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PATRIOTIC ACRE FUND

That the Patriotic Acre scheme instituted by the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association is attracting very wide attention is fully attested by the comment of the press generally and also by correspondence from varied sources which is coming to the head office of this organization. As an example of this correspondence the following letter from G. E. Taylor, a prominent barrister of Moose Jaw, who has just returned from an extended tour in Eastern Canada, has been received by J. B. Musselman, Central Secretary:

"Dear Sir:—May I take the liberty of commending the project instituted by the Grain Growers of having your members set aside one acre out of their 1915 crops for patriotic purposes. The Eastern papers have seized upon the announcement, are giving it wide publicity and hailed the gift with the greatest satisfaction as an evidence of the undoubted loyalty of the Western farmers. When the war is over and we are at liberty to think of material things, as an advertisement of the resources of Western Canada it could not have a parallel."

Probably nothing that the organized farmers of the West have ever done has attracted such wide attention and called forth such favorable comment by all classes of citizens as has this scheme. The scheme originated with T. M. Morgan, one of its members at Aquadell, Sask., and is both unique and opportune. The plan provides for the voluntary setting aside by every farmer of the province of one acre of land for next year's seeding to be seeded to wheat, the proceeds of which shall, in the fall of 1915, be paid to the Patriotic Fund of this, the great farmers' organization of Saskatchewan. That the idea has taken firmly hold of the farmers themselves as well as others is evident from the correspondence received. Tho no canvass has as yet been made, many farmers have signified their intention of contributing each his Patriotic Acre, while some will give the proceeds of several acres. In some districts threshermen have signified their intention of threshing all Patriotic Acres either free of charge or for a nominal sum. In one local every member has already promised his Patriotic Acre.

The farmers of Saskatchewan could not undertake anything that would win them and their province as high a place in the esteem not only of Canadians generally and of England, but of the whole world, as will this Patriotic Acre scheme if carried to a successful issue as it is certain to be. It will advertise not only the loyalty of our very cosmopolitan citizenship, but it will show also a ripeness and settledness of society in a new province. Incidentally it will advertise the fertility of our fields throuth the world as nothing else could. The scheme is receiving the unanimous endorsement of the district conventions this body is now holding at sixteen points throuth the province. So far all have pledged themselves to its support.

J. B. MUSSELMAN,
 Central Secretary.

WILL HELP THE FUND

The following locals have signified their willingness and intention of raising money for the Grain Growers' Patriotic Fund in various ways as below: Gettel G. G. A., concert and social; Ladstock, concert and dance; Council, oyster supper and dance; Rocanville, subscription list opened; Gibbs, social evening every fortnight; Floradale, concert, box social and dance, and states: "Crops are poor here but we intend to make sacrifices for our beloved Empire defenders;" Silton, chicken supper and concert; Senlac, subscription list opened; Darmody, sowing one extra acre to wheat in 1915 and putting proceeds in a special bin in Local No. 205 to be handed over to the fund.

A PATRIOTIC FARM

A well attended meeting of the Newlands local was held on November 9, chiefly to consider ways and means of helping the Patriotic Fund. After the preliminary business the chairman called upon the Rev. Mr. McMurtry and J. P. Lyle, M.P.P., who both made earnest appeals to the members to do all that was possible to make the contribution from Newlands a substantial one. Your circular was also read and the chairman received several promises of gifts, either in grain or its value, towards the fund. We had previously arranged to hold a box social on November 20 and it was now decided that the proceeds of this social be sent to the Red Cross Fund, Regina, and the gifts of grain or its value to the Grain Growers' Association Fund.

For next year it was decided to take up the Patriotic Acre scheme, but in order that our gifts shall be according to our means it was agreed by those present that each man should give, with whatever power he has, one day's work in the spring, on land to be provided by our vice-president, R. D. Priest. This land will be prepared and sown, the crop harvested, threshed and marketed free of charge and the gross value of the grain raised on this "Patriotic Acreage" devoted to patriotic purposes. A committee of three, A. Nicol, R. De Priest and J. J. Hickson was appointed to manage this important matter and the co-operation of all farmers in the district is confidently expected.

