



ALBERTA SECTION

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FIRST BLOOD FOR THE C. P. R.

News has just reached here that the privy council on Wednesday last dismissed the appeal of the province of Alberta, in the case as to the determination of the question of the taxation of C. P. R. lands which have been sold by the company, and which subsequently, owing to default, have returned to the company. Judgment was reserved in the case, in which the question of the taxation of C. P. R. lands generally will be settled. Thus the privy council disposed of the minor of the two cases of vital interest to the people of the province and against the province. The larger matter which involves thousands of dollars annually will remain unsettled for an indefinite period. Briefly, the history of the case is this: When the C. P. R. pushed its steel across the bare prairies they were granted huge tracts of land for their enterprise, and exemption from taxes for a certain period. The question arose as to whether this period referred to the time the legislation was secured, or when the C. P. R. had actually acquired the land. The government held that the period dated from the passing of the Act, and tried to collect taxes on C. P. R. land that was not used for right of way and operating purposes. The C. P. R. claimed it had exemption on all. The province took the opposite view and went to law. Supreme court judgments upheld the C. P. R., and the matter was appealed to the highest court, the privy council of Great Britain. Along with this dispute about the general taxation of land went another and less important question to be settled. The C. P. R. had already sold land, and owing to default in payments had regained ownership. It denied taxes on this also, and it constituted a separate case. This was the one upon which judgment was delivered Wednesday. Even if the province had won it the revenue would not have been greatly affected by the judgment.

WE ARE STILL GROWING

Kasimir District Local Union is rapidly gaining in numbers, and we can now boast of 38 paid up members, five new members having joined at our last meeting and seven at the one previous. We can truly say that Kasimir is coming to the front, and all our members want buttons and THE GUIDE. This year we are not on a financial basis to be very active in much else but getting new members and voting in favor of all the good objects of the association.

Our field is very new. Three or four years ago this part of the country was all prairie, without even a shack in sight. We are not in financial shape to send a delegate to Ottawa, but the twenty-six members present were unanimous in favor of all the questions which will be taken up at Ottawa. We expect to have a delegate at the annual convention in Calgary.

W. E. PATE, Sec.

Rosemead, Alta.

SILVER LAKE GOING STRONG

Silver Lake Union was organized by Mr. W. D. Warner when he was in the district a short time ago, and although this only produced eight members, still the second meeting, held on November 13, resulted in this being doubled, and there is every prospect that this will be considerably augmented at an early date.

WM. M. BELL, Sec.

Provost, Alta.

A LOBBYING COMMITTEE WANTED

At the last meeting of Stettler Union a resolution was adopted requesting the secretary to secure all possible information on the hail insurance question.

The following resolution was also unanimously carried:

"That, in the opinion of this union it is thought necessary, for the furtherance of our legitimate interests, that a permanent lobbying committee should be appointed for the purpose of dealing with all subjects coming up for legislation both at the provincial and Dominion parliaments, expenses entailed by same to be covered

by a special levy on every member of the organization.

H. A. STEELE, Sec.

Stettler, Alta.

HEARNLEIGH ORGANIZED

Following the visit of Mr. Tregillus and Mr. Swift to this district some time ago the Berrywater Local Union of the U. F. A. has been organized with a good membership. The farmers of this district have been badly hit by the drought, owing to this being a new territory as far as agriculture is concerned. It is a good part of the country for growing Spring wheat and we will be heard from some day soon. Although it was in the summer that we received a visit from an organizer, still it was not till November that we got down to business, when the following officers were elected: President, H. A. Baden; vice president, David Sim; secretary-treasurer, T. C. Robson. The secretary was instructed to secure all possible information as to the possibility of obtaining oats for seed and feed. The subject of free trade came up for discussion and it was unanimously agreed that we would support same. A schedule of meetings was prepared and Berrywater will meet fortnightly for the winter months, one meeting being in the afternoon and the other in the evening.

T. C. ROBSON, Sec.

Hearnleigh, Alta.

STILL ORGANIZING

This is to notify you that a local union of the United Farmers of Alberta has been organized. We ask for supplies

bers, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"That Keho Union unite with Iron Springs, Rocky Coulee and Barr Hill and send a delegate to Ottawa on December 16, and that this union supports Mr. A. Russell, Rocky Coulee, as the delegate.

Noble, Alta. W. A. BUCH, Sec.

ECHOES FROM ROSELAND

As soon as it became generally known that an organized effort on the part of Canadian farmers was to be made for the purpose of securing redress from the federal authorities for the farmers' grievances, a special meeting was called for the Roseland Union. It was then unanimously decided that we should unite with several other unions and select a delegate for Ottawa. This choice fell upon Mr. Manser, of Wetaskiwin. As the treasury was empty it was decided to hold a shadow social. The proceeds came to about \$30. Every farmer in the district is unanimous that the delegation be successful, and it claims a prominent part of the ordinary conversation. This delegation must be a great source of pleasure to the wide-awake farmers, as it presents a living concrete example to those who always say "Oh, the farmers can't unite to do anything."

