



SASKATCHEWAN SECTION

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SASKATCHEWAN GRAIN GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

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Lanigan, Sask., Dec. 22, 1911.

Dear Sir:—
I have pleasure in forwarding you a report of the annual meeting of our local association.

Enclosed please find circular, also a resolution respecting Mr. Paynter's hail insurance scheme, and P.O. Order for \$2.00, balance of membership money due the Central, representing in full 38 paid members for 1911.

The meeting was unanimously in favor of the Hail Insurance proposition. It was thought at first that the 2½ per cent. to be retained by the municipality was too high, but in discussing it was pointed out that considerable time and trouble might be entailed in finding ownership and collecting from owners of vacant lands as well as the extra amount of labor imposed upon the secretary. That \$100 of the estimated \$4,000 would not be too much. Embodied in the resolution is a suggestion that provision should be made to pay the principal inspector out of the general fund and not the farmer who has sustained the loss.

Lawson, Dec. 23, 1911.

Dear Sir:—
Writing again about the car shortage at our local shipping point, Bridgeford. Our branch insisted on me taking this matter up with you and see if something cannot be done. We would be willing to send a deputation and bear any reasonable expense in the matter if only we can sell our wheat in order to buy coal and a few of the necessities of life. Trusting you are not too busy during this holiday season to advise us in the matter.

Yours truly,
Sec'y-Treas.

To the Members of the Springfield Grain Growers' Association.

Your directors present the following report:—

There have been five directors' meetings during the year and four general meetings of members. Five were called. A very successful social was held on Wednesday, March 22, the secretary collecting \$5.00 to meet expenses.

Three delegates were appointed to attend the convention at Regina in February. Mr. G. Porteous, Mr. W. Davis, and Mr. Fritzkie, the railway fare of the two former being paid, \$10.50. \$3.00 was donated by this association to the Grain Growers' Rally at Saltcoats. 240 notices were sent to members during the year. Our association has 6 life members.

A levy of 15 cents per member was made for the coronation gift to the King and \$4.65 was sent to the executive from this association to the fund representing the 31 members on the book.

A total of \$41.37 has been collected and \$42.98 disbursed, leaving a balance due treasurer of \$1.61 and due trustees for use of school, \$1.50, making a total deficit of \$3.11.

The future for our association is very hopeful.

Yours truly,
W. DAVIS, Sec.-Treas.

Ryerson, Dec. 26, 1911.

Dear Sir:—

There never was a time in my opinion when the farmers were so ripe for organization as now. After the experience of this past few months they are anxiously looking for some means of escape, but in most instances they have no one to lead them. They are for the most part ignorant of the workings of the Grain Growers' Association. Some have heard of it, some have not, and, as you know, for the most part there is only about one in a hundred capable of leading, but if farmers were once organized and put upon their feet they would become useful units of our association and from every quarter comes the cry from Macedonia, "Come over and help us." As you know, it requires money to do this work. I have been doing a great deal of thinking about it for some months. While the life membership is steadily laying the foundation for a permanent

fund we cannot wait for its full fruition. The country is developing so fast that we cannot keep up with the work, and but very few in the new parts of the country can afford to put down \$12.00 for a life membership, but nevertheless are willing to help what they can. If we increase the membership fee we are apt to frighten some of the timid or doubting ones. Why should we not emulate the methods used so commonly by the different religious bodies for the carrying on of home mission work, raise a fund by voluntary contributions, make this fund a special fund for organization work, give everybody the privilege of contributing at any time, but make some special effort at a set time. Why could we not have a set day, say the second Wednesday in February or some other set day for every local in the province to meet and make a special effort to swell this fund. Call it home mission day if you like, let all the debates and talk be along the lines of the great need of spreading our work and let it be pointed out to our members that this fund is not a charity fund, but a good sound investment fund, which will pay them a good personal dividend for every dollar they put into it. Let them see that it is absolutely necessary for their personal welfare that every farmer in the province be enrolled and that it is their privilege to take stock in this paying concern. Ask The Guide to devote one of its issues to this work every year just previous to the day set as our home mission day. I believe that our membership will respond nobly when they realize the necessity. The fund that can be raised in this way, if properly gone into, I believe will surprise us all, and would be ample for the work. Of course I have only made suggestions for the executive. If they think fit to take it up the details might be worked out by them and be adopted and amended by the convention if they see fit. I drafted a resolution on the subject and laid it before our local at the annual meeting which they endorsed and I trust has been forwarded to you.

Yours for co-operation in all that concerns our work.

W. H. SILVESTER.

We have an emergency fund started, shall be pleased to receive any sums to add to it.—F. W. G.

WATCH ARELEE

Arelee, Sask., Jan. 6, '12.

Dear Sir:—

We had a very favorable meeting held at E. C. Hultable's on January 6. There were 17 members joined again. The meeting was small on account of very cold weather, but we are going to try and have a larger association this year than last. The following officers were elected for 1912: President, M. E. Currie; vice-president, Wm. Ritchie; secretary, Herb. Sheppard; directors, Wm. King, E. C. Hultable, John Mark, Fred Straite, Gurley Palmer, John Johnson. John Mark was appointed delegate to attend the convention at Regina. We intend holding a basket social in the Balmoral school on February the 9th at 7 o'clock. The association is to meet at Herbert Sheppard's on February the 2nd at 2 o'clock. All members are requested to be present and also bring their friends.

Yours truly,
HERBERT SHEPPARD,
Secretary.

A THRIFTY YOUNGSTER

Chaplin, January 9, 1912.

