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Belgian Relief Fund	
Previously acknowledged	\$2,622.40
Rocky Coulee Union, No. 105	4.00
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	\$2,735.40
Red Cross Fund	
Previously acknowledged	\$325.05
Strathmore Union, No. 58	10.00
Braes o' Benachie, No. 646	23.70
	\$358.75
U.F.A. Patriotic Fund	
Previously acknowledged	\$924.25
Sedalia Union, No. 324	5.25
Raley Union, No. 577	25.00
Rutherford Union, No. 565	2.00
Ladies' Aid, Lake Thelma	10.00
	\$966.50
Canadian Patriotic Fund	
Previously acknowledged	\$149.95

HELP FOR DEBATERS

The following report has been received from P. J. Haslam, secretary of Berrywater Local, No. 195:—

"Many thanks for the circular re debates. I think myself it is the very thing needed to make the meetings interesting. Last winter we started debates here, but after the first two or three times they fell thru. We could not get debaters, the work devolving on the same two or three every time. The whole trouble whether in the U.F.A. or literary society is that quite a few of the farmers, more especially the younger ones, never read anything, not even the newspapers, so in consequence are not posted on general topics and when it comes to getting up a debate they are hopelessly at sea, as a year's reading cannot be crammed into the space of two or three weeks. The same trouble was experienced in the Literary Society. To my mind there is something lacking in the education of the children in this country and the States. Mr. Speakman hit the nail on the head in his last letter. The whole trouble with our community is that we are split into sects. If it were possible to organize the whole into a regiment and get the same spirit that holds in one, or in a big school, we could get along. This living so much on isolated farms creates a spirit that the one family and the one farm is the only one in the world and can get along without anybody else. If the Germans were to invade Canada I do not think it would be an unmixed evil; it would weld the people."

GOOD LIVESTOCK SERVICE

The members of the Swan Hill Local, No. 170, desire to express their appreciation of the splendid success made by the Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Co. of their trial shipment of two cars of cattle. They experienced much opposition from local buyers, and there were many doleful predictions of a slow trip, loss en route, besides "getting it in the neck" with the prices at the finish. However, these predictions did not materialize and they had a fast trip, no loss, the prices being more than satisfactory. The secretary states that the members are unanimously in favor of shipping to the Elevator Co. in the future.

CO-OPERATION AND SUCCESS

J. C. Shannon, secretary of Creighton Union, No. 191, reports having held one of the best and most successful meetings in their history on the 2nd of November. The union is doing a lot of co-operative work thru the Mannville District Association in the line of purchasing coal, lumber, apples and honey. A cordial invitation is extended to the general secretary to visit the union at an early date, but there is unfortunately no immediate prospect of it being possible to accept same.

IMPORTATION OF SUGAR SUGGESTED

The following letter from F. W. Godsall, of Cowley, may be of interest to many of our members, particularly such unions as may be engaged in the business of purchasing their supplies in bulk:—

"Having visited sugar estates in the Hawaiian Islands and lived for some

periods on sugar estates in Barbados, I wrote to both places for samples and prices to find out if it is possible for our farmers' co-operative societies to import their own sugar and molasses direct from the estate. I do not think it is practicable from Honolulu at present prices, tho they expect prices there to drop soon very greatly from a change in the tariff, but from Barbados it is quite possible and advantageous. My correspondent in Barbados obtained the cost of freight on a minimum carload of 33,000 lbs. from Barbados to Cowley as \$1.71 per 100 lbs., the highest rate being \$1.91, while the agents of the Royal Mail S. S. Co. there quoted \$1.80 per 100 lbs. to Lethbridge, which would be the same to any station in Alberta, and may be taken as the average and about correct. Sugar in Barbados this season has ranged from \$3.55 to \$3.70 per 100 lbs. Duty as far as I can ascertain is about 40 cents per 100 lbs. This would make sugar cost here from \$5.87 to \$6.00 per 100 lbs. The sugar is a light brown, the best quality of 'grocery sugar,' absolutely pure from the cane. In considering the price it must be borne in mind that this sugar is as sweet again as what we buy here, besides having a delicious flavor, quite lacking in our usual supply. Last winter in England I began by putting into my cup of coffee at my brother's table the amount of Barbados sugar I used here, but found that it made it like a cup of syrup, too sweet. Such pure sugar is loved by children, and will make them as strong and fat as the black children in Barbados and would save much jam and candy.

"On some estates, if the market for syrup is more favorable, the cane will be made into syrup instead of sugar and an absolutely pure molasses is produced, named in the market 'Fancy Molasses.' It is darker than what we call syrup and tastes more like treacle and is loved by children and exceedingly wholesome for them, and is also fine for cooking purposes. A carload of sugar could be made up with molasses as well. The price of molasses in Barbados has not been sent me, possibly the cost by weight may be the same as sugar and therefore not quoted. At any rate molasses is duty free when obtained from Barbados and would be much cheaper than what one buys here, besides being sweeter. If one farmers' union could not handle a carload it could be shared with a neighboring union or otherwise disposed of. I shall be glad to send a small sample of the sugar or molasses to any officer of a farmers' union on receipt of five cents for postage on each sample. Larger samples can be sent where necessary. I send one of each to you now to show color. I hope you will send this letter to The Guide for the information of fellow farmers in the West, anxious to escape from the heavy burdens imposed on us by the protected sugar refiners of Canada, tho no doubt our escape would soon be cut off, when discovered, by the imposition of a heavier tariff."

