

FAIRLIGHT'S FINEST

St. Patrick's day was celebrated at Fairlight by the local branch of the Grain Growers' Association giving an entertainment and banquet, which was certainly one of the greatest successes in the history of our town. After a somewhat lengthy program, in which our local president gave a very talented address outlining the benefits derived from the association, the audience adjourned to the Hotel Fairlight, where Mr. and Mrs. Townsend had prepared a most sumptuous meal which was greatly enjoyed by all. As the clock struck ten, people began to retire to their homes, feeling that they had once more spent an evening long to be remembered. I believe such evenings as this, spent together, will ultimately greatly increase the membership, and we trust, this being the first of the kind, that each year will furnish a greater number to participate in the good things enjoyed at such a gathering.

A. M. EDWARDS.

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HURONVILLE'S GRAIN GROWERS' SONG

Composed by J. Harvey Lane, Secretary-Treasurer of the Huronville Branch, and sung at their annual banquet.

The organized farmers are gathering their men,
From prairie and plain, from valley and glen;
Good laws are our aim, we are earnest and strong,
Then come, join the Grain Growers and be working along.

CHORUS

Working along, we are working along,
Come join the Grain Growers and be working along.
By getting good laws, we'll be respected and strong,
Then come join the Grain Growers and be working along.

King Combine's army is gathering in might,
Then come to our help; come, join in the fight;
When we trust in our God, and our own right arm,
Then we're sure to get justice for the men on the farm.

We outnumber the Capitalists by many a score,
But they have the money and don't want to give o'er;
But the Grain Growers will conquer if all the farmers come
And join with us now, and be working along.

From Atlantic to Pacific, from the States to the Bay,
The Grain Growers are gaining in power, day by day,
Getting justice for the farmer, we still will grow strong;
Then come, join the Grain Growers and be working along.

BANGOR RAISED FORTY DOLLARS BY CONCERT

The Bangor association is all alive. Its members are in real earnest and acknowledge the fact that men united can do things, and moreover if they have the assistance of the ladies.

We held a concert on March 26, when the ladies helped so wonderfully that we had a splendid program, and our funds are swelled to the tune of \$40, as we cleared that sum. We organized this to defray the expenses of our delegate and find ourselves well on the right side. We are still signing on new members.

Yours truly,
HENRY WEBB, Sec.

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GLASSTON ASSOCIATION CO-OPERATIVE

The Glasston association is keeping up a fair amount of enthusiasm, and new members are being constantly enrolled. We hope very soon to reach the half-hundred mark. The matter of purchasing binder twine by the carload was taken up at meetings held during the winter and well discussed from all standpoints, and the executive decided it advisable to ask the Weirhill association to co-operate with us. They appointed Vice-President Noggle and Secretary Moynes to attend a meeting at Weirhill to lay our plans before them. When our representatives reached the Weirhill school, much to their surprise the twine question was being discussed, and after hearing what

information our secretary had obtained, they unanimously decided to act with us in purchasing twine. At our last meeting, on March 19, it was decided to place our order with the Farmers' Binder Twine Co., of Brantford, as their prices were the lowest. We also co-operated with our brothers from the north in the buying of formaldehyde, thereby making a saving of from 11 cents to 16 cents per pound.

A. C. MOYNES, Sec.-Treas.

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MR. A. G. HAWKES AT GREENWOOD

The members and friends of the Greenwood branch met at the school house on Tuesday evening, March 22, to have a social evening and to listen to an address by Mr. A. G. Hawkes. The attendance was not as large as was expected, owing, probably, to the early spring a number of the members having started working on the land.

The address by Mr. Hawkes was listened to with much interest as it brought us into touch with the work of our executive body. Songs and recitations were interspersed with short speeches by the members.

Our lady members were to the front as usual with refreshments for the inner man. A profitable and enjoyable evening was brought to a close soon after midnight.