Dear Sir:—
I am enclosing you report of our association since organization in July last. Please send us a list of the questions that will be before the convention for discussion.

The Valjean G. G. A. has a membership of 35. Since organization on July 15 the association has held eleven meetings. There has been bought co-operatively by our association one car of fence posts and two cars of coal, thereby saving the members about \$225.00. The loading platform at Valjean has also been put

in through the efforts of this association. Provision has been made by a committee of the association for the entertainment and instruction of the members during the winter months. The attendance and interest in the work has been most gratifying. In the coming year the association may be still more helpful to each member and to the district in general if all will give of their best efforts to the work.

Yours truly,
S. ELLWOOD,
Sec., Chaplin G. G. A.

Dark Riding, Jan. 6, 1912.

Dear Sir:—
I shall be glad if you can let me have a copy of resolutions which will be discussed at convention. I should like to have these by Friday if possible as that is our meeting night.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours truly,
SMITH MARSH,
Sec.-Treas.

This would take a newspaper.

STILL THEY COME

Ralph, Sask., Jan. 8, 1912.

Dear Sir:—
I am pleased to inform you that on Dec. 30, 1911, we organized at this place a branch of your association with an enrollment of 17 members. Name of association, "Ralph G. G. A.," name of officers and directors, see letterhead. I enclose one half of money paid in, \$8.50. If you desire anything further I am at your service and await your commands.

Yours very truly,
FRED W. SHOECRIFT,
Sec.

Legislate direct, no commanding.

BRIEFLETS

Sherwood.—Everybody admits the great good done by our association.

Reford.—Secretary is away for winter. Wm. J. Allen is acting pro. tem. Has had hard luck with crop this year.

Earl Grey.—Roy Forsman wants to form another new branch. Good! Keep working.

Buchanan.—Wm. Paterson is expecting to get branch going on new winter's work at once. Good! Keep branch working.

Wirral.—Are going to contribute their little mite. We remember one who gave a mite, which was most of all.

Laird.—Looking for good speaker. Ah! Hard to find. Local association should produce them.

Burnham.—Is going to hold a meeting to form a branch of our association. Welcome, Burnham!

Lang.—Going in for life members. Realize this is a life work. Humanity cannot be reconstructed in a year.

Excelsior.—Sends us their fees for 1911.

Oupar.—Attending to business. Who will, if they do not?

Greenwood.—Did not miss the biggest thing in the world. They are right in it. We are glad of it.

Lumsden.—Do not favor Paynter's hail insurance, being optional. Bound to be deficit. Will present another plan. All right, think it out.

Thorfield.—Not dead or forgotten. They are making it lively for robbers. The Guide is the cleanest of all periodicals. Splendid paper read by Mr. Mann. Rapidly increasing membership through their new canvassing plan. Discussing new elevator proposition. Good for Thorfield.

Wauchope.—Arcola line of the C.P.R. Still alive. Have strong convictions that the association is the best piece of machinery farmers have yet devised for their general good.

Woodleigh.—Is discussing important matters re convention. Right you are!

Plymouth.—After co-operative elevator. Holding meetings in afternoon on first Tuesday in each month and in evening on third Tuesday. Every meeting to be literary and social, under a regular topic schedule. Good idea!

Hazelcliff.—Is after information re convention. Full information will be along shortly.

McTaggart.—Wants good speaker. We have a faint recollection of a well advertised line of meetings for Partridge, Hopkins and Green, which were not successful. We are looking for good speakers. We want also some good thinkers.

Wolseley.—Is after reciprocal demurrage. Ah, now you are talking. Suppose, now, you compelled a car supply equal to the demand.

Springside.—Read their report.

Bradwell.—At low ebb. Are anxious to have a few public meetings and a speaker. Well, there is always a high tide after the ebb.

Sutherland.—Is trying to bring into being associations at South Aberdeen and Clark's Crossing. They will feel better after an effort like that.

Naseby.—Has reported. Questions answered. But that is not the end of all things.

Lawson.—Have a promise of life members and declare they will put a life member for every car central secretary will send. Watch our dust.

Redvers.—After the hail insurance plan. We sent them The Guide of October 18.

Eagle Creek.—Election has split Eagle Creek. Ah, well, there is as much water in the creek as before. Dam the creek and float the ship.

Ituna-Hubbard.—They want Lutheran literature. They are holding meetings on last Saturday of each month at three in the afternoon. Expense of running this association for year was \$3.50 per member. They endorse Paynter's hail insurance plan.

Lampman.—Have chosen their convention delegates.

High View.—Only a small number. Formed association. Settlers mostly French. Do not think the association is any good; it is only throwing away money. It cannot throw away much from such a view.

Bankend Ladstock.—Studying the constitution. Good! Act constitutionally.

Togo.—Up in arms at C.N.R. and their tardiness.

Othorn.—Never properly organized. It is not too late. We still need a live association at each shipping point. Up, and at it!

Spy Hill.—Invites us to a Grain Growers' dance. They are organizing an elevator company. All right, friend Perrin, elevator companies have had me dancing before this.

Valjean.—After membership cards again. Well done, Valjean.

Wheatfield.—Is in the running for delegates to the convention.

Foam Lake.—Had 67 annual and 5 life members 1911. Hold regular monthly meetings. Are after co-operative elevator.

Wapella.—Well, Wapella! You should see their convention resolutions—Hail, Direct Legislation, freight rates, tariff, Hudson Bay railroad, car shortage, reciprocal demurrage, sample market, dockage, and free rural mail delivery.

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