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## CO-OPERATION IN THE AIR

Enclosed please find money order for \$1.50 for new members of New Bank association. The farmers here are getting more interested in the work of the G.G.A. A number of resolutions were passed at our last meeting which we hope will bring good results. A number are thinking of getting their winter's coal in car lots, and if you can give us any information that would help us it will be greatly appreciated.

ARTHUR OWENS,

Sec'y New Bank Association.

Arthur Owens, Esq.

Yours of the 31st ult. to hand. We are indeed glad to know your association is waking up to the great possibilities contained in a farmers' cohesive union capable of securing hearty co-operation of all its members towards bettering conditions in their own particular locality as well as a betterment of conditions for the whole farming class throughout the Province of Saskatchewan. When we are able to throw down every other consideration as of less importance and fully realize that the most important local thing is to secure better conditions for rural life as the base upon which all our national structure rests, we shall have accomplished a great purpose. This will necessitate, in my humble opinion, a new constructive idea in politics as well as in our business relationships. Co-operation must be actively engaged in by our farmers if there is to be any increase of the margin of profit in our farming operations. It is not enough to continue to go on increasing our output in the various branches of agriculture unless we attend to the business end or the economics of our operations in such a way as to whittle off all useless expenditure and consider the securing of our purchases direct from the producer and deliver our product direct to the consumer.

I feel sure that the words in our letterhead contain a text which has involved in it a sermon of sufficient importance that if worked into the warp and woof of the character structure of all our members it will bring about such a change in our farm operations and social relationships as will revolutionize the status of the tillers of the soil in the great province in which we live. Let me draw your attention once again to them: "Agitate to Organize; Organize to Educate; Educate to Co-operate; Co-operate to Emancipate." I trust that the importance of each one of these stages will seize upon the members throughout our entire province.

Meantime, for co-operative information you should write Charles Dunning, Esq., manager Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Co., Regina, which organization was inaugurated practically to conduct operations along the lines you suggest, and furthermore, he has been appointed on a special committee to consider and negotiate regarding the possibilities along the line of co-operative trade.

F. W. G.

The usual meeting of the Hillview branch was held on Saturday last, when there was an exceptionally good attendance. Mr. W. J. Wilson, president, was in the chair. After the minutes were read and adopted the labor question for the forthcoming harvest was discussed, and it was finally decided that the secretary be instructed to insert an advertisement in the Harris Herald asking local farmers in need of help to communicate with him before August 10, in order that he might form an estimate to send to Saskatoon Board of Trade, who had promised to help as much as possible, if correct estimates were forwarded. A lively discussion then took place on matters of much local interest.

The business part of the meeting being finished, the ladies took charge, with Mrs. Kyle in the chair. Her paper, "A Prairie Problem," which is

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herewith appended, was greatly appreciated. At the close a hearty lunch, provided by the ladies, was partaken of, followed by a vote of thanks to Mrs. Kyle and her helpers.

## "A Prairie Problem"

Many and varied are the problems that perplex the prairie settlers. Some are common to the race, others indigenous to the soil. Some of the problems that perplexed the early settlers have passed or are passing away before the onward march of progress, others have been faced and conquered by the stout hearts and strong hands of our prairie pioneers, many still remain to be grappled with. Shall we consider one of these tonight? Which of the many shall we choose? How to keep warm with the thermometer 50 below zero? How to keep cool when that instrument registers 100 in the shade? How to "kill-em-quick" when the objects are gophers and noxious weeds? How to get No. 1 hard from the elevator man? How to keep good tempered if one is a woman and is driven by the hundred and one details of the daily round? How to "raise the wine" when wheat is "falling"? How to raise the wheat when the hail has fallen? How to exchange "airy nothings" with the implement man when solid specie is in demand? How to cook for a male relative who has taken his "bachelor's degree" in the art? Last, but not least of the problems that perplex, how to find time to write a paper for the G.G.A. when the work is "on" inside and out? Having shown how prolific is our theme we will leave our list "on the table" and touch on a problem not yet mentioned.

There is a marked tendency among us as "prairie-ites" (to coin a word) to become self-centered, to resemble the man whose prayer was for "me and my wife, brother John and his wife—us four—no more." The numerous cares and toils inseparable from the settler's life are largely responsible for this state of things, but it would be as well for us to ask ourselves, whither is this tendency towards the self-centered life leading us? To what extent has it already affected the social, political and religious life of our community? If we do so, we will surely own that we have in our midst an evil, which, if not checked will become increasingly a bane to ourselves and our country. The remedy lies at our doors. Reform, like charity, begins at home. Let us see to it that we are not bounded by our own acres of wheat or our own pasture lots. We dwellers in this land of wide blue

sky and rolling prairie ought to have a wide outlook on life, recognizing its highest aims and duties. Our presence in this meeting tonight shows that, to some extent at least we are taking this larger outlook. The G.G.A. stands not for selfish purposes but for purposes of mutual helpfulness and good will. May we seek to foster these qualities more and more, and so hasten on that good time when the greatest and best in all ages have striven after, which our Maker and Master planned.

