

Alberta

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SPLENDID ORGANIZATION REPORT

The following organization report has been received from P. S. Austin, of Ranfurly:

"According to arrangements, I started in at Streamstown, north of Blackfoot, on the C.N.R., and worked west, including the Mannville district. On Monday, June 28, I addressed a fairly good turnout in the Streamstown school, one of our oldest unions. Among those in attendance were John Campsie and F. Savage, two old U.F.A. warhorses who have become prominent on account of their early pioneer service in the U.F.A., and it was gratifying to note how promptly they responded to the call for a more energetic campaign in the community. We gave the work of the U.F.A. and the Co-operative Elevator Company a thorough overhauling, and were assured by those in attendance that the afternoon's meeting was a valuable one in many ways, each one having a better and broader view of the situation, and all agreeing that every member had a responsibility as to making our farmers' organizations a success and that they themselves must solve this problem.

"On Tuesday, June 29, Mr. Savage drove me over to Mr. Goodall's—the original moving spirit in the early days of the Tring Union. I had the opportunity of looking over the minutes of this early attempt in the farmers' organizations. It recorded many sacrifices made by Mr. Goodall and his associates, and it impressed me as being a valuable souvenir. Its precious records should justify Tring's perpetual existence. We had a splendid attendance at Tring of both men and women. Our old convention friend, Mrs. M. E. Graham, has been chosen as their secretary. The ladies have decided to join with the men in the U.F.A. instead of organizing an auxiliary. Tring has lately been reorganized, and promises to re-occupy the honored position it once held, of being the largest and most progressive union in Alberta. Let us help them to make good! Mr. and Mrs. Graham took me over to their house for the night and delivered me at Riverton Local on Wednesday evening, June 30. Here we had many noted U.F.A. men: R. A. Wilson, Andrew Moore, J. East, V. E. Skertchley and M. Skinner, all well known to our annual convention. We had an interesting attendance, not so large, I am told, as it would have been had they been certain of my coming—a penalty for once having disappointed them. I was told Riverton was one of the live Unions in every sense of the word, in that whole north country.

"After the meeting I took the back track to Tring, and on Dominion Day addressed a large picnic there. What

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a crowd, and what an opportunity I had of impressing upon the farmers the necessity of organizing! The attention was splendid, rather unusual at a picnic I must say.

Thursday night I took the train to Mannville and held a meeting on Friday night at Creighton Union. Quite a crowd came out of both ladies and gentlemen. It was quite evident Creighton is still hammering away at the same old stand, her course has not been altered. The economic principles of the U.F.A. have become a part of the community. One cannot be obliterated without destroying the other. Such men as Geo. Bennett and D. H. McMillan are a community's best resources. I want to go to Creighton again. On Saturday night Mr. McMillan drove me twelve miles north to Bloomington Local. Farmers from six different school districts make their headquarters there. Each district has its own director and all six of them were at the meeting. Just think of a U.F.A. Local having a monopoly of the business in six townships, and all of these were represented at the meeting. There was a full house. The inspiration was good. I did my best, and at midnight I started back to the C.N.R. But it was evident from the work docketed that those farmers would not go home until morning.

"In all the meetings addressed we discussed the present prohibition issue, organization, Free Trade, agricultural credits and the Co-operative Elevator Company work, and I am pleased to inform you that this trip was the most interesting and best enjoyed in all my experience re-organizing."

LOMOND DISTRICT WORK

Several years ago, when the U.F.A. was being scoffed at as an impossible organization of the farmers, a local was established at Brunetta, a country post office twenty-six miles from Vulcan, the nearest shipping station. This local, thru the zeal and patience of its officers and members, managed to struggle along the lines laid down as the ideal of the U.F.A., organization, education and co-operation, and the innumerable difficulties and discouragements came to their officers, yet the union became one of the largest and most successful in accomplishing its purposes of any in Southern Alberta. When Lomond became their shipping point, the members in that district formed the Lomond Union, now having a very large membership and a promising future. Midway Union was also established thru the influence of the members of Old Brunetta, which was the first in the field. Brunetta, the now shorn of her large membership, still retains her old zeal and forms one of the unions which are now coming together as a district organization for the purpose of putting their ideas of co-operation onto a practical and workable basis.

The results of this work up to date have been the forming of the "Associated Farmers Limited," under the co-operative trading company act, with the object in view of entering into any business within the limits of the act that the board of trustees deem advisable.

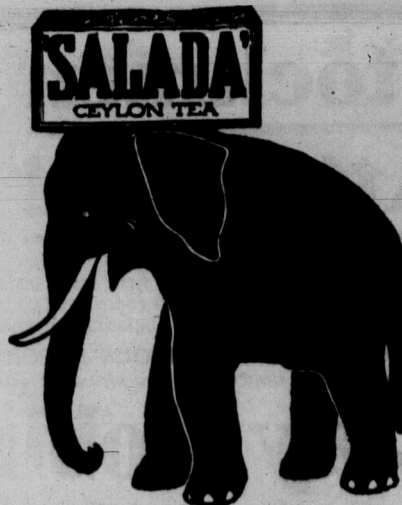
In the forming of this association, Brunetta led off with a motion to this effect: "That we are in favor of establishing a scale and trading company in the village of Lomond in conjunction with the surrounding locals on a co-operative basis with U.F.A. members only." Lomond, Badger Lake and Midway immediately fell in with the proposition and, after hearing an address on the topic of co-operation by the provincial secretary, they decided to incorporate under the co-operative trading company act, and have drawn up rules and bylaws which will give them a good basis to work on.

The Bigstone Local, No. 407, held a successful picnic on Friday, June 9. The program was a temperance one. They had an excellent speaker and singers. The sports consisted of baseball, races and a dance took place at night.

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