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IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

The following resolution was unanimously adopted at the last meeting of the Keho Union and we earnestly request the executive to immediately take steps to have this important question brought before the local unions of Alberta, also that the government be thus given an early opportunity of purchasing the necessary grain for seed purposes, further that the executive take immediate steps to have this matter brought before the government.

"That, whereas, the present crop in many parts of the province is a total failure and there will not be enough seed in many parts of the province, especially in the south, nor will the farmers be in a position to pay cash for same in the spring, we do unanimously adopt the following resolution:

"Resolved, that we ask the Alberta government to immediately take steps to purchase good seed wheat and hold same until next spring, and that they do also make provision to sell this wheat on time, the farmers to give notes due November 1st, 1911, and that the government shall handle this wheat at cost, and thus make the price lower to the farmer who must needs get his seed wheat in this way."

WESLEY A. BUCK, Sec.

Noble.

GOOD WORK DONE

In the absence of secretary-treasurer, R. L. Shaw, the undersigned has been deputed to fill the position for Rose View Union for a short time. At the last regular meeting official circular No. 6 was read and proved very interesting. In regard to leases for grazing purposes the following motion was made: "That this union is of the opinion that no one individual should be able to lease more than from one to ten sections of land for grazing purposes, the same to prove to the satisfaction of the land agent that he or she is a bona fide settler and stock raiser, the said stock raiser to live on the said lease or in the immediate vicinity, and the said lease not to be granted for a period of more than five years."

"Resolved, that we, Roseview Union No. 63, most heartily endorse the resolution made by Bell Camp Union respecting future construction of railroads."

The whole union was unanimous in endorsing Lowden Lake Union in regard to the proposition that the central executive make arrangements to secure binder twine. In regard to the Lighthart case and the resolution presented by Cowley Union we are prepared to endorse any action the central executive may take, and are prepared to put up our share of the expense if the executive take action in bringing the railroad to task for wanton carelessness. This Union believes that Russia should have the privilege of sending all the eggs into Canada she wishes, also farming implements free of duty. We believe we can compete with Russia or any other country if the people are so minded. We had some interesting correspondence with our old friend Briggs and can see an order for a few tons of goods in sight for him. It is a pity we have not a few more men of the stamp of Briggs willing to carry out the spirit of co-operation.

W. H. T. OLIVE.

Carbon.

PROTECTED FROM PRAIRIE FIRES

Kasimir Union is coming to the front, and at the last meeting held on July 23rd, six new members entered their names on the roll book. The principal topic under discussion at this meeting was how to prevent and protect our property against prairie fires. A committee of three, consisting of Messrs. D. R. Easter, W. W. Walker and Leo Cutler was appointed to decide upon some plan of guarding against fires. This committee decided to burn fire guards, and this was done last Thursday. The farmers are all greatly interested in the Union.

W. E. PATE, Sec.

Rosemead.

MAKE SUBJECT KNOWN

At a meeting of the Keho Union held recently the question of Initiative, Referendum and Recall was discussed at some length and it was thought that the farmers need educating in regard to same. Therefore, be it resolved, that our secretary write to the executive asking them if it would not be advisable to print

a number of pamphlets on this question, and forward copies to each local union, said locals to see that the copies are distributed to the best advantage."

WESLEY A. BUCK, Sec.

Noble.

FAVOR FREE IMPLEMENTS

Great Bend Union had the regular meeting on July 22nd. The committee on picnic were unavoidably absent but the proceeds, amounting to \$15.65, had been handed to the treasurer. A successful program of sports and a good social time was reported by visitors present. The meeting was unanimous in favor of a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. A. Scotland for the prizes donated by him for the sports at picnic. The members were in favor of reserving the vacant government lands in this vicinity for wood, etc. The game law was discussed but nothing definite was done at this meeting. A discussion on the tariff on farm implements brought out the following opinions and resolutions:

"Whereas, the farmers of the Canadian West have to compete in the open markets of the world without protection, preference or subsidy, and, whereas, after the duty was taken off cream separators several different separators were manufactured in Canada and were able to compete successfully with foreign separators, other implements which farmers need to start their farms could be manufactured as successfully as cream separators. One implement firm boasts of being the largest under the British flag, and yet claims to need protection. Britishers are not noted for handiapping their competitors in commerce or sports." A resolution in favor of the removal of tariff on farm implements was then put to the meeting and unanimously carried.

