenant Governor in Council may appoint a registrar of agricultural co-operative associations and may fix his remuneration.

Incorporation

4—Any five or more persons who desire to associate themselves together as an incorporate association for the purpose of producing, purchasing or selling live stock, farm products or supplies on the co-operative plan, may in the presence of a witness sign in duplicate and cause to be filed in the office of the registrar a memorandum of association in writing (to which shall be attached an affidavit verifying the signatures) in the form prescribed in schedule A to this Act, or to the like effect.

Powers of Association

5—Upon the filing of the memorandum of association and payment of the proper fees the subscribers to the said memorandum of association shall become a body corporate with power to acquire and hold real estate in Saskatchewan for the purpose of carrying out the objects for which they have been incorporated, and to sell, mortgage, lease or otherwise dispose of such property when no longer required for the purposes of the association.

(2) The business of the association shall be conducted in cash. No credit shall be given, and neither the directors nor any officer, servant or agent of the association shall have power to contract a debt on its behalf, except in respect of the rent of business premises, the salaries of clerks and servants and other liabilities which of necessity accrue;

Provided, however, that the association may purchase real estate on credit to be used and occupied as business premises, and may give a valid mortgage on property so purchased as security for an unpaid balance of the price.

(3) Every association shall be deemed to be a company within the meaning of section 142 of the Companies Act.

Bylaws

6—It shall be the duty of the registrar to prepare and submit for approval by the Lieutenant Governor in Council standard bylaws not inconsistent with this Act which shall apply to every association incorporated hereunder.

(2) Each association shall have power to pass such supplemental bylaws not inconsistent with the provisions of the standard bylaws as may be deemed advisable by the association.

(3) No supplemental bylaws shall become operative until approved by the registrar.

Capital and Shares

7—The capital of every association under this Act shall be such an amount and divided into shares of such denomination as may be set forth in the memorandum of association.

(2) Such capital may be increased or decreased from time to time by bylaw of the association.

8—At least seventy-five per cent. of the shareholders of every association shall be agriculturists.

9—The shares may be payable by instalments at such times and in such manner as may be determined by bylaw.

10—No holder will receive interest on any but the paid-up portion of his shares.

12—Every shareholder shall be individually liable to the creditors of the association for debts and liabilities of the association to an amount equal to the amount unpaid on the shares held by him and until the whole amount of his shares has been paid up, but no shareholder shall be liable to an action in respect of such balance until an execution at the suit of the creditor against the association has been returned unsatisfied in whole or part.

14—At association meetings a shareholder shall have one vote only, regardless of the number of shares held by him, and no shareholder may vote by proxy.

Apportionment of Profits

18—The directors shall apportion the profits arising from the business of the association as follows:

(a) By setting aside not less than ten per cent. of the net profits for a reserve fund until an amount has accumulated in such fund equal to at least thirty per cent. of the paid-up capital stock;

(b) By paying interest on the paid-up capital stock at a rate not exceeding six per cent. per annum;

(c) The remainder of the profits shall be divided among the patrons of the association, whether shareholders or not, in proportion to the volume of business which they have done with the association. Provided, however, that when the supplemental bylaws of the association so specify, the dividend due to any patron who is not a shareholder may be retained by the association and credited to the account of such patron on account of capital stock until an amount has accumulated equal to the par value of one share; when such sum has accumulated a stock certificate for one share shall be issued to the patron and he shall thereafter share in the dividends as do other shareholders.

28—The registrar shall upon written request supply a copy of the standard bylaws and shall prepare such supplemental bylaws as may be required for the regulation, government and management of any proposed association under this Act, provided such request is accompanied by an outline of the object and business of the said proposed association.

Schedule A

(Section 4)

Form of Memorandum of Association

We (insert the name, occupation and address of each subscriber) desire to form an association under the provisions of The Agricultural Co-operative Associations Act. The corporate name of the association is to be (insert name of association), Limited, and the objects for which the association is to be formed are (insert number) shares of (insert par value of shares) each. The names of the directors who shall manage the affairs of the association, until their successors are appointed under the bylaws of the association to be formed, are (insert names) and the head office of the association is to be situated in (insert name of place), in the Province of Saskatchewan.

Dated at _____ in the Province of Saskatchewan this _____ day of _____ 191____

Witness:

Signatures

Schedule C

(Section 4 (4))

Table of Fees to be Paid to the Registrar under this Act

Filing application for registration. \$1 00
Filing supplemental bylaws at time

of incorporation 1 00
Filing supplemental bylaws after incorporation for each bylaw 25
Filing amendments to supplemental bylaws for each amendment 25
Advertising notice of incorporation in Saskatchewan Gazette for one month 2 50
Copies of the entire Act will be available by February 15, 1914. Address all communications regarding this matter to the Co-operative Organization Branch, Department of Agriculture, Regina, Saskatchewan.

