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The

Lambton County Farmers' Association.

Inaugural meeting held in Petrolia

Agricultural Office Jan. 14th 1941.

Organization meeting & Constitution adopted

Mar. 17th 1941.

At a meeting on Feb. 26th 1941 Murray Smith
was elected President pro-tem & Q. K. Williams, Sec. - treas.

Financial Statement of County

Credit

Feb. 26	Collection at Petroba meeting	40.00
Mar. 1	Contribution from a friend	1.00
Apr. 12	" " Samia Tape Co.	25.00
	Lawn " "	25.00
	Bosangnet " "	25.00
	Sombra " "	25.00
	cash Warwick " "	25.00
Apr. 15	" " Moore " Co.	25.00
" "	Euphemia " "	25.00
" 17	" " Plympton " "	25.00
May 10	" " Emmiskillen	25.00
Jan. 17	Brooke	25.00
	Total Receipts	\$ 291.00

Forest, Abington, Moore, Samia, Plympton, Warwick
 Willkesport, Rutherford charged no Rent

Expense accounts: Printing & Advertising 97.98

Hall Rent	20.00
Out Federation	50.00
Exchange & Postage	7.73
Total Expense	175.64
Cash on hand	115.39
Total	291.00

Jan 17/42

Farmers' Organization.

Lebit

Feb. 27	Paid W. P. McDonald for stamps	\$ 3.00
Mar 12	" F. S. Campbell for Wyoming Hall	3.00
" "	" " " " " " " " " " " "	4.00
" 17	" W. P. McDonald Printing Posters	10.80
" 22	Mailed F. Carroll for Bell Rent 3 ⁰⁰ P. O. Stamp 10 ⁰⁰	3.10
" 27	" Mrs. Leo Murphy " " " " " "	2.10
Apr. 12	Lebit on Loan, Bosangnet & Sombra cheques @ 15% -	.45
" "	" cost of Money Orders	.66
" "	Ad. in Forest Standard	1.00
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Mar. 26	Printing " " " " " " " " " " " "	7.56
Apr. 7	Rent Petroba Town Hall	5.00
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Sept. 11	Exchange on Euphemia Ch. Anterior Federation	50.00
Oct. 28	(Petroba) Treasurer Long Distance	55
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Jan. 16	Petroba Printing Co. Exchange & stamp	74.52
May 10	Exchange on Emmiskillen Ch.	15
Jan 17	" " Brooke " " " " " " " " " "	15
	Total Expense	175.64
	Cash on hand	115.39
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At the series of meetings held through the
were suggested to act as Committees to
Sarnia; Ed. R. Leckie, R. 2 Sarnia; J. W. Murphy, R. 1 Camlachie;
Geo. Hardy, " " Peter Gardner, " Corunna
Cyril Almey, " "

Moore; Geo. Gray, Mooretown; Millard Blake, Mooretown.
Jas. Miller, " Keith South "
John McFarlane, Bridgen.

Sombra; Arton Pratty, Wilkesport; Austin Annett, Sombra.
Clarence Moffat, Pickford; O. Caron, Pt. Lambton R. 3
Irl Kerr, Becher; Ralph Kerwin " " R. 2

Rhydympton; Jasper Jackson R. 1 Wyoming; W. B. Smith, Camlachie.
Earl Douglas, R. 5 Forest; W. M. Pullock "
Russel Hayes, Camlachie.

Emiskillen; Vincent Moran, Oil Springs; Kenneth Cameron, Oil City
Roy Vandenburg R. 3 Petrolia; Garnet Page Petrolia
Russel Graham, Oil City.

Lawn; Geo. E. Jones, R. 1 Croton; Fred Stands, R. 2 Tupperville
E. C. Hebdon, R. 4 Hresden; Clancy Butler, R. 2 Croton
W. J. Sinclair, R. 2 Croton.

County Mar. 10th to 12th the following names
represent their respective Townships.

Bosanquet; Jas. A. Campbell, Thedford; Geo. Cobling, Forest R. 3
Ralph Harrison " ; Norman Stett, " R. 1
Thos. Hall, " ; Geo. Williamson " R. 1
Victor Fuller, Forest R. 3.

Warwick; Gordon Keycraft, R. 4 Watford; Lloyd Moffat, R. 3 Watford.
Harold Auld, R. 2 " ; John Wilkinson, R. 2 "
Alfred Conybeare, R. 8 Watford.

Brooke; Geo. Timney, Inwood; Robt. Morrison, R. 4 Abrieston.
S. H. Courtright, " ; Steve Huzevka, " "
Jack Lehrbass, R. 1 Abrieston; Wellington Armstrong " "

Euphemia; Roy Kounic, R. 2 Bothwell; Wayne Elliott, R. 1 Inwood.
Chas. Armstrong, " " ; W. Johnston, R. 5 Bothwell.
Jack Sharpe, R. 2 Florence.