GEO. PENSOM, Sec.-Treas.

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THIS MAY PROVE INTERESTING TO OUR MEMBERS

Copy of letter addressed to Isaac F. Doyle, New Warren, Sask.:

Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of a letter from F. W. Green, secretary of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association, together with a communication of yours to him of March 21. You state that in November last you stored in a special bin in the Lake of the Woods Milling Company's elevator at Rouleau, 1,600

Lake of the Woods Milling Company here, and as soon as I hear from them shall write you further.

Another thing I might draw your attention to is that I understand the Lake of the Woods elevator at Rouleau has not got any cleaner, neither have they any scales they could weigh out on, so if you are shipping grain to another point and taking delivery of it at Rouleau, you would not know whether you were getting your full weight or not.

In regard to the ticket you claim that the elevator company did not give you some two months ago: As the company have duplicates of all their tickets, it would be well for you to go in and see the buyer and demand a duplicate for the one lost. The elevator company here show that a storage ticket No. 232 was issued for you on November 3rd for 71 bushels of No. 1 Northern wheat. Whether this was the ticket you speak of I do not know.

Trusting this will be satisfactory in the meantime,

CHAS. C. CASTLE,

Warehouse Commissioner.

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WELL DONE, WAPELLA

Please find enclosed money order for \$32.50, being dues to the central association for sixty-five members, who, with five life members, makes a total of seventy. (Sgd.) J. A. MURRAY, Sec.-Treas. Wapella, Sask.

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STRENGTHENING INFLUENCE OF MR. HAWKES

Mr. Hawkes visited us at Waseca on the 18th. The meeting was not a crowded one, owing to the fine weather, and there being an auction sale at the same time in the immediate neighborhood. However there were about thirty present, and we enrolled four new members that day. I might say that Mr. Hawkes' visit

WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO FORM A G.G.A.

One of the best ways is for two or three good men to get together and talk the matter over as to what kind of an association they want, knowing that it will be what the individuals forming it make it.

Let each carry a paper similar to the following: "We, the undersigned, would like to have a branch of the Grain Growers' Association formed at and hereby agree to become members of same, and attend a meeting called for for the purpose of organizing and electing officers."

When sufficient names have been secured, call the meeting, and get some one of the promoters who has previously read the constitution and bylaws and otherwise prepared himself, to state the purpose of the meeting, and ask for the nomination of a chairman and a secretary. Then proceed to get those who have signed their names, and others who may wish to join, to pay the membership fee of \$1.00 as per the constitution. Then proceed to nominate and elect prominent officers as per the constitution. You have then got a little parliament, college or university of your own; and although you have not got the power to make laws to bind the province, you have an organization without limitations. You may develop and lead public opinion, which may not only dominate the provincial legislature, but also the Dominion legislature, and reach out further into the empire and influence the whole world.

After organizing you should immediately send a report of the meeting, together with the names of the officers and one-half of the fees collected, direct to the Central Office at Moose Jaw, and ask for such further information and literature as the secretary may be able to send you.

There are other ways of organizing, but this plan has given about as good results as any we know of.

You can then proceed to call in lecturers from other local associations or the Central, as you see fit, to entertain or instruct your organization.

F. W. GREEN.

bushels of wheat, and that a few days ago you went to the elevator and demanded your wheat to be loaded out on track so that you could ship same to the Farmers' Milling Co., of Duck Lake, and the elevator manager refused to ship your grain unless it was shipped to a terminal elevator.

I may say if you held storage tickets for a certain amount of grain, and if you surrendered these tickets, and paid all elevator charges in full, the elevator company would have to deliver you your grain at point of shipment if you requested them to do so, but you would have to take delivery of car at point of shipment. So that if you shipped the car to the Farmers' Milling Co., of Duck Lake, and it returned short, you would then have no redress against the Lake of the Woods Milling Co. On the other hand, if this car was shipped to a terminal elevator and it returned short, the elevator company would have to deliver you the amount of grain your ticket called for.

