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FAVORS IMPORTED GOODS

Whereas our country as a part of the British Empire is engaged in a just and righteous war, a war in which we believe the existence of free institutions and British ideals to be at stake;

And whereas in order to provide additional revenue to meet the necessary expenses in connection with such war the government of our country have increased the customs duties on certain articles.

And whereas we believe it to be the duty of every patriotic Canadian to endeavor to the best of his ability to assist in providing the required revenue: Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That this local organization of the Grain Growers' Association of Saskatchewan most respectfully but earnestly urge upon the Central Executive of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association that in connection with the buying for distribution of all manufactured articles, and especially of those articles immediately affected by the proposed increase of tariff, they use their utmost influence to secure only imported articles where possible and that they further and at the same time endeavor to create a demand among local organizations for such imported goods and merchandise.

2. That the Central Executive use their influence in this connection with every department of the co-operative work of the association.

3. That wherever possible preference be given to goods and merchandise of British manufacture.

SOVEREIGN LOCAL,
Herman F. Holler, Sec.

Equity Twine Has No Tariff Protection

Secretary, Sovereign G. G. A.:—I am greatly interested in the resolution which you have forwarded and will give the same publicity.

Many lines of goods which the Central is handling it does not import and at all times we need to secure for our people the best values possible with respect to the source of supply as only by so doing can we meet the intense competition which the big interests are putting up in their efforts to forestall our movement before it gets too strong to be killed.

Our Equity twine which we have secured for our locals this year is produced in Canada in one of the best equipped factories on the American continent. This twine should especially appeal to you and to all grain growers because it is made in Canada without any tariff protection whatever. If your local is sincere—as no doubt you are—in passing this resolution, you will see the importance of supporting this twine factory, which has not, and never has had, any tariff protection. The other line of twine which we are handling is Bluebell twine, manufactured in Ireland. This will also meet with your approval.—J. B. M.

HEAD OFFICE MOVING AGAIN

For the third time in little over a year the Central Office is about to move to larger quarters. This has been necessitated by the fact that the Association has grown very rapidly in numbers and in the variety of its activities. The doubling of the membership has itself added greatly to the work at the Central, but this has been enormously increased by the widening of its field of activities.

The work of the co-operative wholesale department is constantly growing, and new branches of endeavor along these lines are from time to time being added, not alone in the purchasing of supplies, but as well in the marketing of produce.

Storing and Marketing

There is the utmost need at the present of the Central undertaking the handling of eggs and live stock. The

executive is planning to open a live stock commission department at Moose Jaw if a market can be established here, and lack of capital alone has restrained the Central from handling eggs on a very large scale.

Something will be done at once in connection with eggs and at least a sufficient quantity handled to establish a basis for the future. Co-operative marketing is, of course, what is most desired. Locals should be able to send their eggs to the Central to be placed in cold storage after being carefully candled (inspected), and to be sold out only as required by the trade. Cash advances, however, would have to be made to locals on these eggs and this requires capital.

If locals will practice the utmost care and send only first class eggs, a reputation for Grain Growers' eggs could be built up that would be a valuable asset to our members.

Need Permanent Home

The time has now arrived when the head office is in need of a permanent home, but the capital required to purchase or build one could be employed in other ways such as above suggested to such very great advantage of the members that, for the present, we move fully anticipating that the quarters now being taken will not suffice for more than a few months.—J. B. M.

FARMERS NEGLECT CORRESPONDENCE

There is no doubt that occasionally farmers are pressed unduly by their creditors. It is an outstanding fact, however, that a very large percentage of farmers pay all too little attention to their obligations. Especially is this the case in the matter of answering correspondence. If seventy-five per cent. of the farmers seeking from the government protection against their creditors have been guilty of gross neglect of correspondence, then this is a matter which the Association can well afford to take up with its members.

The following letter will show what has been the experience of the statistical branch of the department of agriculture, which has done so much during the past winter to protect farmers whose crops this year were a failure, from being sold out by impatient creditors.

The farmer who fails to give attention to his obligations, or who will not answer correspondence, is entitled to little sympathy when his creditor finally loses patience and takes drastic action.—J. B. M.

Central Secretary:—With further reference to your letter of February 25 Re—I beg to say that I at once took the matter up with—

If you are corresponding with this man you might inform him that it would appear that his trouble with his creditors is largely due to his lax methods of attending to his business.

I may say that seventy-five per cent. of the letters we receive from farmers who are having trouble with their creditors leads to the conclusion that their trouble originates from not answering correspondence which is sent to them from their creditors. Bankers, especially, are very strict in having their letters acknowledged, and if they are willing to carry a man and renew his notes, they insist upon an answer to their correspondence.

With this particular case we received a letter last December from Mr. — and since January 7 have received no further correspondence, notwithstanding we wrote to him asking him to send us a statement of his financial standing. It would appear that it is the same with letters sent from the manager of the bank.

F. HEDLEY AULD,
Dept. of Agriculture.

Saskatchewan

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DISCUSS PROBLEMS IN THE LOCAL

Correspondence at the head office is becoming so voluminous that it has proven very difficult to promptly answer many of the letters which are of a character requiring either investigation, research or the personal attention of the secretary. Much work could be saved the Central Office and very much benefit would result therefrom, if members, who are now in the habit of writing the Central Office for information and advice, would bring their matters before a meeting of the local or the local board for discussion. Very frequently a member's problem could be better solved by his local board than by the Central Office and great benefit would result to the members generally from the discussion of these problems in their meeting.

Frequently the Central has no way of knowing whether parties corresponding with it are members of the association or not. It will not be possible for the Central to correspond regularly direct with the vast number of private members of the association. The expense incurred would be vastly greater than the amount put up in membership fees from year to year. It would be wise, therefore, whenever a private member has a problem in connection with which he requires the advice or assistance of the association that he should first lay his case before a meeting of the local association or the local board. Then, if the matter cannot be handled by the local body, correspondence may be taken up with the Central.—J. B. M.

