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THE TAX ON MACHINERY

A prominent farmer from the Carman district writes:

I don't know when I felt so sore as I did about the increased tax on machinery—I would like to see a campaign to urge only the purchase of American made machinery, so that our taxes will be paid only to the government.

I would like to see it figured out what a full outfit of farm machinery pays in duty, also what other representative producers pay on their machinery of production. Of course, some of the other classes may have the power to shift their tax on the consumers. If the farmer should pay \$100.00 additional in taxes this year and have 2,000 bushels of wheat for sale, he has no privilege of putting five cents per bushel on the price and collecting from the consumer; he is taxed every step of the journey towards producing an income and then in common with other classes he is taxed on his supplies when spending his income.

The single tax, altho a big improvement, would need some modifications, as the soil, being the farmer's raw material, he is the largest user of land, and it figures a larger percentage of his gross capital than other classes—therefore, at the same rate on the dollar, he would pay much higher taxes in proportion to his capital and income than others.

PATRIOTIC AND ENTERPRISING

The secretary of the Beaver branch writes as follows:

If you have got the subscription forms for the Patriotic Acre of wheat, will you please send me about half a dozen as soon as you can.

Our convention in Portage was a great success; our new movement of co-operating with the school teachers promises to be a good move and we intend to work some more along this line. We intend holding another picnic in Portage la Prairie this year and have already sent for Mrs. McLung.

BEN. RICHARDSON.

C.N.R. WILL KILL GOPHERS

The Canadian Northern Railway is organizing a gopher extermination campaign along its right-of-way in the three Prairie Provinces, and would greatly appreciate if the farmers along their line would co-operate with them in their work. As the killing of gophers is a matter of particular importance to farmers, they should do what they can to help this enterprise on the part of the C.N.R.

WAR RELIEF CONTRIBUTIONS

Prev. acknowledged	\$6,432.65
Portage la Prairie branch and Nairn School district	33.25
Springfield (Dugald)	35.00
Mountainside branch	36.00
	\$6,536.90

SOURIS DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Quite a large and representative gathering of delegates from the local branches in the electoral constituency of Souris attended the organization meeting held in Deloraine on March 9. W. H. English, of Harding, opened the meeting with a few humorous and interesting remarks, and called on the meeting to appoint a chairman and secretary for the present meeting. O. DeChief, president of the local branch, and G. N. Stewart, secretary, were appointed for the afternoon to fill these positions.

W. H. English and R. McKenzie, Central secretary of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, delivered strong addresses urging the need of more efficient organization and co-operative effort, and emphasizing the need for developing the fraternal spirit of the Association.

It was then resolved, on the motion of Oscar A. Jones, of Whitewater branch, seconded by Harry Jones, of Medora Association, that we proceed to organize a district Association for the electoral division of Souris.

Officers Elected

The names of D. S. McLeod, Goodlands, James Steedsman, Deloraine, Alex

Inness, Otter, and Oscar A. Jones, were each put forward and after some discussion a ballot was taken with the following result: Oscar A. Jones, Whitewater, President; James Steedsman, Deloraine, Vice-President; Wm. Allison, Secretary-Treasurer.

An overflow meeting greeted the speakers at the evening meeting. The newly appointed president occupied the chair, and besides introducing several speakers, contributed to the program a few timely remarks on the need of organization and the duty that devolved on each member of the Association—promising to fulfil his duty in the high position they had honored him with to the fullest extent of his power, and seeking their co-operation in any and everything that would tend to the advancement of the Association.

The secretary, Wm. Allison, being Scotch by birth and cautious by nature, made no rash promises, but endeavored to show the tremendous economic waste and unhealthy environment created on the average farm life thru present unsatisfactory conditions, making farm life unpopular and unattractive for the young and a drudge of life to the older members of the family, resulting thru overwork and worry in a tired body and a dull and fretful spirit at the end of each day, creating anything but the peaceful and social atmosphere that should be the reward of a hard day's work either on the farm or in the home.

Interesting Addresses

Rev. A. T. McIntosh took for his subject, "Weeds—to be found in men as well as in grain," showing the enormous waste in production, loss thru shipment of screenings and their feeding value when retained on the farm, closing his address with an appeal for patriotism to the Empire by producing a larger yield per acre of the grains necessary to maintain human life, and less weeds that are sapping the vitality from the ground and giving small compensation in return.