Petrolea Apr. 1st 1941

At a general meeting called in the Town Hall for 2 P.M. it was moved by Jas. Morrison and seconded by Duncan Turner that the report of the Nominations Committee, as presented by the Chairman of the afternoon Bennett Forbes, be accepted. It was carried unanimously. The Report is as follows: The Board of Directors for the Tambton County Farmers' Association for 1941 be constituted as follows from their respective Townships:

Stamia - Murray Smith. R1 & Clayton Frey. R3. Stamia
Moore - John Wray & Brock Wellington. R1 Conuma
Sombra - Geo. Reid - R4 Tambton & Sam Carrothers - Wilkesport
Plympton - Robert Forbes - Wyoming & Wm W. Young - Wyoming
Amiskillen - Albert Aquires - Petrolea & Wm Nolan - Bridgton
Hawn - Chancellor Hebdon - R4 Hurdon & Geo. Jones - Croton
Bosanquet - Jas. A. Campbell - Thedford & Willard Townlock - Forest.
Nanwick - Kenneth James - R2 Watford & Swanton Keycraft. R4 Watford
Brooke - Robt. Morrison - Alvinator & F. S. Courtright - Inwood
Euphonia - Roy Hownie - Bothwell & Ronald Brown - Inwood.

The chairman called the Directors to a seat on the Platform and after a short report of the movement in the County thus far, introduced the speakers of the afternoon: Miss M. S. Clendenman of London and Mr. V. S. Milburn, Secy of Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Toronto.

Miss Clendenman remarked that the wife & daughter are inevitably a part of the farm and our social life is largely the result of their efforts. Human problems are old as Solomon's time but about 30 years ago the young women of Saskatchewan introduced a system of State Medicine for the Rural areas of that Province and it is in operation yet. Touching our non-political policy, she prefers the term "non-partisan". We must make use of our Political system, as it is the best we have, but we must not be Partisan in the work of our Association. Anyone with "a basket of chips on his shoulder" never does anything progressive & is a hindrance to Democracy. She told us the honey crop in Manitoba is valued at half the wheat of the Province showing us that we have a tremendous field for study to make our work successful.

Mr. Milburn said the discussion at different meetings is proof that there is hope for bettering our conditions. The Federation is Dominion-wide and it is an obligation to our ancestors that we support it. The reason for Farmers' restlessness is inequality ^{as compared with} to other industries and organizations.

He stated that about 1932 farm leaders gathered in Ottawa to exchange ideas but not until 1935 was an organization formed in the Western Provinces.

followed in 1936 by Ontario. From a 3 day session of a conference in Montreal in the spring of 1939 the work has continued to grow.

For farmers to get a fair share of the national income we must find a market for our surplus products. To do this, the Federation sent 4 men to Australia to discuss marketing problems with representatives from Great Britain, New Zealand & other colonies & when England refused to be the dumping ground of the world, a system of regularly controlled marketing was adopted. We are too prone to criticize other callings and when they organized to pull themselves up we are jealous of their success. Our job is to meet them on common ground. We must become well informed then meet conditions as they are.

Our only true wealth is from the ground, the water and the forest coupled with labor.

Some of our troubles are from the last war 1914-18 but Europe is protecting herself by Tariffs and raised Agriculture to meet their needs.

The law of supply and demand has forced us to accept prices of a glutted market. Over-production emphasized this trouble.

The Manufacturers' Association take pride in the part

they took many years ago in establishing the Fiscal Policy of this Country, and secondary industries have been subsidized for 60 years resulting in better conditions in certain industries, therefore the Farmer has a right to ask for consideration, but our requests must come from the industry as a whole to have sufficient weight with any Government.

The present Governments are willing to study our problems but from our lack of organization, they usually get their lead from other industries.

In asking for a general sacrifice in our war effort, we must be careful of the quality of our products to hold the trade with Europe after the war and supply brains & money to solve our own problems.

In Loyalty there is Knowledge & Knowledge is Power. We owe this responsibility not only to ourselves but to our posterity and if we neglect them, others will take their places.

After some discussion of the highlights of the addresses a vote of appreciation was extended the Speakers on motion of Messrs. Govenlock & Gardener.

The meeting closed with singing the National Anthem.

Apr. 7th 1941

The Directors of the Association met in Mr. Macdonald's office at 8.30 P.M. and elected the following officers: Pres. Barrett Forbes.
First Vice-Pres.: Murray Smith; Second Vice Pres -
Chancellor Hedden; Secretary W.P. McDonald,
Treasurer A. K. Milliken.