

Saskatchewan

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A FORWARD MOVEMENT

The Biggar Electoral Division forward movement was initiated on January 15, 1914. Since that date "systematic organization" has been gradually spreading thru the division and the appointed staff of organizers has been increased by volunteers from time to time. Results, as shown below, have exceeded expectations. The organizers and all who are in any way responsible for the creation of new locals feel still more responsible for their continued existence. They will endeavor to keep in touch with and sustain interest in every possible way.

Reports

Wm. Hendrick, of Wiggins, reports forming a branch at Glen-Allen on March 26—twenty-five strong, ladies included.

Organizer H. Busby, of Muirland, who has been active in districts north and west of Zealania, reports assisting in the formation of a branch at Zealania on February 28, starting with twenty-five members. We believe the membership now verges on eighty.

S. Brown, of Glen Eagle, after working districts Harris and Zealania, reports opening a new local at Zelhar (W. Hest assisting), where a determined few meet at Mr. Horne's residence.

Thruout the hills to the south-west of Biggar a strong Grain Growers' sentiment is being aroused. Amongst others, Mr. Kint, of Ailsa Craig, has been pushing the work, right from the start.

Early in March a branch was formed at Ailsa Craig, with eighteen members.

Later on in the same month the Austin Association was formed at Valley Centre S.W. of Ailsa Craig—fourteen on the roll.

Just before seeding another branch opened up at Lawndale, fourteen miles south of Biggar, with twenty-four members. A Women's Auxiliary was also formed at this point by Mrs. McNaughton. The division secretary had the pleasure of being present at the last four organization meetings.

Organizer G. Tweddle reports the re-forming of Perdue and Normanston, the former just outside division line. Monarch Association has appointed J. Lindgran and A. Stewart as organizers (Biggar P.O.).

Mr. Whiting, of Traynor, reports that Mr. Bingham and he opened up a local at Salter, eight miles N.E. of Traynor, on the Biggar-Battleford, G.T.P.

W. Affleck, of Naseby, reports encouraging outlook.

Co-operative Buying

As one result of co-operative buying many of the locals are rapidly increasing their members. Wiggins has ordered carlots of flour, fencing, etc. Muirland is getting cord-wood by the carlot. Zealania is doing a big business also in flour, feed, fencing, etc.

Glen Eagle, Hillview and Ailsa Craig combined on flour and cord-wood, while several of the new locals are going in for co-operative coal oil.

A Co-operative Trading Association has been formed at Harris.

Traynor is endeavoring to get in touch with neighboring locals with a view to co-operative trading.

Two or three locals have not yet reported re-proposed conference at Biggar in the fall.

JOHN McNAUGHTON,
Gen. Sec. Biggar
Electoral Div., G.G.A.

ORGANIZING "CO-OP"

Received your letter of May 19, also report of the convention.

We have about seventy members and meet every two weeks and have quite a few members who attend regularly.

In regard to twine. We don't feel that we are able to handle your twine until we complete our organization under the Agricultural Co-operative Associations Act.

Kindly send your price list on staple lines of groceries, fencing, coal, etc. I understand you will act as selling agent of produce for the locals.

J. A. LUDLOW,
Sec'y Empire Builders Assn.

I wish to advise you that the farmers of Rabbit Lake have organized a local G.G.A. under the name of "The Rabbit Lake G.G.A." The following officers were elected: President, J. H. Hanson; vice-president, L. C. Schliemann; secretary, W. F. Schliemann; directors, Ed. Hedman, Floyd Talan, A. C. Davidson, W. Elmblad, S. A. Jackson and W. Jackson. The date of our regular monthly meeting is the first Tuesday of every month. We have twenty-one members for which I am enclosing membership fees of \$10.50 and hope to receive cards at once and would also like to have a constitution for each member. We should also appreciate some information on the Co-operative Associations Act.

W. F. SCHLIEMANN,
Sec'y Rabbit Lake Assn.

THE MACHINERY COMMISSION

To Local Secretaries:

Enclosed herewith I hand you a program of the sessions to be held by the commission appointed to carry on an investigation respecting the sale of farm machinery.

The Saskatchewan Association in convention has been demanding legislation imposing some restraint upon implement salesmen and collectors. In response to this agitation the Provincial Government has appointed this Commission of Inquiry, of which our president, J. A. Maharg, is a member. The responsibility now rests with the Grain Growers to make good their case before the commission and thru the commission to the government.

You should call a meeting of your local, discuss the matter fully and, if you find that you have tangible evidence to lay before the commission, select competent representatives to appear before them at the most convenient point at which a sitting is to be held. It would be well to bear in mind that only definite and established evidence will be of weight in this connection—mere hearsay will count for nothing. Wherever possible, written contracts, notes, threats, writs and executions should be shown to substantiate the evidence submitted. Sworn evidence should be given when required.

It is confidently affirmed that much oppression has been worked to the farmers of Saskatchewan in connection with implement sales and collections, and it is a very proper work on the part of the Grain Growers' Association to endeavor by all legitimate means to have these abuses corrected and their recurrence made impossible. Show to the government that we are in earnest about this important matter by appearing before the commission. Assist our president in his effort to show up the real truth regarding this matter.

J. B. MUSSELMAN,
Secretary-Treasurer.

INSTOW ORGANIZED

This is to inform you that we have taken the privilege to organize a local of the G.G.A. The following officers were elected: President, Fred T. Dunford; vice-president, Henry Meinert; directors, F. A. Gilbert, Leslie Seeley, Frank Raymond, Ezra Harris, August Anker, Oliver Stevenson; and P. G. Peterson, secretary-treasurer. I am enclosing herewith \$5.50 for the membership fund from receipts of 18 membership fees collected today.

P. G. PETERSON,
Secretary, Instow Association.

ALSO HYDE PARK

The Hyde Park G.G.A. was formed at a regularly called meeting on Thursday, May 31, and officers were appointed. I would be obliged if you will send me membership cards and all necessary information. Fifteen have expressed their desire to join by paying their fee at our next meeting. It is very probable that we will double that number however. The following is a list of our officers: President, Wm. Smith; vice-president, C. Walton; secretary-treasurer, O. L. Ellsworth; directors, A. J. Marsh, James Grant, John Grant, A. M. Dodd, B. Parkhouse and A. C. W. Dodd.

O. L. ELLSWORTH, Sec.



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