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PINE CREEK EARNEST AND VIGILANT

At a meeting of the Pine Creek Grain Growers, held on February 20, the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

"Resolved, that we, the Pine Creek Grain Growers, wish to place ourselves on record as being strongly opposed to the stand taken by all the privileged interests on the Free Wheat proposition, especially the manufacturers and millers, and that, as far as possible, we will buy American-made machinery, as by doing so we help the revenue of the country; whereas, if we buy the Canadian made machinery the revenue goes into the manufacturers' pocket and does not benefit the country at all. We would also like to draw the attention of the manufacturers to the useless expenditure in issuing the paper called 'The Country Life in Canada.' A blind man on a galloping horse could see at a glance it is a manufacturers' paper. We wish to assure the privileged interests that we are not so easily fooled as we used to be. Almost all of us read and know where we are at."

The secretary has been asked to send this resolution to The Guide, so all the local branches can read and discuss this question, as we have decided it is useless to ask our Governments to give us any relief on the tariff question as they are under the control of the privileged interests and dare not give us any relief from the tariff. We think it would be a good idea to let the manufacturers understand that we are wise to their plans and resent it by not buying their goods.

Ladies Make Social a Success
Our Association held a concert and

box social on Friday, March 6. Altho the roads were very bad we had a splendid turnout, especially of young ladies. Twenty-seven boxes were sold after the program had been concluded, which consisted of songs, which were sung splendidly. Miss M. Bennett presided at the organ, and songs were sung by Messrs. Finlayson and Bennett. The program was short, as the program committee expected President Henders to be present to address the young people, but were disappointed, as he did not appear. As some of the ladies came forward and volunteered to sing, we had one of the best times of the winter. Great credit is due to the ladies for the splendid collection of boxes. The Association is able now to clear off their debt on the Grain Growers' scale at Pine Creek, and sends \$10 to the fighting fund. There was some keen competition on the boxes, some of the married ladies having brought boxes as well as the young ladies. After the sale everyone sat down to a splendid lunch. Our Pine Creek ladies excelled themselves, we believe, if it were possible to do that. There was a special meeting of the Association on Friday, March 13, to select delegates to the district convention, to be held in Portage la Prairie, March 18.

JOSIAH BENNETT,
Sec., Pine Creek G.G.A.

HARMSWORTH BRANCH ORGANIZED

The Grain Growers' of the Harmsworth district held an enthusiastic meeting in Joslin school, here, on March 6, and it was decided to form a branch

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Peter Wright, Myrtle;	R. M. Wilson,
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Frank Simpson, Shoal Lake;	W. H. English, Harding;
R. J. Avison, Gilbert Plains.	

Association in this district, known as the Harmsworth branch of the Grain Growers' Association. The following officers were elected:—President, S. Gellie; vice-president, J. J. Nicol; secretary, H. E. Green; directors, W. J. Bray, Thos. Cusack, T. Baker, J. L. Whiteford, John Burehbye, Thos. Tapp. Every person seemed very much interested in organization, and it looks as tho we will have a flourishing branch here.

H. E. GREEN,
Secretary.

DIRECTOR WRIGHT EXPOSES PROTECTION

A very enthusiastic meeting of the Winkler branch was held in Winkler on Saturday, March 6. Among those present was P. Wright, director, who delivered a very interesting address on the benefits and opportunities of the Grain Growers' Association. Everyone who listened was convinced of the necessity of the organization as we have it.

He dealt very plainly with the obstacles in the path of the farmer. There are obstacles in buying and selling. Some of these which he mentioned were first in selling of the farm products on account of the elevator monopoly and high transportation rates, but thru the influence of the Association several reforms were already made. Some of the other hindrances are the combines. These have, in course of time, acquired great wealth. This is giving them power to dominate the country. They even try to tell the farmers how to farm. Another obstacle is the Protective Tariff. There is a duty on nearly everything the farmer needs to carry on his work and on wearing apparel. The tariff is not adjusted right, for the manufacturers import nearly all their machinery and raw material free of duty. The tariff is framed by them so they can accumulate wealth under it. What can the farmer do to remedy it? He should do exactly the same thing as the manufacturers do. They stand for no party. As Mr. Rowley has said: "We have no other politics, as our only aim is to have protection." The farmers are politically divided, they pull against each other. If they all would try to pull on one end they would gain power, for in union there is strength. After Mr. Wright had concluded his address several questions were asked him, which he answered. The prospects for our local Association are good. The list of members has nearly doubled since last year.

