



# ALBERTA SECTION

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Henry, Bow Island.

Moyerton Union continues to hold good meetings and at the last the telephone question aroused considerable discussion, the secretary being instructed to prepare petitions for circulation between Moyerton and Kitscoty. A committee of four members volunteered to circulate the petitions and see if it is possible to get enough subscribers for the government to take action in the matter. The secretary was also instructed to secure strychnine and formalin, and to communicate with adjoining unions regarding binder twine.

H. BENNER, Sec'y.  
Vanesti, Alta.

A well attended meeting of Blackfoot Union was held in the schoolhouse on March 5 and orders were taken for a considerable quantity of formalin and strychnine. We are also arranging for a carload of fencing. The Free Range champions must have abandoned their cause as three of the four men appointed to take round petitions have failed to report. A resolution to strengthen the hands of the Family Herald in their campaign against the present high rate of interest on farmers' loans was passed and the secretary also received instructions to forward to Ottawa our dissatisfaction with the way in which the elevator interests have been able to secure alterations in the car distribution clauses of the Grain Act, also to write the superintendent of telephones to hurry up the work in this district as we have now been waiting three years.

JAS. STONE, Sec'y.  
Blackfoot, Alta.

At our regular meeting on March 2 Mewassin Union entertained a large gathering of friends to a short program of select music and a very interesting address by Mr. Bevington. Refreshments were served by the ladies and then dancing was the order until a late hour, when all went home wishing the U.F.A. continued success in their social co-operation.

R. P. SHAW, Sec'y.  
Mewassin, Alta.

Mr. C. R. Miller, of Stavely, has organized a new union at Table Butte and this new one starts off with a large and enthusiastic membership list. The secretary is William Scott, of Stavely.

Hogadone Union held a regular meeting on March 11 when Mr. A. O. Loisille gave a few timely remarks on the work of the U.F.A. It was decided to forward a resolution to the head office for transmission to the unions on the subject of loans to farmers.

LORNE McCOMB, Sec'y.  
Lake View, Alta.

Waverly Union wants information as to the working of a sample market. We are also working for telephone connections between Oxville and Edgerton. We have assisted in organizing a new union at Battle Valley.

J. P. SWAYNE, Sec'y.  
Paradise Valley, Alta.

Since the last report Namaka Union has held two meetings and both were successful. At the first meeting Mr. McBean gave his presidential address, the keynote of which was co-operation and the duty of the members to the union. Mr. Harry Shouldice opened a discussion on dry farming methods and his remarks evoked a splendid discussion. The meeting instructed the secretary to forward a largely signed petition to the C.P.R. praying for the opening of a certain public crossing in the vicinity of the village. The second meeting was occupied by a discussion on potato growing, led by Mr. Phil Mertgen. Mr. Mertgen discussed his subject in a concise and thoroughly practical manner, giving the members lots of valuable information. Mr. E. F. Wheeler spoke on alfalfa growing, giving his experience since coming to Alberta. Both discussions are sure to be profitable to those that heard them. It was also

decided to arrange for a social afternoon for the next meeting.

JOHN P. LAWRIE, Sec'y.  
Namaka, Alta.

Mountain Peak Union holds regular meetings every two weeks and at every meeting there is a good attendance of members and visitors. Interesting reports are presented from the directors in regard to the work that is being done in the Stavely district for the purpose of working together on a more sound co-operative basis and on our social evenings we have recitations and singing by the school children as well as by the members. We have all arrangements completed for a box social for the benefit of the union.

CHAS. O. ANDERSON, Sec'y.  
Stavely, Alta.

The first meeting of Downing Union took place in Arthurville schoolhouse and was fairly successful, 21 farmers being present and 19 enrolling as members. A lively interest was shown and considerable discussion took place on the election of officers, the final result being: President, Jas. Logan; vice-president, J. M. Downing; directors, C. W. McArthur, A. Halkett, Jr., R. Jameson, C. W. Brunskill, E. Giles, W. Haatie; secretary-treasurer, A. Halkett, Senr. The union meetings are to be held monthly on the last Saturday in the Arthurville schoolhouse, the trustees having generously granted the use of the school free of charge. The secretary was asked to try and secure a speaker from headquarters for the next meeting, failing which A. Halkett, Jr., will open a discussion on "From a local standpoint how best can this union improve the conditions of the farmers."

A. HALKETT, Senr., Sec'y.  
Highland Ranch, Alta.

On February 24 last a meeting of the farmers of Veteran district was held for the purpose of forming a local union of the U.F.A., and fully 50 were in attendance at the meeting. Mr. Cecil Rice-Jones was elected temporary chairman and after some discussion on the U.F.A. it was decided by the majority of those present to organize and the secretary quickly enrolled some 36 members. The officers were then elected as follows: President, C. Rice-Jones; vice-president, A. A. Fisher; directors, Messrs. Judy, Wilson, Price, Perrett, North, Paycroft. The name Veteran was chosen for the union and it was decided to meet fortnightly and to hold debates upon matters of interest to the members.