Other matters of interest were discussed and at midnight we adjourned.

GEORGE H. HANANT,
 Sec'y Newlands Ass'n.

ATTRACTIVE ADVERTISING

To the Local Secretary:

Dear Sir:—We have secured for the use of the local secretaries and the Co-operative Associations in advertising their meetings a stock poster with the emblem of the Grain Growers' Association in three colors. The bill is distinctive and exceedingly conspicuous, but by purchasing a large quantity at a time we are able to supply them at a very low price. The bill can be had with the lower half blank or with the blank spaces like sample enclosed to be filled in with a heavy crayon.

Prices, postage prepaid, are as follows:
 Per 50 Per 100

As per sample enclosed (with crayon) \$1.75 \$2.50
 With lower half of bill blank from black line down 1.25 2.00

Every Association should avail itself of this opportunity. The prices are wonderfully low because of co-operation and the advertising is of the utmost value to the farmers' cause.

Fraternally yours,
 J. B. MUSSELMAN,
 Moose Jaw, Nov. 23. Central Secretary.

UNIFORM STATIONERY

To the Local Secretary:

Dear Sir:—For a long time it has been felt that so great and influential an organization as ours should have a letterhead which is both artistic and distinctive. An artist was employed to make a design which would be representative of the interests of the Association and a real work of art in lithograph work is the result. In this design the stock raising industry has been given equal prominence with grain growing. The scene should appeal to every farmer, while the perfect representation of the membership button will appeal especially to all Grain Growers.

By purchasing an enormous quantity the cost has been kept very low and thousands of members of the Association will use this beautiful letterhead for their regular correspondence and every local secretary should use it. A very tasty envelope has also been prepared. Each local should order a supply for distribution amongst the members. It

is excellent advertising for the farmers' movement. The letter paper is put up in boxes containing 1,000 sheets each. Your own name and address, the name of your local Association or the name of your farm can be printed in the space left for same.

Price of sheets as sample enclosed \$2.50 per 1000
 If printed with name and address 3.75 per 1000
 Envelopes as sample enclosed 1.75 per 500
 If printed with name and address 2.75 per 500

The goods will go forward by express and prices are f.o.b. Moose Jaw.

Yours fraternally,
 J. B. MUSSELMAN,
 Moose Jaw, Nov. 23. Central Secretary.

DIST. CONVENTION AT WAWOTA

The convention of District No. 5 of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association took place at Wawota on Tuesday, November 17. District director J. W. Easton presided and was assisted by Provincial Vice-President A. G. Hawkes and Director F. W. Redman, of Grenfell. The speakers for the women were Mrs. A. H. Glass, secretary of the Homemakers' Club of Walpole, and Mrs. R. Hicks, president of the Women's Auxiliary of Rositti G. G. A.

T. E. Oliver welcomed the gathering in behalf of the village of Wawota. A pleasant and profitable time was spent. Discussions on many questions relative to the great economic and business problems of Western agriculture took place and the addresses of the evening session were interspersed with songs and recitations.

On motion of J. W. Easton and C. J. Bannister, it was resolved: "That the constitution be so amended as to provide that organization districts be laid out on the basis of local municipalities."

Homesteaders to Borrow

One resolution passed asks that homesteaders on making entry should be permitted, under restrictions, to borrow money on their homesteads when entering, or any time before patenting. The putting into operation of the Co-operative Farm Mortgage Associations' Act at the earliest date possible was asked for by resolution unanimously carried. A strong patriotic resolution was carried, endorsing the action of the Central, and promising support to both the cash contribution fund and the Patriotic Acre scheme.

Want Seed Grain Rates

There have been rumors that because of the reduced local rates enforced by the Railway Commission on September 1 the railways will not issue a seed grain tariff this winter as has been their practice heretofore, and the convention asked the Central to take the matter up with the government and the railways and to secure if possible the same rates on seed grain as in other years.