P. H. NEUFELD,
Secretary.

SPRINGHILL'S BUSY PLANS

At a meeting of the Springhill branch held recently the following resolution was passed: "Whereas several commercial agencies are making use of the name 'Grain Growers' in connection with their business, and whereas making use of the name 'Grain Growers' in this way will be misleading with the general public, we, the members of Springhill Grain Growers' Association are of the opinion that the name 'Grain Growers' should be copyrighted."

The president called on J. M. Poole, who was the only exhibitor of alfalfa at the seed grain fair held in Neepawa, in February, and the only one growing it in the district, to tell how he grew it and give his opinion of it in general. Mr. Poole said it was easy to grow, and told how he grew it, and thought it splendid feed but also thought it was expensive to grow. Mr. Poole's remarks were followed by considerable discussion on growing alfalfa and red clover. The matter of having all eggs

stamped and a market for same was the next subject for discussion. The secretary was instructed to write the Guelph Agricultural College for information re stamping eggs. The next subject for discussion was the entertainment we proposed having, and it was decided on a motion that this Association have an entertainment this spring. A committee of three was appointed to make the necessary arrangements. As no action had been taken yet by this Association in regard to a resolution passed at our February meeting in connection with a loading platform, it was moved that a committee be appointed to deal with this matter. The matter of naming a particular day for an annual Grain Growers' day in connection with our local was next taken up and discussed, and was received quite enthusiastically. After a little discussion as to the best time of the year, it was moved that we have a picnic on June 17. The secretary was instructed to communicate with R. C. Henders, with a view to having him speak to us on that date. Give three cheers for Springhill on June 17, and we are preparing for a grand rally that day and a day's recreation at the end of seeding.

A. J. M. POOLE,
Secretary

SIGLUNES MAKES SPLENDID START

On January 26, Mr. McCuish, the organizer, had gathered around him the majority of the farmers of this neighborhood at the Siglunes' schoolhouse for the purpose of organizing. In a brief speech he pointed out to us the many good causes for which the Grain Growers' Association were battling, which we readily appreciated. By organizing we could see very plainly that it would give us a chance to prove that we were more than just merely existing, caused by such as being thirty miles from a railroad, and other barriers too numerous to mention. Things were soon put in motion. The board of directors were elected as follows: President, Krist Peterson; vice-president, S. Peterson; directors, Jon Jonsson, M. J. Mathews, Dave Gislason, B. Helgason; secretary-treasurer, Theo. Rasmussen. Two directors have been added to the force since, J. Havardson and H. Gudmundson. Everybody was now in high spirits, and twenty-one of those present handed over their \$1 bills and were enrolled as members of the branch, called the Siglunes Grain Growers' Association. On January 28 a meeting of all the members was held at the school house, to ascertain whether enough orders could be got to make up a carload of feed and flour. This soon proved possible, and same was ordered at once, and also some groceries, altho a considerable number of the members had earlier in the winter supplied themselves with all the necessities for the year. This meeting over, the evening was spent in dancing and merry-making, and the sum of \$14.40 was the proceeds of an admission charge of 25 and 15 cents. On March 7 a meeting of the directors was held for the purpose of financing for the building of a warehouse at Mulvihill Siding. This was soon resolved, and a committee was appointed to hunt up the cash. This also proved an easy problem. The president as good as handed over \$100, which goes to show that he is in the fray with all his heart. The balance necessary was made up by three of the directors. To help pay this loan, a toll of 5 cents per 100 pounds will be charged on all commodities handled by this Association until said loan is paid. Almost forgot to mention that five new members have put their shoulders to the wheel. Our best wishes of success to the Central and all its branches.

THEO. RASMUSSEN,
Secretary-Treasurer



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