A. P. MOEN, Sec.

Roseland, Alta.

SEED WHEAT WANTED

At the last regular meeting of Wheatland Central Local No. 109 held at Barons,



At Edmonton Fair

and an organizer to attend our meeting on December 2nd. The name chosen for our local is Ardenville.

THOS. W. CHESTER, Sec.

Macleod, Alta.

DISTRICT CONVENTION TO BE HELD

At a meeting of the committee appointed for that purpose it was decided to hold the district convention of the unions in the Pincher Creek constituency on Thursday, December 1, 1910. The conference will commence at two o'clock and there will be a big social in the evening. There is every prospect of a large attendance at this conference.

Pincher Creek local has appointed Mr. J. Primeau as the delegate to Ottawa.

R. HENDERSON, Sec.

Pincher Creek, Alta.

KIHO IN LINE

At the last meeting of the Keho Union, held on November 19, when there was a large and enthusiastic meeting of mem-

bers, the following resolutions were passed:

"Resolved that the Executive of the U. F. A. take steps immediately to procure seed wheat for the farmers in the district affected by drought last summer."

"Resolved that as the territory affected by drought was so large that there was no means of providing this wheat for the farmers except by the Government procuring it for them:

"And, resolved that the government immediately send a man into these districts to see the need of seed wheat being procured for the farmers:

"And, resolved that as far as possible the procuring and distribution of seed wheat among the farmers be done through the U. F. A. instead of through the elevators and jobbing houses.

"And, resolved that the locals in the districts affected by drought be notified that the executive of the U. F. A. will take steps with the government to procure them seed wheat."

J. QUINSEY, Secretary.

Noble, Alta.

A GOOD ORGANIZING TRIP

As a result of the meeting held during the week ending November 12th, under the auspices of Provost local, three new locals have been organized in this district, with others in prospect. The new locals are at Rosenheim, Hayter and Silver Lake. Details concerning which will be received from their officers. Mr. Warner also addressed the old Provost and Stainsleigh locals elucidating many questions for their members. No farmer who had the pleasure of listening to Mr. Warner's addresses could help feeling encouraged to "fight the good fight," taking our constitution and by-laws as a text. Mr. Warner never failed to impress his audiences with the importance—nay, necessity—of the powers of Alberta getting together for mutual aid and protection, and then in a larger sense uniting with the farmers of our sister provinces, under the Canadian Council of Agriculture. That Mr. Warner's work in this community has resulted in much good to the farmers' cause none can doubt. When it is recalled that Mr. Warner was driven from 25 to 35 miles a day, during disagreeable weather, to meet his appointments we gain a better conception of the nature of work carried on by our executive officers. Let us all encourage them in their good work.

GUY W. JOHNSON, Secretary.
Provost, Alta.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC JOINT MEETING

Killam local, No. 64, held a mass meeting on Wednesday, November 23rd, to discuss the desirability of sending a delegate to Ottawa. Invitations were sent to Strome, Prague, Lakeland, Merna, Galahad, Graisland, Wavy Lake, Prairie Park and Mount Zion Unions to send delegates. Representatives were present from Strome, Lakeland, Galahad, Wavy Lake, Prairie Park and Killam. J. R. Pointer, of Strome, was elected chairman, and A. Greep, of Lakeland, secretary.

The meeting enthusiastically endorsed a resolution favoring a reduction of the tariff on farm implements and tools, and free trade relations with United States in farm products. E. H. Malcolm was unanimously selected to be the delegate to Ottawa from this district, and the representatives present promised to do their best to provide for the necessary expenses. The feeling of the meeting was that it was a most opportune time to press upon the government the needs of the farmers, and that it was extremely important that as many delegates as possible be sent from the West.

E. H. MALCOLM, Sec'y.

Killam, Alta.

A STRONG LUMBER RESOLUTION

At the last meeting of the Summerville Union held 19th November, 1910, a resolution was presented by Mr. N. H. Nathurst on the establishment of lumber mills, and same was unanimously adopted by this Union. It was decided to press it upon the attention of the executive committee; and through the columns of THE GUIDE upon the attention of the members of the association generally. We are much hindered here by the very high cost of lumber, and we hope by these means to arrive at some solution of the difficulty.

The resolution adopted is as follows:—

"Whereas the means hitherto employed for the breaking of the lumber combine have proved ineffective, and

"Whereas no legislation, as far as experience has so far taught us, can be formed to break up or hinder the formation of a combine or monopoly, and

"Whereas the monopoly of the lumber