



# MANITOBA SECTION

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## SWAN VALLEY COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Grain Growers of the Swan River Valley have taken an advanced step in the work of organization, in forming a county association to look after the interests of the movement. They have adopted the following constitution for their county association:

1. "This Association shall be called The Swan Valley County Association of the Grain Growers."

2. "The objects of this association shall be—(a) To forward the interests of all branch associations of the Swan River Valley, along legitimate lines. (b) To bring before the Central Association any grievance and suggestions that may arise from time to time from the different branches of the Swan Valley Grain Growers."

3. "The officers of this association shall consist of one member from each branch association appointed by their respective branch, and from those elected shall be elected a President, Vice President and Sec'y-Treas. All officers to be elected annually, and that five officers form a quorum."

4. "The Executive of the Swan Valley County Association shall hold a meeting or meetings each year on such date as the President shall decide, or at the instance of three of the directors."

5. "It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Association, decide all questions of order, and make any suggestions he may deem necessary in the interests of the association."

6. "It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to aid and assist the President. In the absence of the President, the powers and duties of the President shall devolve on the Vice-President."

7. "It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to attend all the meetings of the association, the officers and the executive, and keep correct minutes of the same, conduct all correspondence, issue all press and other reports, and prepare for publication the annual report. As Treasurer, he shall receive and account for all moneys belonging to the association, pay all bills and accounts that have been approved by the Executive. He shall have the power of managing director, acting under the control and with the approval of the executive."

8. "The accounts of the Sec'y-Treas. shall be audited annually by an auditor appointed by the executive."

9. "No change shall be made in this constitution unless notice of motion shall be left with the Secretary at least sixty days previous to the annual meeting, and the Secretary shall by circular letter notify each branch association."

The Secretary, Mr. George Dickerson, of Kenville, writes:—"I think I should explain to you what our county association is. It is an executive composed of a representative from each local association in the Swan Valley district, organized for the purpose of strengthening each association by their mutual co-operation. We feel that this central association will be very useful if it is necessary to pledge our political candidates."

Below is a list of the branch associations and representatives on the central executive of the Swan Valley Grain Growers' Association.

Swan River, R. F. McVeety, President; Thunder Hill, D. Hawe, Vice-President; Minitonas, A. McLeary, Director; Durba, D. McDonald, Director; Benito, N. West, Director; Pretty Valley, T. Stringer, Director; Lidstone, Wm. Reynolds, Director; Bowsman, not appointed; Kenville, Geo. Dickerson, Secretary-Treas.

## PICNIC AT GOLDEN STREAM.

J. E. Thompson, Secretary of the Golden Stream branch, writes that they are holding a picnic about the 13th of June at which Mr. Meighen, M. P., and Mr. Armstrong, M. P., will deliver addresses on questions that engross the attention for farmers. It is also ex-

pected that representatives of the central association will be present to address the gathering.

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## SWAN RIVER PICNICS.

The county organization of Swan River is arranging for a series of picnics to be held in the district some time towards the latter end of June, at which speakers from the central association will be present. One of the questions that the Swan River association is very anxious to have discussed is the taxation of land values.

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## LORNDALE DISCUSSED ELEVATOR

The Lornedale Grain Growers held a meeting in the school house on Friday, 20th inst., at which the secretary was instructed to communicate with the secretary of the central association as to securing a copy of the petition required by the government elevator commission, and to call a meeting of the association on receipt of same. A committee consisting of the president, vice-president and secretary was appointed to arrange for a meeting with similar committees from each branch of the Grain Growers' Association in the district, the meeting to be held in the town hall at Minnedosa on Tuesday, June 21, at 1:30 p. m., for the purpose of dis-

cussing questions in the interest of the farmer, and which should be dealt with by the legislature. The associations that intend to attend the said meeting are requested to send a copy of any suggestions or resolutions that they want to bring before the meeting to John Allan, Cordova, who is acting secretary, before the above date. It is the intention of this joint committee to place before the prospective candidates the decision of the joint committee and to ask the candidates to pledge themselves to support same.

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## RE DIRECT LEGISLATION.

The Minitonas Branch held their monthly meeting on May 21st. President McLeary presiding. T. W. Stevenson moved that "we put ourselves on record in favor of direct legislation." An animated discussion took place which developed into a debate. It was very interesting and the meeting, which was a large one, enjoyed it thoroughly. It finished with the motion being laid on the table until our next meeting to be thoroughly threshed out.

portant points regarding the care which should be taken when shipping grain. It was decided to continue the regular meetings on the second and last Saturdays of each month until harvest.

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## SOUTH CENTRAL PICNIC.

The annual picnic of the South Central district of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association will be held at Morrisania Park, Rock Lake, on Friday, June 10. D. W. McCuaig has been invited to deliver an address. Other addresses, interspersed with vocal and instrumental music will be given, as well as a great program of baseball contests, foot races and other sports, for which prizes will be awarded to successful contestants. All are invited, but don't forget your baskets.

D. A. ROSS, Sec'y.

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## ROSEWOOD MEETS

The second meeting of the Grain Growers' Association was held at Rosewood on Saturday, May 21st, with President Norman in the chair. There was a good attendance and five new members.

## MANITOBA GRAIN GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

HONORARY PRESIDENT:

J. W. SCALLION - VIRDEN

PRESIDENT:

D. W. MCCUAIG, PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE

VICE-PRESIDENT:

R. C. HENDERS - CULROSS

SECRETARY-TREASURER:

R. MCKENZIE - WINNIPEG

DIRECTORS:

Peter Wright, Myrtle; R. M. Wilson, Marringhurst; F. W. Kerr, Souris; G. H. Malcolm, Birtle; J. S. Woods, Oakville; R. J. Avison, Gilbert Plains.

On motion of Messrs. Jodoin and Knight, "Resolved, that we the members of the Grain Growers' Association are in favor of legislation for higher taxation of land held by speculators."

Also on motion of Messrs. Mondor and Norman, "That an organizer be sent to Lorette East for the purpose of organizing a Grain Growers' Association at that place."

Please send some posters and advertising material and we will attend to same.

Yours truly,

B. C. FRALEIGH, Sec. Rosewood, Man.

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## CORN FOR WEST

Dr. Saunders, of the Experimental Farms of Canada, was in Winnipeg for a few hours Thursday. He was on his way to Rosthern, where a new farm has



Farm Home of Hugh McMillan, Margaret, Man.

been established and will also visit Scott, where the first work on a new farm will be done this year. He came through to Western Canada from Charlottetown, near which city the government has also recently established a farm. Dr. Saunders stated that he expected that central Canada would eventually grow large quantities of corn. The farms had been experimenting for many years on corns which would mature in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and they had now a Dent corn which would ripen as a usual thing. The new wheats with which experiments were being made were also full of promise.

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Eighteen persons were drowned when the steel freighter, Frank H. Goodyear, of Cleveland, collided with the James B. Wood, another steel boat of the same line, about forty miles off Pointe Aux Barques in Lake Huron. The Goodyear was cut in two and went down in two minutes. All those drowned were members of her crew. Five persons were saved. These were picked up in a yawl from the Wood. A heavy fog prevailed when the collision took place.