J. A. BRENNON, Sec'y.  
Wheat Belt, Alta.

On February 24 last Red Willow Union began its second year of work. It was organized on February 23, 1911, with a membership of 21, and in spite of many discouragements we have made a steady gain, both as to membership and interest taken in the work. The credit for this is due in a large measure to our worthy president, Mr. S. Flack, who has been an untiring worker for the U.F.A. With the beginning of our second year it was decided to make the social side more prominent, and to this end the ladies and young folks were invited to attend. The ladies proved that they were not one whit behind the men in enthusiasm and as boosters for the U.F.A. and they were voted a decided success. Fifteen new members joined the cause, bringing our total enrolment up to 61. The school children assisted in the entertainment, while the speakers were Mr. A. Cochran, first vice-president, and Mr. Raymond, of Stettler. The ladies provided a bountiful supper and when the meeting dispersed there was a general feeling of satisfaction in the knowledge that it is good to belong to the U.F.A.

T. C. BARRETT, Sec'y.  
Red Willow, Alta.

The attendance was not quite so large as usual at the last meeting of Wheatland Centre Union as many of the members were busy loading cars with wheat. We are now getting about ten cars a week

at Noble and three cars a day at Barons. Mr. G. L. Noble, of Noble, gave us an address on the advantages of mixed farming which was greatly appreciated by all present. Mr. J. J. Tighe, secretary of the board of trade, Barons, was also at the meeting and gave a short address. He hoped the farmers and board of trade would work together for their mutual benefit.

Noble, Alta. J. QUINSEY, Sec'y.

There is an increased interest taken in the U.F.A. in the Carlton district, and eight new members joined at the last meeting. We have held a number of debates, socials and dances during this winter and our last dance, held on February 7, paid off all our debts connected with our hall, and left us a few dollars to the good. We have secured a supply of literature on Direct Legislation and hope to have an interesting debate on the subject shortly.

Ensligh, Alta.

J. J. PRICE, Secretary.

Amisk Valley Union held several interesting discussions at the last meeting. The flour mill question was up, and we went on record as being in favor of the proposal. A discussion also took place in regard to the starting of a farmers' co-operative store, but this was left over for final decision till the next meeting.

JOHN DAVIDSON, Secretary.  
Amisk, Alta.

### A LETTER FROM AN OLD FRIEND

Those who had the pleasure of knowing Mr. T. Adair, formerly of Stettler, will be pleased to know that he is once more comfortably located, this time at Monticello, Florida, close to the Georgia line, where he intends to revel in the luxury of orange growing. Mr. Adair says he is about 40 miles from Jacksonville, the home of the pecan nut, and he thinks that those who avail themselves of the opportunity now will surely reap a fortune. He has purchased 60 acres, of which half is already under cultivation and about 200 orange trees will be planted at once. Mr. Adair will be pleased to meet old U.F.A. friends in Florida and will show them around. He is also interested in the potato question and would like to ship a carload to Calgary for an experiment, but it would surely prove a costly one, for the Calgary potatoes say this necessity is worth about 65 cents per bushel f.o.b. Calgary, and besides this, the benevolent and all wise legislators at Ottawa say they want just a little 20 cents per bushel on all potatoes that bear the general name "Irish." Then when the generous railway companies received their share I can just about see Mr. Adair sending up his car of spuds and paying about 10 cents per bushel for the privilege of doing so.

### WHAT ONE MAN THINKS

The silver lining of the farmers' law, the car clauses, is indeed taking on a tarnished appearance and the Senate is our only seeming safeguard. We sure have much to fight for before any notice-

able benefits come our way. I well remember my first trip on this side of the line when the praises of the Canadian institutions, especially the banking, was forthcoming from many sources. But how vastly different when you get in actual touch with them. Your money is their God. A reasonable percentage is totally insufficient, they want it all.

Through The Guide and other periodicals I have learned much of the different classes and my observations convince me that fer high and wide handed graft with all its extortions Canada has the United States skinned a mile. It is certainly discouraging and there certainly seems to be no immediate relief. Like many others, could I tear loose without too much sacrifice I would bid farewell to this country as these interests seem determined to get a greater hold than they now have.

A FARMER.

### THE CAR DISTRIBUTION CLAUSES

The answers to the special circular sent out by this office in the matter of the amendments which have been adopted by the government to the clauses of the Grain Act relating to the distribution of cars, are coming in rapidly, and on this account it is impossible to print all the resolutions separately. I am therefore taking the opportunity of thanking the members of the following unions whose reports have reached me up to Wednesday evening, March 13:—

Pine Coulee, Spruce Grove, Iron Springs, Strathcona, Keoma, Grassy Lake, Fairgrove, Carlton, Sunnysdale, Wheatland Centre, Pincher Creek, Buffalo Plains, Lewisville, Gleichen, Onoway, Agricola, Airdrie, Acme, New Norway, Hillsdown, Edmonton District Association, Nightingale, Sullivan Lake, Creighton, Stettler, Home, Cairns, Chauvin, Kasimir, Gadsby, Botha, Broadview, Front Creek, Jumbo Valley, Warner, New Norway, Blackfoot, West Lethbridge, Edmonton, Waverly, Strathmore.

E. J. F.

### WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT?

One of the local secretaries in presenting his report to the Central office a few days ago, writes that one member will not renew his membership because he is of the opinion that the merchants in his local town will not give him any more credit if he is known to belong to the U.F.A. And so he does just what they ask him to, lays down and takes his medicine, stays in the class that is always grumbling about conditions, but is afraid to be recognized as one of those who are trying to better things. What do you think of it anyway?

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