

Rose View Union requests that if the sentiments contained in this resolution meet with your approval, you forward a resolution to the Minister of Railways and your representative at Ottawa, expressing your views.

Organization Work

The organization committee asks for your co-operation in every way possible. It is impossible for this committee to arrange that organizers shall visit the different districts as soon as asked for, but the members will do their best and ask for your forbearance and assistance. A union organized by individual effort will be stronger, do better work and last longer than one brought to life on the spur of the moment by a fluent organizer.

In conclusion, I would thank all for the assistance rendered and I would ask also for the patience of some of the members. I have recently received several requests for information and have answered that I will procure same as soon as possible. To get the information asked for in one case I have to write to Ireland and Denmark. This will give you some idea of what work is created sometimes, and if your answer is a long time coming do not think that the matter is neglected. It might be that it is a matter of weeks or even months to get the required information.

Soliciting your further co-operation,
Your obedient servant,
April 1, 1910 EDWARD J. FREAM,
Secretary.

LOOKING TO B. C. MARKETS

The questions of hail insurance, consolidated schools, co-operative pork packing plant, and the opening of British Columbia markets were matters keenly discussed at the regular meeting of Edmonton Union, held in the City Council Chambers on March 26.

Chas. Burnell, president of the union, occupied the chair and there was a good attendance of members. The first matter taken up was the British Columbia market question. The secretary read letters relating to the matter, and received instructions to write President Bower for definite information as to the markets in B. C. The suggestion was made by one member that a central agency should be established in Edmonton, in connection with the U. F. A., to advertise in British Columbia and carry on other trade enterprises which the farmers could not individually undertake. It was imperative that the widest possible publicity be given to the names of companies ready as even if some local unions neglected to take advantage of the market afforded, every car load of produce that went out of the province would help the local market.

The reply received from the deputy minister of education to the request of the union that steps be taken to introduce legislation to provide for a grant for consolidated schools was in effect that the farmers might have consolidated schools at any time they chose to erect them at their own expense. This response was received with general dissatisfaction. The deputy minister had previously said that the consolidated schools were in the experimental stage and that the one at Red Deer was merely on trial. The meeting was very positive in its opinion that consolidated schools had passed the experimental stage and the secretary was instructed to bring the matter to the attention of the minister of education and J. R. Boyle, M.P.P., asking them to have legislation introduced for a grant towards the erection of consolidated schools.

After considerable discussion of systems of hail insurance, the meeting passed a resolution favoring the adoption of a system whereby all assessable lands outside cities and towns would be subject to a tax not to exceed two dollars per quarter-section, which should give adequate compensation for damages by hail, lightning and cyclones.

The members held diverse views on the subject of the pork packing plant and no conclusion was reached with regard to the matter, except that it should rest with the farmers to decide whether they wanted the plant or not. It was thought that the rules laid down by the commission were very stringent, but it was pointed out by the president that these rules could be modified at will by the farmers supplying the hogs, as in their hands lay the election of the directors of the concern. The whole proposition was laid over till a later meeting.

The Edmonton Board of Trade will be asked to assist in getting the Grand Trunk Pacific to enlarge their subway on the Fort Saskatchewan trail and to look into the encroachment of the railroad on the right of way.

A resolution was passed regretting the decision of the Edmonton City Council to defer the erection of a market building, and a committee was appointed to present this resolution to the council.

THE ELEVATOR QUESTION

The regular meeting of Lloydminster Union was held on March 26, there being a good attendance of members. The circular letter from the general secretary, more especially that part dealing with the elevator question, was discussed, several speaking on the subject. Mr. G. DeRange made a vigorous and excellent speech calling the attention of the farmers present to notice the methods adopted in handling the same subject by the Manitoba farmers, which methods had been productive of practical legislation already. Mr. DeRange recommended that the Manitoba farmers be asked for a copy of the draft of the scheme which they had put before the Manitoba legislature. This would give some idea of the line to follow when working out a practical scheme for the consideration of the Alberta government. The meeting terminated after some further discussion and suggestions from other farmers present.

A SUCCESSFUL ORGANIZATION MEETING

A meeting of farmers was held at Mr. Murrell's house, The Hills, Mannville, on March 19, to consider the advisability of forming a Union of the U. F. A., nineteen being present.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, E. C. F. Murrell, on motion of Messrs. Hind and Veitch; vice-president, C. Hind, on motion of Messrs. Veitch and Fielding; secretary-treasurer, P. Fielding, on motion of Messrs. Hind and Vincent.

It was decided to appoint an executive committee, to consist of the officers and three other members, and the following were elected: W. J. Doyle, G. O. Gadke, M. J. Sterling. It was decided that the naming of the union should be left over till the next meeting. Correspondence with the general secretary was then read, and it was moved that this union endorse the Saskatchewan convention re hail insurance.

The secretary was instructed to procure a copy of the pork packing contract for the information of the members.

It was decided to approach Mr. Llewellyn with a view to him bringing a Shire out into this district.

SUCCESSFUL ORGANIZATION TRIP

At the request of a large number of farmers in the district Mr. E. Carswell, assisted by Mr. T. B. Millar, of Burnt Lake, spent two days in the Pitcoo and Eekville districts recently and succeeded in organizing two very successful unions, both starting out with a membership of sixteen. Mr. Carswell reports that the members are very enthusiastic and although they have not yet reported to the secretary still in a short time there will be something doing.