A MEMBER EXPELLED

The regular meeting of the Wildmere Local Union, No. 698, was held on November 6, nine members being present. The case of J. A. Isley was taken up. He had been notified to appear at each of the three meetings held previous to this in order to defend himself, but did not do so, therefore the case was tried in his absence. He was charged with selling goods belonging to the union and retaining the money, and after hearing the evidence it was decided that he be expelled and notified accordingly. The union is holding a social on the first Friday in December in an effort to bring the members together again and interest them and others in the district. The secretary stated that the members seem to be patronizing the Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator at Vermilion well, and as far as he can judge about 90 per cent. of their grain is going there.

UNIVERSITY LOCAL

A meeting of the University Local, No. 684, was held on August 21 at which two new members were enrolled. It was decided to open a U.F.A. Patriotic Fund.

Alberta

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It was also decided by those present to hold a series of debates in order to make the meetings more interesting. The subject for the next meeting will be: "Resolved that mixed farming is a better paying proposition for this country than grain raising." The affirmative will be taken by M. B. Culver; negative, J. McGowan. It was moved and seconded that Mr. Price see J. C. Christie re need of help from loss of crop by hail. It was also decided that this local be represented as objecting to the penalty of \$1.00 per quarter section on hail insurance on account of grain blockade and people not being able to pay their taxes by November 1. It was decided to hold the next meeting on the third Saturday in December.

FOR DISABLED SOLDIERS

Our directors at their last meeting passed a resolution appealing to all our members to help the Red Cross work and instructing me to give the best possible effect to this resolution. A good way for farmers within reach of Calgary to help would be to donate supplies to the Convalescent Home at Ogden. This is being done to some extent already and the Home just now has a supply of potatoes and vegetables. What it most requires is butter, eggs, cheese, poultry and meat. This Convalescent Home is the only one of its kind in Alberta and is open to all Alberta convalescents. It is under the control of the military authorities, who provide the necessary medical staff, orderlies, etc., also the necessary medical and hospital equipment. The cost of maintenance, together with the expense of a matron and cook, are borne by the Alberta Provincial Branch, Canadian Red Cross Society, assisted by a small per capita grant from the Dominion Government. This Home is to be used for restoring health and strength to our returned soldiers and also for caring for soldiers in training, in case of accident or sickness. It is therefore well worthy of our support. All supplies to be delivered to the Red Cross Convalescent Home at Ogden; if farmers don't take the supplies in themselves, they can be sent by express or large parcels by freight.

Yours fraternally,
JAS. SPEAKMAN,
President, United Farmers
of Alberta.

WEST SALISBURY UNION

The following is a letter from G. R. Ball, secretary of West Salisbury Union,

No. 323:—"You no doubt notice our union is not very much alive since last winter. I hope to stir up a little more spirit this winter again, but at present the prospects are not encouraging. Our district is so close to Edmonton and good markets that the members are not as interested as they are in the outlying districts. Our paid up membership is very small as you will notice by enclosed dues, \$4.00, which was mostly collected at a meeting on November 12, when the enclosed resolutions were passed with a request that they appear in the Alberta section of The Guide. The resolutions are strong if the union is weak."

The resolutions are not published as our policy is to preserve this page as far as we possibly can as a news page, and by resolution of our board of directors resolutions from unions are not printed herein, ample facilities being afforded to any of our unions to get all the publicity needed on resolutions thru our circulars and other channels.

IRON SPRING UNION AND FREE WHEAT

We have just received a well signed petition and resolution from the above local in favor of free wheat. We intend to have a resolution on this subject in the coming convention and it would be well for all the unions to discuss the matter and formulate their resolutions. Hon. Robt. Rogers appeared before the Canadian Council of Agriculture at our recent meeting in Winnipeg and told us that the cabinet was carefully considering the question, that some ministers were favorably disposed towards free wheat, that Parliament when it met in January would have to decide the matter. We may have some influence on the decision if we can send a strong demand from our convention to Ottawa in January.

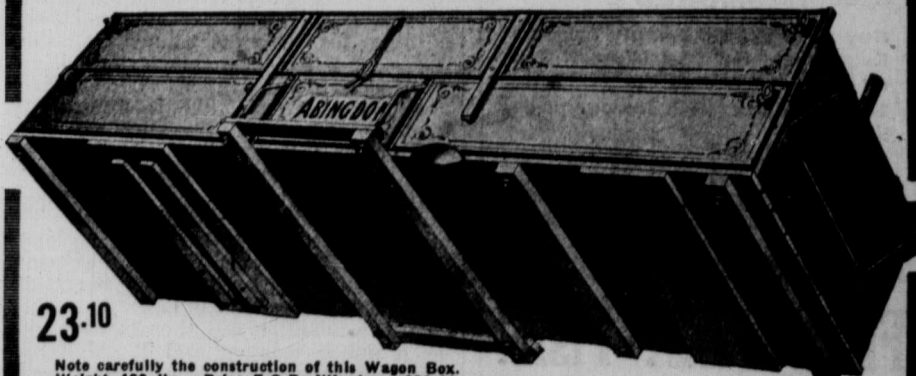
JAS. SPEAKMAN.

THE LADIES ARE HELPING

We are greatly obliged to Mrs. Rodd McGregor, of Sullivan Lake, for a remittance of \$10.00 and the following letter in connection with same:—"I am sending you \$10.00 from the Ladies' Aid of Lake Thelma from the sale of tickets which I sold on a cushion. We wish it to be sent to the St. John Ambulance Association, to be used for the sick and wounded Canadian soldiers. Very sorry it is not more, but we hope this small sum will help out a little. Let us know if you receive it."

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