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Honorary President:	Virden
J. W. Scallion	President:
R. C. Henders	Vice-President:
J. S. Wood	Secretary-Treasurer:
R. McKenzie	Winnipeg

DIRECTORS' MEETING

The directors of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association held their first meeting after the convention on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, January 14, 15 and 16. All the members were present. The first business was the election of two members of the directors to the executive. On ballot being taken Messrs. Peter Wright and R. J. Avison were elected.

The secretary was instructed to get five thousand copies of the annual report printed and have them distributed among the branches in proportion to the membership. It was agreed that the secretary send a circular to the branches asking them to pay for these reports an amount sufficient to pay for the printing. The secretary was also instructed to get two thousand copies of the constitution printed and have enough copies sent to each branch to provide a copy for each director and official of the branch.

It was moved by Mr. English and seconded by Mr. McArthur, that the secretary be instructed to provide each director with a list of the associations and the secretaries in his district indicating the branches who have not paid their annual dues for 1913, in order that steps may be taken to have someone visit these branches. A lengthy discussion ensued on the advisability of asking the branches who make demand for speakers at special meetings of the association to pay the expenses of the speaker. The secretary was instructed to issue a circular to notify the secretaries that when a special call is made for a speaker for a special gathering the branch will be expected to pay the expenses incurred thereby.

Messrs. Wright, English, Avison, Wood and Henders were appointed on a committee to present the resolutions dealing with the different bodies passed at the annual convention to the Railway Companies, the City Council and the Grain Exchange, and the same committee to continue through the year to deal with any question arising with any of these representative bodies. Messrs. McArthur, Simpson, Wood, Wilson and McKenzie were appointed a committee to deal with the Hail Insurance Bill and to watch its progress thru the House, and also any question that might arise in connection with the Grain Commission. The secretary was authorized to investigate the Winnipeg Central Market conditions and confer with that board with a view of ascertaining how far they would be prepared to co-operate with the Grain Growers' Association in the handling of all kinds of farm produce, with the power to call in any assistance he may deem necessary.

Union Stockyard Situation

Mr. Geo. Baird, president of the Stock Shippers' Association, had a long conference with the board in reference to the situation surrounding the Union Stockyards, and gave some valuable information to the board in connection therewith. On Thursday morning the board had a conference with the Winnipeg Board of Control in reference to the stockyards. On Friday morning the board had a conference with the Premier of Manitoba and the representatives of the abattoirs concerning the same subject. The result of these interviews was that a joint conference representing all the bodies concerned, the Manitoba Government, the Winnipeg City Council, the Abattoirs, the Stock Shippers' Association, the Railways, the Union Stockyards Board and the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, will be held on Friday, January 23, at 2.30 p.m., in the City Hall.

Seed Grain Rates

The directors also had a conference with the railway companies upon the proposition of continuing the practice of carrying seed grain at reduced rates. A committee of the board waited upon the representatives of the railways in regard thereto, but could not prevail upon them to continue this practice any longer, the reason given being that the privilege had been so abused that they did not feel justified to continue with the exception of carrying pedigree seed grain at half the local rate to any point on their lines in the prairie provinces.

On motion of Peter Wright and R. J. Avison the secretary was appointed as representative of the Grain Growers' Association on the delegation of the Political Equality League to wait upon the government on January 27. Messrs. Henders, Avison and McKenzie were appointed as representatives to the annual meeting of the Canadian Council of Agriculture, to be held in Moose Jaw on February 14. T. A. Crerar was given the power of delegate for the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association at the convention of the United Farmers of Alberta, to be held in Lethbridge on January 21 to 23.

Moved by Peter Wright and seconded by W. H. English, that the directors of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association desire to express their appreciation of the manner in which the work of reporting the proceedings of our convention at Brandon was carried out by the Western press reporters, they having conveyed to the public not only the details, but to a large extent the spirit of the convention.

