

Saskatchewan

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YOUNG BUT PROGRESSIVE

On Jan. 30, 1914, Frank B. Pearson called a meeting of the farmers of the Thunder Creek district for the purpose of organizing a local branch of the Saskatchewan G.G.A.

We were fortunately able to secure Thos. P. Conlon to speak to and organize us. In spite of the bad weather and a cold drive, he was successful in getting a membership of twenty to start off with. Provisional officers were elected till the next meeting, when officers for the year were elected as follows: President, Frank B. Pearson; vice-president, M. Holtslander; secretary-treasurer, E. W. Johnson; directors, Ned Oleson, H. G. Wilcox, F. Peterson, Peter Johnson, Carl Johnson and Louis Johnson. M. Holtslander and H. G. Wilcox were appointed delegates to the convention.

At our next meeting the delegates did their best to explain what they saw and heard at the Convention and a vote of thanks was accorded to them by an appreciative audience. Their expenses at the convention were covered by a whip round and enough was netted to put a surplus of \$1.55 in the treasury. We elected committees and the social committee arranged a dance, with refreshments, which turned out very much to their credit and netted the local several dollars. The commercial committee have also been busy and we have ordered a car of flour at \$2.40 per bag, being a saving of ninety cents per bag on local prices. We have also ordered two cars of fence posts at 11c a post, which is also a considerable saving on local prices.

We have up to date sixty six very enthusiastic members, and taking into consideration that we have only been started ten weeks we consider that we have a right to call our local a progressive one. We are holding a picnic on Dominion Day, when we hope to reach the century mark, if not before.

We are arranging to sell our butter and eggs collectively. Mr. Lambert, of our commercial committee, has taken this matter in hand and is forming a shippers' association.

We have also been successful in setting the Darmody Grain Growers aright and they have organized to help in the great fight for a square deal and to reduce the high cost of living.

As we are trying to make our local the most progressive in the district you will hear from us again at no distant date.

E. W. JOHNSON,
Secretary Thunder Creek G.G.A.

SALEM STARTS WELL

It is with great pleasure that I make my first report of the newly formed Grain Growers' Association of Salem. There was a meeting called at the Silver Moon Ranch, April 2, which was very well attended and everyone seemed enthusiastic.

It was moved that Charles Smoothey act as chairman and W. H. Zeigler, secretary. The chairman then introduced Mr. Holstein, the official organizer, who proceeded to convince the audience what the G.G.A. was, what it had done, how it had grown and how powerful an organization it was. Thruout his speech he brought out things which opened many a farmer's eye and at the finish Mr. Holstein was well applauded.

Twenty members responded very rapidly and the following officers were elected: President, Charles Smoothey; vice-president, W. J. Lloyd; secretary-treasurer, C. D. E. Bernison; directors, W. H. Zeigler, S. Rambough, George E. Gooling, Lew Mack, Alex. Gradwell, Karl Goether.

There were several who spoke on co-operation. Robert Gould gave a very eloquent talk on this subject. Harry Good also spoke. In fact it was very surprising to see and hear such an intelligent lot of farmers, and to think we have been so long in organizing a G.G.A. We are taking immediate steps

in co-operation, while only on a small scale just at present, our motto being: "We will learn to creep before we walk."

It was decided to hold another meeting the following Thursday, April 9, as we expected a few more new members, which accounts for not making a report sooner. At this meeting four new members joined and we proceeded to buy a few things co-operatively, and each member who purchased at this meeting saved enough to put back his dollar in his pocket that he had paid into the Salem G.G.A. for membership. We hope in our next report to show you a decided increase in our membership.

C. D. E. BERNISON, Sec.

SUB-DIRECTOR WORKING

Enclosed find two dollars, being \$1.50 for membership cards and 50c for constitutions. As sub-director for this district I organized an association at the Schell school, Cullen, with 25 members on March 26. The association is called the Schell association, with James Lind, Cullen P.O., as secretary. I predict a bright future for their association as they are all anxious to see it going in good shape.

These cards and constitutions by return mail will be appreciated as I have a call to organize at Viewfield in the near future, probably April 6.

G. E. NOGGLE,
Lampman.

GLENELLEN ORGANIZED

On Monday evening, March 1, the farmers in the vicinity of Glenellen met at Wm. Henwood's for the purpose of organizing a branch of the Grain Growers' Association. Twenty-three enrolled as members and two members of the Mountain View branch transferred their membership, making a total of twenty-five members.