HILL END IS GROWING

The third meeting of Hill End Union was held on March 24, with a good attendance of members. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been disposed of two new members were proposed.

The hail insurance question was discussed from all standpoints, three motions being presented on the subject, the first asking that the hail insurance be carried on as at present by the government with an increased premium. The second asked that a tax of one-half cent per acre be charged on all taxable land in the province, the balance to be raised by a premium on all threshed grain, and the third was in favor of a charge of one cent per acre on all taxable land in the province. The last plan met with the approval of the majority of the members and was declared carried.

It was unanimously decided to endorse the pork packing proposition. For the summer months the last Saturday of the month was chosen for meeting.

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AGENTS WANTED IN UNREPRESENTED DISTRICTS

ROSS CREEK UNION

A meeting of Ross Creek Union was held on Tuesday, March 22, when Mr. H. Jamieson, of Red Deer, was billed to speak on the pork packing proposition. The meeting was greatly disappointed by Mr. Jamieson failing to put in an appearance, and instructed the secretary to send for a supply of contract forms, as five members expressed their willingness to sign. The hail insurance question was discussed and the meeting was unanimously in favor of compulsory hail insurance to be raised by placing a tax on all assessable lands. Two new members joined the union at this meeting.

E. R. HALLBERG, Sec.

MEETING AT ROSENROLL

A meeting of farmers was held in Rosenroll school house on March 24, to hear an address from D. W. Warner on the pork packing plant. Owing to the fact that so many were busy on the fields there was not as good a representation of farmers as we would have liked. Mr. Warner explained the agreement satisfactorily to all present and a large number signed the contract to supply hogs to the plant.

W. J. HOOVER, Sec.

TO ASSIST THE ORGANIZER

The last regular meeting of Fishburn union was held in the school house on March 22nd, with a fair attendance of members.

Circular No. 2 was read and discussed, especially the elevator question. A committee was appointed to study up the question and draft what resolutions they could and submit same at the next regular meeting.

A letter from Mr. W. J. Tregillus, of Calgary, offering to come down and address meetings, was read, and the matter left in the hands of the secretary to make the necessary arrangements with Mr. Tregillus and with the places where unions might be formed or successful meetings held.

CHAS. HARVEY, Sec.

QUEENSTOWN ORGANIZED

At the request of several of the farmers of the vicinity Mr. E. Griesbach took a trip to Queenstown, about 26 miles southeast of Gleichen, on March 26, and organized a successful union there with a membership of 16. The farmers of that district live at a great distance from each other, and it is therefore difficult to get them all together at once, but they are enthusiastic and intend to do things.

The first officers elected are George E. Macomber, president, and John Glainbeck, secretary-treasurer.

OXVILLE ORGANIZED

When it is impossible for the organizers to assist the farmers, then they take a hand themselves, as they have discovered that the benefits to be derived by organization are many. The farmers of the Oxtville district wrote for information a short time ago and upon receipt of same immediately proceeded to effect the organization of a union, securing 16 members to start with, and electing the following officers:

President, Geo. Gerrie, Oxtville; vice-president, Joseph E. McLeod, Oxtville; secretary-treasurer, Walter S. Murray, Paradise Valley.

The secretary received instructions to write the Central office for all information.

mation in regard to the association, so that the members can assist in the work which is being carried on.

HASTINGS COLLEE BUSY

We held a regular meeting on the evening of March 26, and there was a good discussion on the pork packing plant and the hail insurance question. Mr. Warner's meeting on the pork packing plant question was not very successful. It is too bad that it had to be held in the afternoon as everybody was too busy seeding and could not be present. We had fifteen members present at the regular meeting and decided in favor of a two-cent rate on all arable lands for the hail insurance question. Seven subscriptions to THE GUIDE were taken.

A. H. JACKSON, Sec.

FAVORS CONTRACTS

At the last meeting of Wavy Lake Union No. 30, the following resolutions were adopted:

"That we are in favor of the pork packing establishment as set forth and also of contracts in connection with same."

"That we are in favor of a straight tax, not to exceed two cents per acre, on all assessable lands for hail insurance, to give an indemnity of \$8.00 for total loss. Loss to be estimated by some local official, and that there be no exemptions from this tax."

"That we are not in favor of the resolution sent in by Lakford Union regarding a grist mill."

"That we are in favor of the resolution from Edmonton Union regarding the consolidation of schools."

W. L. RICHARDSON, Sec.

CAN YOU SUPPLY SAME?

I am in receipt of a request from Erskine Union for information about the co-operative system of Denmark and Switzerland, as it applies to the farmers' interests. Although knowing a little about the Denmark plan in a general way, still I do not feel justified in giving the information, and should, therefore, take it as a favor if any reader who is conversant with these systems, or who can advise me where I can get the information, will kindly communicate with me at once.

E. J. FREAM.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL

The members of Namaka Union are getting a reputation as good hosts, and their socials are now looked upon as events in the district. The last one was the usual huge success, about 75 persons being in attendance, and as a result of same quite a nice sum was added to the treasury of the union.

In regard to the hail insurance question it was decided to pass a resolution supporting the compulsory hail insurance scheme to be handled by the provincial government by a small tax or assessment per acre, and that generally we support the resolution moved by Beaumont Union, but in order to arrive at a proper workable and equitable system we are in favor of the plan suggested by the resolution committee to turn everything over to a committee to suggest a good plan.

F. H. HIEBERT, Sec.

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