



ALBERTA SECTION

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GLEICHEN UNION NO. 96

The usual monthly meeting of Gleichen Union was held in the school-house, and was well attended by the local farmers. Some American visitors were present.

After the minutes had been read and some correspondence disposed of, the meeting considered the advisability of erecting an elevator, also what steps could be taken towards encouraging the government in building and operating a pork packing plant, the only obstacle being the uncertainty of getting enough hogs to keep the plant going continually.

Mr. Umbridge led a discussion on irrigation management, followed by Mr. L. A. Moore, but the most interest seemed to be centered in the winter wheat problem, "Irrigation versus Dry Ground." The meeting was unanimously in favor of the former as all reported that where the land was watered last fall the crop was most luxuriant.

HILLSDOWN UNION NO. 59

The last meeting was moderately well attended and was held at Mr. W. O'Connor's residence.

The binder twine question was brought up, and there seems to be every possibility that farmers will be able to get their twine quite a bit cheaper than last year, through the Union.

The hail insurance and pork packing questions were after a lengthy discussion left over till the next meeting.

Everyone present was in favor of a custom gristing mill being started in Red Deer by the Alberta Pacific Elevator Co.

It was decided to hold the next meeting in the Valley Center School-house.

FISHBURN UNION NO. 88

The following resolution has been adopted by the Fishburn Union.

Resolved: That the loss caused to the grain growers through the depreciations of gophers is of more moment to us than the loss by coyotes and wolves, and that we memorialize the Minister of Agriculture, through the General Secretary, to secure legislation to enable us to procure strychnine at wholesale prices, and that the General Secretary be requested to try and secure the co-operation of local unions to accomplish this.

BON ACCORD UNION NO. 2

The last meeting was addressed by Mr. W. F. Stevens, Live Stock Commissioner.

There was a large attendance, and every one was pleased with Mr. Steven's outline of the pork packing proposition. It is expected that the matter will receive quite a lot of support in the Bon Accord district.

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INNISFAIL UNION NO. 10

The regular meeting of Innisfail Union No. 10 was held in the Council Chambers, May 21st at 1 p.m., with Vice-President Wilson in the chair.

The tender of W. H. Kemp for supply of binder twine was accepted.

The arrangements for the picnic on Dominion Day were discussed and it was decided to try and secure several prominent speakers for the occasion.

In view of the interest taken this year in regard to the winter killing of fall wheat it was resolved to devote some time at next meeting to a discussion of the best methods of cultivation of same.

The next meeting will be held on June 18th, and there will then be brought up the resolutions before the Union in regard to hail insurance and the Western grain route.

AGRICOLA UNION NO. 7

The regular meeting of Union No. 7 was held in the school-house on Monday evening, May 3rd, at 8 p.m.

The roll was called and it was considered there was a very good attendance considering the busy time of the year. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

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