"When man tae man the world owre  
Shall brithers be, an' a' that."

We have succeeded in organizing a G.G.A. at this point. I enclose a copy of the minutes for your inspection. This branch was formed in Armley, on the N.W. of 3-48-14 west of 2nd. Should like at least 50 membership tickets. Shall I have to keep sending in 50c every time I get a new member or can you wait till I get about ten. Please send me further particulars. Please send cards as soon as possible, as I want to collect fees.

WALTER PERKINS,

Sec'y Armley Branch.

Walter Perkins, Esq.

We are pleased to receive your letter of August 7, informing us of the formation of a branch of the G.G.A. at your point. We are enclosing you copy of our constitution in case you have not received one. You will note one-half of the membership fees must be sent in to Central. After your organization, membership fees may be sent in quarterly. It is not necessary to send them every time you take in a member. We note you require particulars as to benefits that may be received from our organization. Our organization is not a trading concern. If you will read the constitution you will see its objects and purposes are clearly stated. No organization has more results to its credit than ours, in bringing about legislation in the interests of the farmers and fighting their battles. I am enclosing you a copy of two letters written today to other associations which may be of interest to your association and give you some further information. I also enclose you a copy of literature, a careful perusal of which will give you much information. I shall be pleased to hear from you again.

F. W. G.

## Co-operation in Fruit Shipment

F. W. Green, Esq.

Thank you for your very kind and sympathetic letter acknowledging the cherries. It tickled me all down the

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At Large:—E. A. Partridge, Binaluta; F. W. Green, Moose Jaw; George Langley Maymont; A. G. Hawkes, Percival; J. B. Musselman, Cupar; James Robinson, Walpole.

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back, especially what you say about their condition after the long journey. I had always contended that these firm cherries could be shipped direct to the consumer for a reasonably long distance when quite ripe. As my crop increases it has been my intention to try and find customers to whom I can ship direct. There were three kinds in the lot I sent you, Royal, Lambert and King, and they were only a fair sample of what I can grow here. Our climate and soil is peculiarly adapted to cherries, and I think to the early kind of peaches, too. I sold \$60.00 worth of cherries this season off my few trees, mostly sweet ones. Next season, if favorable, I should have double the quantity and will certainly send some to Moose Jaw. I wish I had sent you a sample sooner and then more would have followed this year. I intend to accept your kind invitation and send some other fruits. I will try a couple of crates of blackberries in a few days; they are just beginning to ripen fast, also two crates of peaches as soon as ready. I will send a card first. Will send the fruit as an experiment, if over-ripe and not in good condition let the loss be mine. Blackberries are poor stuff if not ripe, and I think as a rule, owing to the many hands through which they pass, they are shipped too green to be very palatable. I will not have many peaches this season, but I have over 100 trees just coming into bearing of the Triumph, a good early variety. Some time I will tell you more about this region and its capabilities.

Thanking you again for your kind interest.

Renatta, B.C.

F. W. HASH.

## Moving Forward

Please find enclosed \$15.00, being \$10.00 for membership fees and \$5.00 for a box of buttons. This makes \$20.00 paid to you this year in fees for forty members. We held a very successful picnic on July 1, our net proceeds being over \$30.00. Our meetings have been fairly well attended this summer.

JOSEPH MELLING,

Sec'y Whiteberry Branch.

## Short and to the Point

Enclosed is \$4.00 for membership fees from Cooper Creek association.

E. J. REDDING,

Sec'y Cooper Creek Branch.

## "IDEAL" Portable Threshing Engine

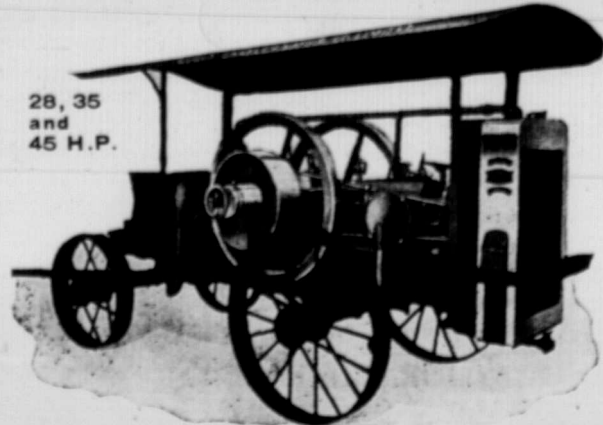
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