Rev. T. Beveridge spoke on the remarkable changes that had taken place lately along social and economic lines, and instanced the fact that the Grain Growers' Association of the Prairie Provinces was now probably the most advanced and up-to-date organization in Canada for the spread of democratic ideals and the propagation of seasonable and reasonable economic laws.

W. H. English and Secretary R. McKenzie both followed with good instructive and interesting addresses, urging co-operation among the farmers.

The following resolution was passed: "That the Lake Transportation Companies be brought under the jurisdiction of the Board of Railway Commissioners, as per bill brought before the house at Ottawa by J. A. Armstrong, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Dr. Schaffner, M.P. for this division."

The singing of the National Anthem brought to a close one of the best meetings ever held here under the auspices of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association.

A BUSINESS MANAGER

W. J. Witter, of Cordova, writes: We have a total of 42 members; have more than doubled our membership this year and are having good live meetings every two weeks. We have ordered a carload of twine. Have appointed a business manager to take charge of the co-operative business, Andrew Jamieson. We have also changed the name of our Association from Lornedale to Cordova.

A NEW LEASE OF LIFE

Vernon Loat, secretary of the Kenville branch, writes:

Enclosed please find order for \$7.50, being payment of dues for 1915 from ten new members for Kenville branch of the Grain Growers' Association. Our Association here has taken a new lease of life and I expect—with new officers at the head of affairs—that we will again regain our place as the leading branch for the valley.

We held a concert and debate last

night and had a splendid turnout and a good time. Ten of those present signed the roll as prospective members and as soon as they pay their dues I will remit for them. This will give us a paid up membership of 27. Four of these are ladies and more are in sight.

SPLENDID MEETINGS AT MYRTLE

The Grain Growers' Association of Myrtle have had a series of most enjoyable and instructive meetings during the past winter. The meetings have been held fortnightly and have been principally taken up in discussing topics from "Studies in Rural Citizenship." The method followed has been to assign to two members the duty of preparing papers on the subject chosen and these have been followed by a debate and interspersed in the music and recitations and frequently by a lunch.

On the evening of Friday, March 5, we had the privilege of listening to an address from the president of the Central Association, R. C. Henders, who held every one present spellbound for over an hour. Mr. Henders made a warm place for himself in the hearts of all who heard him and will always receive a welcome in Myrtle.

On the evening of the 19th, what was supposed to be the culmination of the winter's meetings, took the form of an oyster supper, followed by a paper by A. E. Hole on "How to get the most out of your farm," and another from A. W. Murray, who was successful in growing an exceptionally good crop of fodder corn last year, on "How he did it." Both gentlemen presented excellent papers, which drew out considerable discussion. This being considered a festive occasion, our program committee provided an extra treat in music, etc. At the close of the meeting Mr. Wright expressed appreciation of the winter's program of meetings; of their effect in improving the social feeling and spirit

of the community, and of the co-operation that exists not only amongst the farmers, but amongst all classes, tending to improve conditions both social and economic.

The secretary announced that our membership had reached 97 and it was resolved to make an effort to reach the century mark at least. A feature of our Association is the large number of ladies attending our meetings, the interest and the part they take in discussions.

Showing the interest taken, it was suggested that this be the last social meeting of the season and if it be considered necessary, to call a business meeting to be left to the discretion of the president. This raised a universal protest and a proposal to hold another meeting on Wednesday, March 31, was unanimously approved of, the subject for discussion to be horticulture, including window garden and the discussion to be led by the ladies.

HARVEY HALSEAD.
Sec.-Treas.

LADIES TAKING PART

The Edrans Grain Growers' Association held a meeting in Mr. Green's hall, Edrans, on March 17, which was well attended. Ben Richardson, secretary of Portage district, gave a splendid address on the work of the Association. Josiah Bennett, of Pine Creek, Vice-President of Portage district, spoke on the tariff question. John Richardson, teacher of Edrans school, spoke of struggles of the farmers in the Western Provinces for the last twenty years and how the conditions were only made better by their organization and co-operation. A new feature of the meeting was the speeches by the ladies, Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Sharp. We expect to hold another meeting on March 31, when Rev. G. H. Crozier, of Neepawa, will address the meeting.

R. M. SHARP,
Sec. of Edrans G. G. A.



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