I have taken this matter up with the

has greatly strengthened our association, as all our members were anxious to hear something from headquarters, and to have some definite statement of what was being done.

Please find enclosed \$14.50, fees from twenty-nine members for the first quarter of the year. I sincerely hope to forward some more by the end of the next quarter. (Sgd.) LIONEL G. KNIGHT, Sec.-Treas.

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ANOTHER ONE GATHERED IN

Enclosed please find a money order for \$12.00, being life membership fee for T. F. Calder, of Saskatoon.

Would you mind letting me know where I can find the constitution of the G.G.A.? I have often been asked about it, so I would like to be prepared to answer any questions. (Sgd.) W. J. FLANIGAN, Langham.

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A BRIGHT OUTLOOK

I enclose herewith \$4.00, being half fees for eight members of the Springside

branch of the S.G.G.A. There are a number who will shortly join us.

When farmers realise the power they hold in their hands, and wisely used, the outlook for our country will indeed be bright.

(Sgd.) WM. DAVIS, Sr., Sec.-Treas.

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A NEW ASSOCIATION BORN

Enclosed please find \$10.00, being the dues for twenty members of the Nary Grain Growers' Association. I send you the names of all the members, both yearly and life members.

We thank you for the good speakers you sent out here. We were more than paid back our dollar from the first meeting. There will be more join, but I have been too busy to get after them.

(Sgd.) HANS MOLLERUD, Sec.-Treas.

This association has six life members and twenty annual members. In all, twenty-six.—Editor Sask. Sect.]

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A SUGGESTION FROM BEAVERDALE

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 10th inst., also of the 18th inst. with correspondence. Regarding life membership, I will do the best I can. Mr. C. Dunning is also taking the matter up. I think I told you before that this is a district that originally devoted itself almost wholly to stock-raising, so that grain growing is not so rapid as in some newer districts. Heavy scrub is also a drawback to extensive grain growing, but for mixed farming this district is hard to beat. I am telling you this so that you may see that it is more difficult to get life members. Now, I would like to make a suggestion to you along that line. From observation and experience, a farmer's life is not quite so palmy as some newspapers would have us believe, and a considerable amount of farmers, especially the fairly well educated ones, are not at all satisfied with the drudgery and routine of a farm, and a considerable amount of them sell out and move to town or elsewhere to make a more profitable living. These are the ones that would be most likely to make life members, if it was not for this restlessness. They simply say: "Well, I don't know that I will be farming another year," etc. Then there is another class that are, or claim to be, quite ignorant of the benefits of the G.G.A., and as for life membership, they would sooner invest \$12 in the Grain Growers' Grain Co. Others, again, are doing you a good turn if they subscribe \$1 and never attend a meeting. So there you are. This is not my suggestion, but how would it be to have the \$1 yearly, and about \$5 for a period of, say, ten or fifteen years, and the life members. I think by this method more money could be gathered in than by the two methods you have at present. I fully realize that great things could be done provided you can get sufficient funds. I would like to know what is your opinion. I hope to become a life member myself shortly.

On the 10th inst. we held a meeting and discussed the various resolutions at some length. The resolutions on glanders, gristing and the beef question were especially gone into, and gave much satisfaction, and it was the desire of the members present that I inform you of same. The surtax resolution was not favorable.

A resolution was also passed that the secretary of the central shall petition the government to have a farmers' manual of law consolidated and furnished to the different grain growers' associations at a reasonable price. The object of this resolution was to give farmers generally a chance of knowing the law relative to everything a farmer should know.

The members expressed themselves as satisfied with the commission. I am pleased to say that we are creeping up in numbers and now muster forty-two members. Enclosed you will find \$11 for fees due.

(Sgd.) C. EVEREST, Sec.-Treas. Beaverdale, Sask.

When sending photographs to us be sure not to roll them but send them flat.