

Manitoba

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MINTO FLOURISHING

Mr. R. McKenzie,
Winnipeg.

Dear Sir:—
Enclosed please find cheque for \$35.75 (less exchange), being our dues for 1914. We have seventy-one members and our Association is in good standing. We had a meeting on the 30th September, with nearly all the members present, and have ordered five cars of coal and one car of apples and expect to handle flour and feed after awhile.

Sincerely yours,
CHAS. H. McKINNON,
Sec'y Minto Ass'n.

A WELCOME GIFT

Mr. R. McKenzie,
Winnipeg.

Dear Sir:—
I beg to inform you that at a meeting of our Association, held October 3, a

motion was passed asking me to forward you, as secretary of the M.G.G.A., \$50, to be used as you may best deem advisable. Kindly let me know when you wish the money sent.

Yours truly,
D. S. BLACK,
Sec'y Oak River Branch M.G.G.A.

THE PATRIOTIC FUND

J. B. Parker, Gilbert Plains, writes: "We discussed your proposition contributing to the war relief fund, and I have been instructed to tell you that we approve of it, and we think that at least \$50 can be got from Gilbert Plains Association."

Ben Richardson, of Beaver, writes: "In reply to your letter regarding the Patriotic Fund, we held a meeting last night and had our minister give an address on the war, how it began and what it

means to us and our duty as citizens, and we had a large crowd out and decided to take up a subscription for the fund. Four collectors were appointed. The idea is to collect money and if flour is desired to purchase flour with it, but all were in favor of doing something as an Association. We will let you know as soon as we are done collecting."

Ben F. Boughen, secretary Valley River Branch, says: "Your circular under date of September 23 received, re contribution to a war relief fund, and was considered in regular meeting. A resolution was passed as follows:

"Resolved: That this branch of the M.G.G.A. is heartily in accord with the movement and suggests the giving of a contribution."

In response to the many letters (such as given above) received at the Central office from branches of the Grain Growers' Association in Manitoba, asking to have an opportunity so contribute to the "Relief Fund" for those who are suffering thru the war, the Central executive has decided to ask our different branches to take up a voluntary cash subscription as soon as can conveniently be done, in

as many of our branches as feel disposed to assist.

It is the desire of the executive that these contributions shall be made in cash and shall be purely voluntary, and every member of the Association or any farmers and others wishing to help will be given an opportunity to contribute. A suggestion has been made to have the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association give direct to the Prince of Wales' Fund as a token of our sympathy to those in need of it, covering the refugees from Belgium and widows and orphans of British soldiers.

Contributions should be sent to the Central office, Winnipeg, and it is desirable in order to meet the views of the majority of the branches contributing, that each branch indicate how their contribution is to be spent, if they have any choice in the matter. All subscriptions will be acknowledged on this page of The Guide as received.

R. McKENZIE,
Secretary.

INDUSTRIES AND THE CRISIS

A critical period in a nation's history is a good time to take stock as to what industries can be relied on in times of distress. Canada, as part of the British Empire, is now in that position. The upheaval in Europe is causing a searching of hearts, a looking around us, as it were, for the source of our strength. The demands of the war upon our resources have caused people to think and to attempt a proper perspective. It is interesting to note to what source thinking people look for our relief.

For the last decade our people had been trained to the idea that the future of Canada was dependent upon building up manufacturing industries, creating centres of population, building up financial institutions; promoting speculation and extension of transportation facilities. We hitched our wagon to captains of industry, lords of finance, and combinations of commercial interests.

Now, when adverse circumstances meet us, in our distress we turn away from these and look to another source for relief, some more enduring star to hitch our wagon to.

The mentality of the people of Canada has been for the last decade especially directed to relying on the building up of industries and centres of population. The people on the land were previously taxed so as to build up industries to provide employment in cities. Boards of trade of our towns, in their anxiety to attract industries, taxed themselves and future generations with bonuses to induce manufacturers into their midst in the vain hope that thereby they would build their town into a metropolis. In order to bolster up those visions of future greatness, municipal offices and other public bodies vied with each other in instituting a carnival of extravagant expenditures by borrowing on credit, established by exaggerated reports of the fertility of our soil and the vastness of our natural resources until we reached the limit of our borrowing powers, and the flow of money into the country ceased. Then our trouble commenced. When war was declared in Europe was an opportune time to excuse our folly by attributing the cause of our trouble to war.

It is very interesting to notice the part played in the present crisis by some of the large industries that Canada built up by her system of custom taxation; how those industries are meeting the exigencies created by our economic folly, how industries established at the expense of consumers ostensibly for the purpose of giving employment to labor meet the purpose for which they were sustained. The fact is that so soon as the stress of hard times struck us many of our largest industries closed down and left their employees to look out for themselves.

Two outstanding illustrations are the iron and steel industries and the agricultural implement manufacturers.

Canada has done much for the iron and steel industry by way of cash bonuses and tariff protection. When it came the turn of the iron and steel industry to do something for Canada they failed ignominiously. No other industry has imposed so much burden on agriculture, nor has been the cause of so many abandoned farms in Canada, as the agricultural implement industries.

The iron and steel industry is reported in 1911 as employing upwards of 11,000 employees, and the agricultural implement industry upwards of 9,090. Giving em-

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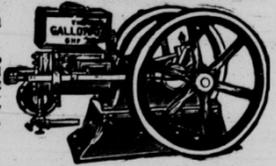
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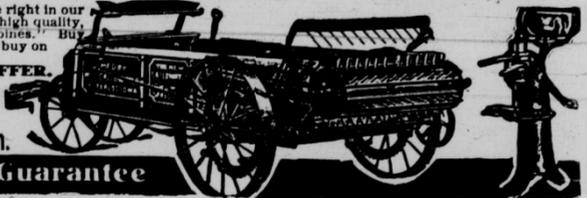
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