PRESENTATION TO POPULAR OFFICER

The sixth annual social of the Foxwarren Grain Growers' association was held in the School-house on Friday evening, December 19. There was a large attendance and a good program, interspersed with speeches. We had with us W. H. English, of Harding, George White, of The Grain Growers' Grain Company, Winnipeg, Lewis St. Geo. Stubbs, of Birtle, Frank Simpson, of Shoal Lake, and our old friend John Dandridge, also of Shoal Lake. They spoke on the social and economic questions of the day and urged all farmers to join the Association. When the program had been partly rendered, R. J. Donnelly, Secretary, came forward and, with a few opening remarks, stated that as our president, C. Burdett, had been re-elected for the sixth year, we could not let the present occasion pass without showing him that we appreciated what he has done for the past five years, in which time he had not missed one meeting. Mr. Donnelly then proceeded to read the following address, accompanied by the presentation of a gold watch, with chain and locket, which were suitably engraved: "Cheney Burdett, Esq.,

"Dear Sir:—We, the members of the Foxwarren branch of the Grain Growers' association, desire to express and record our recognition and appreciation of the long and valuable services you have rendered to the Association generally, and to our branch in particular. You have been one of the most earnest and loyal supporters of the Grain Growers' movement since its inception, ever ready to respond to all calls made upon you. As a director of the Association, you were faithful and capable in your duties and your wise counsel and able leadership as president of our branch is, in a large measure, responsible for its success. Your devotion to our cause has won our sincere admiration, while your private worth, your generous and genial disposition, have endeared you to all who have been brought into contact with you. That every blessing may attend Mrs. Burdett and yourself as you journey through life is our earnest prayer. We ask you to accept this gold watch presented herewith as a token of the esteem and affection which we bear towards you.

Signed, on behalf of the members,
CHRISTY McNEIL, Vice-Pres.,
R. J. DONNELLY, Sec.-Treas."

Mr. Burdett replied in a few well chosen words and to say he was surprised was putting it mildly. He thanked the members for their kindness and said that he had done all he could for the Grain Growers' movement in the past and would continue to do the same in the future, and that he would always appreciate the gift, as he knew it was given in a true spirit.

When the program had been gone thru, the refreshments, supplied by the ladies, were given special attention and showed that the Foxwarren ladies still uphold their reputation for good things for the inner man. After singing God Save the King, they dispersed,

feeling that they had spent a most enjoyable and instructive evening.

The presentation was made by Miss Emma Boyd, second daughter of Thos. Boyd, a successful farmer in this district.

R. J. DONNELLY, Sec.

GUIDE ENDORSED

At a recent meeting of the Winchester Grain Growers' association, Thos. Watson, agent for The Guide at this point, brought before the meeting some of the objects of The Guide, also the kind of opposition The Guide had to contend with by following an independent policy, and asked the meeting for an expression of opinion on the work being done by The Guide.

A resolution was passed endorsing the policy of The Guide and recommending it to all farmers and the public generally as a wholesome, fearless journal that should receive the support of all citizens that desire to see equal rights and justice prevail.

ALBERT McGREGOR, Sec.
Arden P.O., Man.

The secretary of the Otterburn branch writes as follows:

At a special meeting of the Otterburn branch, held this day, it was unanimously adopted that "All the resolutions adopted at the meeting of the Canadian Council of Agriculture be strongly endorsed." I have been instructed to inform you of this fact and to ask you to do all in your power to strengthen the hands of the Canadian Council of Agriculture on our behalf.

T. C. BUCKLAND, Sec.

Letters in the above strain have been received from a large number of our branches.

BENITO HAS BRIGHT FUTURE

I here report the outcome of the meeting of organizer M. McCuish, held here on December 17. Owing to the short notice of Mr. McCuish's arrival in the district, I had only one day in which to advertise the meeting. However, owing to the Government telephone being installed this season, I soon got busy and called them out to hear Mr. McCuish, who explained the need and use for such an organization as the Grain Growers; what it has done since it was founded in 1903, and how it had grown to be a power in the land in grappling the great questions of the day for furthering the interests of the farmer. He showed that we could not do without the Association; also the amount of co-operative buying that is going on, and what a strength we would be had we the support of all the farmers. He also made special mention of The Guide, and The Grain Growers' Grain company, and considering Mr. McCuish was suffering from an attack of la grippe, he certainly made an able speech, impressing us to fight on in the good fight, which we will do, I assure you. After Mr. McCuish's speech, the election of officers took place, which resulted in Thunder Hill organization amalgamating with Benito, which will make Benito branch the brightest Association in this district, and the future looks better than ever for this branch.