C. J. NORTON, Sec.

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PEARCE UNION GROWING

The second meeting of Pearce Union was held on August 1st, and on the roll being called ten members responded. After the adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting Mr. Quinsey was called upon for a speech, which he delivered in splendid style. The call was then made for new members and six responded, and on a further call for membership fees thirteen members handed in their dollars. Then we started in for business. It was moved by Messrs. Hands and Williams: "That this Union be called Pearce Union, and that our next meeting be held at the same place." Mr. P. M. Tolley and Mr. F. R. Dalzell were appointed delegates to wait upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier at Lethbridge. The secretary was instructed to secure prices on scales and also on coal in carload lots. Messrs. Corigan and Leecewick were instructed to get prices on flour and feed. The meeting then adjourned till the first Monday in September.

F. R. DALZELL, Sec.

Monarch.

PORK PACKING CONTRACTS

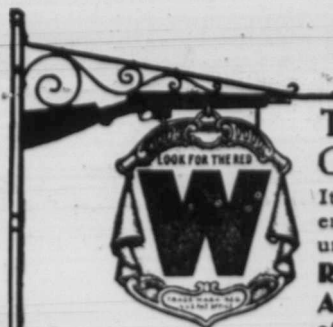
The membership of Cumberland Union is now nineteen, and we will grow some yet. At our last meeting it was decided to take this year's binder twine from Mr. C. W. Parke, of Red Deer. Our old subject, the pork packing agreement, was brought up again, and it was decided that every member should make it his duty to push the matter for all it was worth. Four more agreements were signed and several more promised. In regard to crop prospects the general opinion was that our crops looked remarkably good compared with other districts, and although we will not get the same quality or quantity as in former years, still we have no right to complain.

K. EM. SWALLING, Sec.

Balmora.

ONOWAY MEETING

The meeting of the Onoway branch of the United Farmers of Alberta was held in L. A. Givenette's store, not a very large number being present. After roll call, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved, after which three new members were enrolled. The Canadian Northern Railway, which is at present making headway through this settlement, brought before the meeting the problem of cattle being killed on the track, all present being interested, but nothing definite was done. All correspondence



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of interest to members was then read by the secretary-treasurer, A. A. Brown. Then followed a discussion of whether cattle should be allowed to run at large or whether the union should agree to have all bulls closed up. This also was left for further discussion. It was then decided that the next meeting be held 7:30 p.m. on the third of September, at Onoway school house.

AMALGAMATION EFFECTED

Mr. Tregillus, vice-president of the U. F. A., and Mr. Swift, of the Grain Growers' Grain Company, spoke at the meeting at Loma early in July with reference to the organization of a local union at that point and it was resolved to organize, but the chairman had stated that a union had been recently formed at Arrowood, which was very near, and he suggested that they join this union and so make a good membership. The farmers present thought this would be

a good idea and the chairman asked the secretary of Arrowood Union to call a meeting of the members to discuss the matter. On July 30th a meeting was held at Loma and all present thought it advisable to dissolve the Arrowood Union and form a new one to embrace both districts. All the officers, therefore, resigned and new officers were elected as follows: I. Terbourg, president; S. Harrow, vice-president; Walter H. Olliffe, secretary-treasurer. Six new members handed in their names, making a total membership of sixteen at the present time and there is every prospect of this number being considerably augmented at an early date, as Loma is more central and is also more thickly populated. It was decided to change the name of the union to Loma, and the regular meeting date was set for the second Saturday in the month during the summer, with the intention of meeting oftener in the winter as the farmers have more time then.

WALTER H. OLLIFFE, Sec. Arrowood.