One resolution by James Drinnan and W. McQueen, after setting forth the damage done each year by gophers, asks for legislation compelling railway companies to poison the gophers on the right of way three times yearly, during May, June and July, and for the further consolidation of the varied activities of the G. G. A. the following resolution, proposed by W. McQueen and A. G. Hawkes was unanimously passed:

"Resolved that immediate steps should be taken for further consolidation of the co-operative trading of the Association and the various Co-operative Associations, and that the Central should be capitalized and all necessary constitutional changes and additions to the charter made to facilitate this consolidation."

R. H. Storm was the convention secretary.

RUSKIN ORGANIZED

Dear Sir:—A meeting of the farmers of this district was called by O. G. Manwarring for the purpose of organizing a local of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association, and the meeting was attended by twenty-five of our most prominent farmers. Mr. Manwarring called the meeting to order and explained the reasons for the assemblage. W. Pike was nominated to act as secretary and the following officers were elected: President, O. G. Manwarring; Vice-President, W. Adams; Secretary-Treasurer, J. F. Benn; Directors: T. E. Haight, Thos. Tolland, N. S. Ely, Chas. Grocock, Walter Pike and James Leshun.

It was decided to meet every Friday evening in Ely school, the school directors present giving use of school for meetings. Mr. French and Mr. Tolland volunteered to do janitor work for the next month.

The following committees were then appointed to hold office for one month: Literary—O. G. Manwarring, W. Adams and J. F. Benn; social—Jesse Leshure, J. Andrews, A. McRobb; commercial—N. Ely, Wm. McTaggart, Charles Grocock. At our next meeting a debate will be held on the subject, "Resolved that co-operation is beneficial to mankind." Affirmative—S. E. Haight and W. Adams; negative—Walter Pike and Thos. Tolland.

J. F. BENN,
 Sec. Ruskin Ass'n.

CO-OPERATION AND ORGANIZATION

Dear Sir:—Yours of October 23 received in reply to my inquiry for coal for the Ceylon branch. You state that you are overold in Alberta Block, but can supply Taber on condition that we re-organize our Association. A meeting was held in the Trail schoolhouse Monday evening, October 26, and ten paid up members were enrolled, and the following officers elected: President, W. J. Jackson; Vice-President, Andrew Addison; Secretary-Treasurer, J. H. Bousfield; Directors: J. C. Nylus, James Arnott, Samuel Wilson, E. H. Merrill.

The secretary was directed to order a car of Taber coal of 30 to 35 tons at your quoted price, f.o.b. Ceylon, and I enclose deposit on same of \$50.00 and \$5.00 membership fees.

N. A. Leslie was elected delegate to the Weyburn District Convention.

J. H. BOUSFIELD,
 Sec. Trail Local.

MISSIONARY WORK

Dear Sir:—Mr. Williamson, of Percy, was in our district last night and formed a Grain Growers' Association. We have eleven members and expect a large number will join at our next meeting. The following officers were elected: W. J. Humphries, President; George Dechief, Vice-President.

WM. HAMLIN,
 Sec. Ossa G. G. A.

WILL ORGANIZE

Dear Sir:—Please send me rules and regulations and other literature pertaining to organization of a Grain Growers' Association. Also grocery catalog, and oblige.

W. N. WARD.

ENGLEWOOD ELECTIONS

Dear Sir:—Replying to yours of the 21st, I would say that we held our organization meeting on the 9th inst., in Englewood schoolhouse, at which the following officers were elected: President, W. C. Kaiser; Vice-President, Andrew Hood; Secretary-Treasurer, C. A. McMeekham, and three Directors: Henry Lubick, Mike Busch and A. J. Milberger. At another meeting on Saturday three directors were elected as follows: W. R. Woodman, Frank Volouch and J. F. Simons.

C. A. McMEECHAM,
 Secretary Englewood Ass'n.