J. S. PATTEN, Sec.-Treas.

The Ingelow branch held their annual meeting recently in the Grain Growers' Hall. The president, Mr. McHwraith, occupied the chair. A motion was passed endorsing the action taken by the Canadian Council of Agriculture in appealing to Ottawa for reduction of tariff, etc. A request was made that the secretary write to the Single Tax League for a speaker to address them on that subject. The following officers were elected for the year: President, Mr. Booth; vice-president, Mr. McHwraith; secretary-treasurer, J. A. Wilson; directors, Messrs. Miller, Redding, Boales, A. Smith, R. Fraser and J. M. Brougham. It was suggested that the branch meet first and third Saturdays in each month during the winter at 2 p.m. The subject for discussion for the next meeting is to be co-operation. This is a very live subject at the present time among our local associations.

Directors:

Peter Wright, Myrtle; R. M. Wilson, Marringhurst; P. D. McArthur, Longburn; Frank Simpson, Shoal Lake; W. H. English, Harding; R. J. Avison, Gilbert Plains.

BIG INCREASE AT LAUDER

The local Grain Growers celebrated on the evening of the 13th inst. and had a successful time. The occasion was the meeting for the purpose of hearing the report of the delegates to the Brandon convention, viz., D. D. McArthur and the writer. A committee had been appointed to prepare a program and another had charge of making preparations for serving a lunch, and the result was that the efforts of both were crowned with success. The weather was perfect, and as the affair had been well advertised locally the hall was filled to its capacity by a most sympathetic and attentive audience, which seemed to appreciate the lengthy program, which consisted of songs, recitations, instrumental music, etc., by local talent. The interest of the evening seemed to focus round the address of W. H. English, district director, who gave a most interesting talk upon matters pertaining to Association work, interspersed with pointed stories, which kept the audience in good humor as well as giving emphasis and pith to the remarks of the speaker. Delegate McArthur spoke at some length upon the proceedings of the recent convention and impressions there received, while the writer gave a brief talk upon hail insurance, concluding with the treatment which the Hail Insurance Bill met with when up for discussion. During the intermission for lunch, which had been provided by the ladies, some missionary work was done, with the result that the active membership was increased from twenty-three to thirty-five, and the ladies showed their interest in the Grain Growers' movement by joining as associate members to the number of thirty-three. This is a hopeful sign in Association work, for the ladies always make things go when they take hold. The proceedings were brought to a close just at 12 o'clock by all joining in singing the National Anthem.

D. S. CRAM,

Secretary.

CO-OPERATION AT HARDING BRANCH

I have much pleasure in submitting my annual report. We held our annual meeting on December 22 and had twenty members present, who all paid their membership for another year. There was more real enthusiasm in our meeting than I ever saw in Harding before. We went into co-operation a little this year, and it is surprising what a difference it makes with the farmer when he sees what can be made by us bringing in our own stuff. We shipped in a car of salt, car of apples and about \$600 worth of groceries, and our people are just awakening to the fact that we will have to look after our own interests in the future.

W. H. ENGLISH,

Sec.-Treas.

GILBERT PLAINS' NEW OFFICERS

The adjourned annual meeting of the Gilbert Plains Grain Growers' Association was held in Braddeen Hall at 3 o'clock on the 28th of December. There was a good attendance and much enthusiasm manifested. Previous to the election of officers for the year 1914 the question of disbanding and re-organizing north and south of the town was fully discussed, most of the members expressed their views. It was finally decided to continue as in the past and make a special effort to introduce co-operative dealing among the members during the coming year. The following were elected as officers for 1914: President, W. Shaw; vice-president, G. Delgatty; secretary-treasurer, J. B. Parker; directors, J. Nickle, E. Thurley, J. Campbell, G. Lynch, W. E. Stroughton and J. Sutherland; delegates to convention, J. Nickle, W. Shaw and J. R. Dutton.

Whilst the year 1913 has not been as successful as some preceding years as regards membership and meetings held, yet we have a total of seventy-seven members paid up, and there is a general feeling that the Association has just as many important questions to grapple with in the future as in the past.

J. R. DUTTON,

Secretary.