THRESHING PATRIOTIC ACRE

The following is a copy of a resolution passed at a meeting of the members of Kinora Grain Growers' association, held on Saturday, March 6:

Moved by J. J. Adam, seconded by E. Cameron, "That the threshers of this district be asked to thresh free of charge the grain grown by members of this local which has been contributed to the Patriotic Acre scheme." Carried unanimously.

Pres., G. N. FARRELL.
Sec., J. J. ADAM.

MEETING AT LUMSDEN

A meeting was held in Lumsden on March 6 for the purpose of re-organizing the Lumsden Grain Growers' Association, and the following officers were elected:—president, A. Anslow; vice-president, H. K. Miller; secretary-treasurer, James D. Sled; directors, Mr. Neville, Robt. Howland, Chas. Mann, Geo. Suggett, Chas. Burgess, Angus Grant.

The meeting listened with interest to an address given by Mr. Powell of the Grain Growers' Grain Co. Mr. Powell spoke on the history of the Company up to the present time and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his inspiring address.

We have twenty-two paid up members and enclosed find \$8.50, being half the membership fees as five are life members.

JAMES D. SLED,
Sec. Lumsden G.G.A.

PARK BLUFF ORGANIZED

A meeting of the residents of Park Bluff was held in the school house on Wednesday, March 24, to discuss the advisability or otherwise of forming a local branch of the S.G.G.A.

C. Davis, the organizer from North Battleford was present. Geo. Chapman was unanimously voted to be chairman of the meeting and after a few opening remarks called upon Mr. Davis to enlighten those present as to the advantages to be obtained by belonging to the Grain Growers' Association.

Mr. Davis, after a long and interesting discourse thoroughly convinced the audience that to keep out of the Grain Growers' Association was like "cutting off their nose to spite their face," so to speak, and it was decided by those present to form a local branch at once.

DISTRICT DIRECTORS:	
Dist. No. 1—W. H. Beasley	Balbeck
2—M. P. Roddy	Rouleau
3—G. E. Noddie	Lampman
4—R. M. Johnston	Eastview
5—J. W. Easton	Moosomin
6—F. W. Redman	Grenfell
7—C. O. A. Travis	Govan
8—Thorn M. Eddy	Bethune
9—John F. Reid	Orcadia
10—J. L. Rooke	Togo
11—T. Sales	Langham
12—Andrew Knox	Prince Albert
13—W. H. Lilwall	Wilkie
14—T. M. Morgan	Aqueduct
15—Frank Burton	Vanguard
16—W. T. Hall	Surbiton

The following officers were appointed:—president, Carl Nordgren; vice-president, Magnus Anderson; secretary-treasurer, G. Chapman; directors, O. T. Lanegriff, E. W. E. Webb, Oscar Forsell.

G. CHAPMAN,
Sec. Park Bluff G.G.A.

AN ALL DAY AFFAIR

Please find enclosed postal notes for \$12.50, being fees for 1915 for twenty-five members. Fifteen of this number are new members, the balance renewals. We also have obtained twelve new members, paying their fees November 1, 1915 and five renewals to pay November 1, 1915.

We held a very successful anniversary on March 20, the weather conditions being favorable and a very large crowd in attendance. Between ten and eleven a.m. members began to arrive from all directions with lunch baskets showing up very prominently. Soon after eleven o'clock President W. F. Kinley called the meeting to order with a selection by the local brass band. The business part of the meeting was then put thru, after which everyone did justice to a splendid lunch generously provided by the ladies. After lunch our local brass band gave a few selections out of doors, which pleased the crowd immensely.

The large gathering then proceeded indoors to hear the final speeches in connection with debating contests carried on during the past winter. Seven contestants put up excellent speeches on various subjects, which were eagerly listened to by everyone present. The judges finally awarded prizes as follows:—1st prize, F. W. Kinley; 2nd, T. E. Bates; 3rd, Len White.

A few songs and selections by the band brought to an end a very enjoyable day. Votes of thanks were given to the judges for their part of the work, to the local brass band for their part of the entertainment and also to the ladies for providing such an excellent lunch.

GEO. W. HILLIER,
Acme G.G.A.

AT SKULL CREEK

A local of the Grain Growers' Association was organized here today. L. Pollard, the delegate from Stone G.G.A. to Regina, gave a very interesting address on the good work the association is doing. He also dealt on the importance of the Patriotic Acre.

Seventeen members have joined so far and the following officers were appointed:—president, Jas. Mann; vice-president, Thos. Peters; hon. president, E. W. McDowell; secretary-treasurer, Chas. Raymond; directors, Lloyd Willocks, John Raymond, John Birchall, A. O. Graham, Milton McCreary, Thos. Doyle; social committee, Jas. Mann, P. Ross, Robt. Birchall, S. Hobbs, Jr., A. O. Graham.

The social committee has already got up a concert in aid of the Patriotic Fund. We had a very good program and a fine crowd turned out. Meetings and socials are to be held in the Moundville school house. Meetings will be held on the third Saturday of every month.

Enclosed you will find \$8.50 being your share of the membership fees.

CHAS. RAYMOND,
Sec. Skull Creek, G.G.A.

FOR THE BELGIANS

Enclosed please find money order for \$45.00. Please forward \$38.50 of this to the Belgian Relief Fund Committee. This is the sum this branch of the association has collected up to date. The remaining \$6.50 is the usual half of membership fees, there being thirteen members enrolled up to the present this year.

ROBT. QUINN,
Sec., Sheho G.G.A.