H. Cookman acted as chairman and W. Hedrick, secretary-treasurer of Mountain View association, acted as secretary pro tem. The officers elected were as follows: President, Wm. Henwood; vice-president, M. A. W. Ricalton; secretary-treasurer, J. J. Seymour; directors, Byron Anderson, P. Ewen, Jos. Clemens, L. Olmstead, C. Barber, Wm. Seymour.

After some little business was done the meeting adjourned to meet on April 7.

JOHN SEYMOUR,
Secretary Glenellen Assn.

HARD TIMES DOING GOOD?

Enclosed please find money order for \$8.50 being membership fees to Central for seventeen new members. This brings our paid up members for 1914 to 41.

Am pleased to tell you the movement towards the association in this country for miles around is something good to see. The people seem to realize the importance and necessity of organization. This local, within the last six or eight months, has handled two cars of fence posts, two cars of coal and two cars of cordwood. This little bit of co-operative buying has certainly demonstrated to them the saving they can bring about by getting together and we have secured some new members at each meeting of this year up to now. Are these hard times doing some good? I believe so.

WM. F. MERCER,
Sec. New Bank G.G.A.

ANOTHER NEW BRANCH

I am sending you a report of a meeting held March 27 for the purpose of organizing a Grain Growers' Association. Laundale was the name given our association. The following officers were elected: President, Jack Estlen; vice-president, James Archibald; secretary, George W. Wilson; directors, Gus Powell, Rex Little, A. Anderson, A. Estler, Tom Bateson, Rob. Graham.

The meeting was held at the home of Jack Estlen, as we have not a school

house in the district. We will continue to hold meetings in farm houses until the school house is built.

The ladies also organized the same day at the home of Mrs. G. W. Wilson and got seven members. They expect to double their membership at next meeting. Mr. McNaughton, of Hillview Branch, organized the men and Mrs. McNaughton organized the ladies.

GEORGE W. WILSON,
Secretary, Laundale G.G.A.

WORK IN DISTRICT No. 7

As already reported, re District No. 7 convention at Melville, you know that we appointed five organizers and I am writing this short note to let you know what has been done so far. I have received \$60.50 from different Associations and intend to send you a list later to have published in The Guide. Up to date \$20 has been spent. R. H. Bobier, of Tantallon, has visited five Associations and sent in a very encouraging report. Mr. Bobier deserves every recognition for his work and devotion to our Association. He has had the misfortune at some time of his life to lose one leg, but for all that he has driven a good many miles with his own team thru good or bad weather to attend these meetings. He also had dates set for other meetings, which were put off owing to bad weather prevailing. Mr. Anderson, of Lanigan, visited one local and held three other meetings. He was successful in organizing Watrous Association. Mr. Anderson is an elderly gentleman of nearly three score and ten years of age, and I am very sorry to say contracted a severe cold, which turned to pneumonia, whilst at this work. I myself have visited three Associations and held other two meetings, organizing Ash Leaf local and re-organizing Kamantha. The work of secretary of the district takes quite a little time and I think that we might have had this part of our work done by the Central, but seeing that I accepted the work, I will do my best until the next district convention.

I have not yet received a report from Mr. Gabriel and Mr. Barr, but am sure that they are at work and will be reporting later. I think that the convention should express its appreciation of the work done by all the men in the different districts, for, as you know, it takes quite a lot of time and means some cold and stormy driving to do this kind of work. An expression of appreciation would encourage them and urge them to still greater efforts. Do you think it would be possible to insert a small article in The Guide saying that if any of the people in District No. 7 wish to form new locals, or re-organize old ones, they should write to me and I will endeavor to send an organizer. It would be well to state at the same time the boundaries of the district. I have promised to visit four other Associations and expect to hear from others.

H. C. FLEMING,
Sec'y District No. 7.

Kindly note that District No. 7 is the main line of the G.T.P. eastward from Saskatoon to Manitoba boundary, and C.P.R. Kirkella line eastward from Nokomis to Manitoba boundary.

175 PAID UP MEMBERS

On January 16 our Association gave an oyster supper to celebrate the close of the membership contest which resulted in making this a banner year as far as members are concerned, there being 175 names on our books paid up. We were very sorry President Maharg was unable to be present and give us an address, but were glad Director F. M. Gates, of Fillmore, could be with us and give the members the history of the Association and point out where it had been a great benefit to the farmers of the province regardless of membership. Hon. George Bell, after complimenting the ladies on the feast set before the multitude, gave an address on co-operation, in which he said it was the best way of keeping the members together and was glad to know our Association was progressing along that line. Some 250 sat down to supper and every one enjoyed themselves. After the addresses the young folks kept time to the music while the older Grain Growers wended their way home over the prairie, thinking how strong the Grain Growers' cause has become here.

G. E. NOGGLE,
Sec'y Lampman Assn.



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