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MANITOBA GRAIN GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

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AN ALARMING SITUATION

The inadequacy of transportation facilities furnished for the moving of crop of the Western provinces is creating a situation that is alarming and one in which the whole of the Canadian people are interested. The abnormally unfavorable conditions for threshing the crop this year have left a great deal of grain not threshed. Yet in the face of that fact there is supposed to be millions of bushels of grain lying in the fields with nothing to protect it but a little straw thrown over it. In addition to that there are millions of bushels of grain in granaries that has been threshed since the snow fell which has in it a mixture of snow and ice.

Much of this wheat is of good milling quality and if it could be placed where mills could use it for milling purposes and where it could be conditioned at terminal elevators before the warm weather sets in, the grower would be subjected to a comparatively small loss. If, however, as seems probable now large quantities of grain will not be handled before the warm weather comes, it will be a total loss.

All the elevators in the West are filled to their utmost capacity. In some of the newer districts the farmers cannot realize sufficient out of their crop to buy necessary fuel and groceries.

Loan companies, business men and implement manufacturers are pressing for payment of their accounts. It is now currently reported that orders have gone forth prohibiting Western banks to loan any money to farmers after the New Year.

The warehouse commissioner is giving orders for cars to be placed out of their turn at some points so as to enable elevators to take in grain hauled by the farmers from forty to sixty miles (not more than two loads for each farmer), so as to secure fuel and groceries for their families. The only outlet for grain product for winter shipment is over the C. P. R. to the sea-board. It will only take a comparatively short time for the terminal elevators at Fort William and Port Arthur to be filled to their utmost capacity.

What then is to be done with this large amount of grain that is on the Western farms out of condition and will not stand the warm weather?

This is a case where it seems absolutely necessary for the Dominion and provincial governments to take a hand. The Canadian railroads have demonstrated that they are not able to take care of the traffic. Cannot our authorities now step in and compel our railroads to make special rates to reach markets over the American railways? Is it not a colossal folly to prevent the Canadian farmers from taking advantage of a market at his door for his products and force him to seek markets thousands of miles away over a transportation system that admittedly is not keeping pace with the development of the country?

KENTON GRAIN GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

A very enthusiastic annual meeting of the Kenton Grain Growers was held in the municipal hall on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 2. The president, Mr. Butchard was in the chair and gave a sketch of the last year's business. Among other things was noticed the large increase of new members to the association. Great credit is due to the officers for their untiring effort in making the membership list as large as possible. The financial report showed that there was a substantial balance to the good.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, James Stevens; vice-president, Clifford Hunter; secretary-treasurer, Duncan Robertson; directors, Donald Patterson, Fred Gould, George Johnston, Edd. English, J. B. Bray, W. C. Lindsay.

It was suggested that the Kenton Grain Growers arrange for a number of social evenings this winter, with music, debating, speeches, also the lunch basket to get out of the old order of things and have something new.

The retiring officers were then tendered a hearty vote of thanks—when the meeting adjourned.

DUNCAN ROBERTSON,
Sec.-Treas.

GLENORA BRANCH

The annual meeting of the Glenora branch of the Grain Growers' Association was held December 1. A large number of farmers were present and great enthusiasm was manifested in the preparations for the year's campaign. Eight new members were enrolled and the secretary expects a large increase in the membership over the last year.

To open the New Year arrangements were made for a concert to be held on Friday, December 29, the proceeds to go to the aid of the executive association.

R. M. Wilson, who has done so much for the branch and for the association in general, was again elected president, with J. W. Nelson, vice-president; secretary-treasurer, Wm. M. Webb; directors, A. McWilliams, F. Nelson, W. Gray, J. Ritchie, and D. Foster. The energetic secretary-treasurer, Mr. Wm. Webb, was re-elected.

At the annual meeting of the Arizona branch of the M. G. G. A., held on December 8, the following officers were elected: President, T. A. North; vice-president, A. Sharpley; secretary-treasurer, T. Zachary; directors, A. Mickelwright, J. Robinson, J. Carritt, H. Peck, Wm. Beswitherick, Jas. Hay. Delegates to Brandon convention, A. Mickelwright, Wm. Beswitherick, T. Zachary.

There was considerable discussion on the shortage of cars and consequent loss to the farmers and country.