Joint Meeting at Mervin—Thos. Sales, Director District 11

A joint meeting of locals was held at Mervin on January 3 and seven local associations were well represented, about eighty farmers being present. We were fortunate in getting Thos. Sales, of Langham, our district director, to attend our meeting, and he had to drive from Paynton, a distance of thirty miles to get here. The meeting opened at one o'clock and Mr. Webb, president of the Mervin Association, welcomed the visitors from other associations and expressed the idea that joint meetings of this character would be a great help in carrying on the work of the association and cementing good feeling. Mr. Sales gave a splendid address on the work and objects of the association and made a grand impression on the farmers, fully showing them the benefits of organization, education and co-operation. Complaints were made by farmers present that last year they paid 75 cents per pound for formaline and 15 cents per pound for twine, also regarding excessive charges made by the local doctor. An evening session was held at which the co-operative plan submitted by the North Battleford convention was fully discussed and received the unanimous support of the meeting. The farmers of this district are strongly of the opinion that the subject of co-operation has been talked about long enough and that the time for action has arrived. An executive committee, consisting of one from each local association, was formed, to arrange for a thorough organization of this portion of district 11 and to deal with the question of collective buying of supplies. Archie Gemmel, of Mervin, was elected president and Mr. McKenzie, of Turtleford, secretary. It was also decided to take steps for organizing a co-operative elevator at Turtleford. The meeting closed about 9 o'clock with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Sales and a hearty invitation to him to visit us again in the near future. The meeting was a splendid success in every way and we hope to hold more like it in the future. Our members like to read reports of our local meetings in The Guide. Enclosed find clipping from North Battleford News of December 8, re doctors. What do you think about it?

W. TRACEY,

Pres. Lock G.G.A.

Doctors' Fees

The following is copy of the clipping referred to in above letter:

A Notice to the Public

We, the undersigned members of the Northern Saskatchewan Medical Association, hereby give notice that on and after the first day of January, 1914, we will adopt a system of cash payment for all office and maternity practice, and for surgical attendance other than emergency cases. In medical cases in which the illness lasts one week or less, payment is to be cash upon the completion of attendance. Realizing that in prolonged medical cases and in emergency surgical cases a strictly cash system is not feasible, we will adopt the following measure to secure the eventual payment of our accounts, namely: In all such cases accounts will be rendered immediately upon completion of attendance and shall be payable within thirty days from the date of rendering. In the event of such accounts remaining unpaid at the end of that period, their subsequent payment must be secured by

a chattel mortgage, which will be duly registered. And further, that a list, which will be frequently revised, shall be kept by the association and its members of all families which are destitute and unable to pay for attendance, and in these cases our services will be rendered free of charge. The above was signed by eleven doctors.

Women's G.G. Convention, Moose Jaw February 11, 12 and 13

There will be a woman's section carried on at the same time. Farmers' wives and daughters should take advantage of the cheap rates and get to this convention. Miss Francis Beynon and Mrs. V. McNaughton, together with a strong committee of women appointed last year at Saskatoon, will have control of all arrangements, program and organization work. Provision is being made in the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Constitution for a women's auxiliary to the regular local association for study and carrying out of special women's work, and this in addition to equal rights with men, which is already a feature of our constitution. F. W. G.

Re Résolutions

Scores of important resolutions are being received to be presented to convention. We commend the synopsis of the Co-operative Act in this issue to the attention of local associations. This, with the fact that the association charter has been extended to permit of its acting as a central purchasing agency, makes ready the necessary machinery to carry out several different suggested co-operative trading propositions. F. W. G.

This is to inform you that we held our annual meeting on Dec. 20 at 2.30. I sent you in my last letter our membership fees for 1913, and hope to do much better in 1914, as the farmers around here seem to be waking up and taking more interest in what is going on that affects the farming community. We are all just getting well enough fixed to have time to read our daily papers and educate ourselves a little. We all prize our Grain Growers' Guide, and owe a great deal of our advancement to that same paper by getting the ideas of other farmers in other parts of the different provinces. We have been holding our summer meetings at the different homes of the members and find it the best plan to get a good crowd together. In this way we get new members. First we have a good program—then lunch served by the farmers' sons and daughters. After that the farmers assemble together to talk over matters that interest them while the wives discuss household matters. This winter we are holding our meetings fortnightly in the different school houses. Could we get you to come down this winter and give us an address, and your expenses will be paid by us?

GEORGE E. KINCADE,
Sec., Bienfait Assn.

Please send me a number of the latest constitutions, as our members have expressed a desire for them to be distributed. I think also when they have read them they will be somewhat more orderly at our meetings. At times a discussion gets very hot. I suppose your thoughts travel out to the locals, and you can imagine the mental struggle of farmers with the information they have sometimes badly warped and twisted, and it is not always the truth that is known or presented. How strong is the need of education and power of control (if the cause is just). There is danger at times for the locals to fly to pieces with the force of their own momentum.

ALF. N. MANN,
Sec., Thornfield Assn.