Co-operative buying was also brought up but no decided action taken.

THOS. ZACHARY, Sec.-Treas.

ELVA BRANCH G.G.A.

That our branch is very much alive was shown by the large audience who were present at our social on Tuesday evening, December 5.

The Grain Growers' socials are very popular here, and those who attended this one were not disappointed, either in the addresses, the different numbers on our program, nor the dainty lunch served by the ladies of our branch, quite a number of whom are members of the association and take an active interest in its affairs.

Mr. McArthur, of Lauder, a director of the Manitoba Grain Growers' association, was present and delivered a very pleasing and instructive address, which was listened to with close attention by the audience. Mr. McArthur expressed his pleasure at being present, and also at seeing such a large number of ladies, which he said augured well for the success of our branch. He also spoke in commendatory terms of our official organ, The Guide, for the good work it was doing for the farmers of this country. Mr. T. T. Lennox spoke briefly and was listened to with close attention. He goes whole heartedly into the association work and meets with good success.

The balance of the program consisted of piano duets, solos, instrumental selections and recitations, every number being first class, and, with one exception, being given by members of our association or their family. We have plenty of talent in our branch to furnish a program second to none. At the close of the program lunch was served, after which a vote of thanks was passed to the speakers. Then we sang "God save the King," and went home to wait for the next. We hold our annual meeting on December 21 at two o'clock, when we hope to double our membership, which now amounts to 56.

ALEX MATTICE,
Sec., Elva G.G.A.

CARROLL ASSOCIATION ACTIVE

The Carroll Grain Growers' association has been rather delinquent regarding reports lately, but the interest

has not waned. The annual meeting was held last Saturday and the spirit throughout was very encouraging. The following officers were elected for 1912: President, Jno. Cathcart; vice-president, Peter Dawley; secretary-treasurer, G. T. Taylor. The directors, Messrs. A. Johnson, E. Smith, A. Diller, G. Case, more, L. Sparrow and Andrew Turner, were all re-elected.

A lively discussion took place on the working of the government elevator at Carroll. Messrs. Diller, Dawley and Moffat stated their experience with this elevator, and it was decided that the grievances of the people here be put into the concise form of a resolution which is to be brought up at the next meeting, and if adopted, to be forwarded to the central executive, through whom it will come up for discussion at the next annual convention.

Messrs. McGill and Patterson were chosen as captains of the membership contest, with five assistants each, and to the captain whose side secures the greatest number of members by the time of the annual banquet the association will present a set of cuff links.

Owing to the fact that there is no place of amusement in Carroll for the young people, a literary society has been organized under the auspices of the Grain Growers' association, and is meeting with the greatest of favor from the young people, who realize that here is an opportunity that they cannot afford to miss to bring out the best that is in them. We hope that by spring we will have a whole army of young men who will be able to rise to their feet and give voice to their thoughts in our meetings, a thing that has been lacking since the association started here.

G. T. TAYLOR, Sec.-Treas.

The annual meeting of the Foxwarren branch was held on Saturday, December 9. There was a good turnout and great interest was manifested. The secretary's report showed seventy-four members in good standing and a cash balance in bank of \$46.00. The carload of flour that we ordered has been distributed and gave such good satisfaction that it was decided to order another one, and orders were taken accordingly.

I would advise every association to co-operate in buying their supplies, as they can save from forty to fifty per cent., and in some cases a lot more; and it also helps to increase the membership. An effort will be made this year to increase our membership. To double it if possible.

The election of officers resulted as follows: C. Burdett was unanimously re-elected president, J. B. Hodgson, vice-president; C. McNeil, Thos. Thompson, F. Robbie, W. H. Thorp, John Little and Geo. Dunfield, directors.

A communication was read from Mr. John Kennedy, vice-president of the Grain Growers' Grain company, advising us that he would be with us on the night of December 19 to attend our fourth annual social, and to speak on Direct Legislation and other matters of interest to the farmer. We expect to have the usual crowd and good time.

R. J. DONNELLY, Sec.-Treas.

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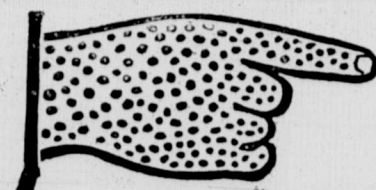
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