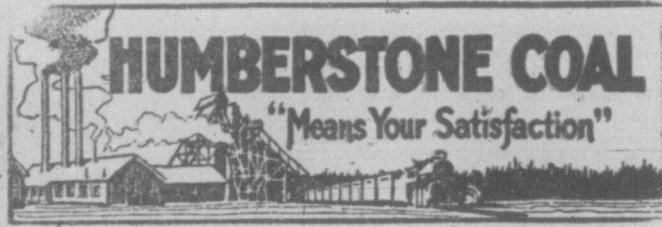


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AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION IS IN GOOD SHAPE

Alberta Making Good Progress
By Making Special
Provisions
PRACTICAL AND SCIENTIFIC
Public and Agricultural Schools
Showing Results of Efforts
Made

The condition of agricultural educa-
tion in Alberta is good. The Government
of the Province and particularly the De-
partment of Agriculture under Hon.
Duncan Marshall has sensed the char-
acteristic need of the province in giv-
ing the fullest support possible to agri-
culture, and in the judgment of Mr.
Marshall, the best and soundest way to
do this is through the education of
farm boys and girls and city boys and
girls, for that matter, by giving them
systematic training in special agricul-
tural schools. There are three of these
schools already in operation—at Olds,
Clareholm and Vermilion and in the
last three or four years they have
trained about 1,600 boys and girls, most
of them taking the two years' course
which lasts five months in the year.
Three more schools are to be added this
year at Raymond, Youngstown and
Gleichen.

The courses in these schools are prac-
tical but there is a good basis of science
for the explanation of practice so that
the boys and girls become interested in
the underlying principles which
make for the success of country occu-
pation. The courses for boys include
crops and cultivation, live stock, dair-
ing, farm mechanics, horticulture and
poultry. The boys get lectures also in
science such as soil and plant physics,
elementary chemistry, bacteriology, bot-
any, and in such general subjects as
English, mathematics, farm manage-
ment and accounting. The schools are
increasing in popularity each year. Even
during the war, the number of students
attending these schools did not de-
crease though the proportion was rather
larger for girls.

The girls' course is considered the
best kind of training not only for coun-
try girls but for town and city girls
who wish to fit themselves for good
home-making. It includes foods and
cooking, sewing, nursing, laundry, sani-
tation, household management, with hor-
ticulture, poultry and dairying optional
and it is likewise understood that girls
are not excluded from agricultural
courses if they wish to take them. Their
course is reinforced by science study
and is liberalized also by teaching in
English literature and expression, phys-
ical culture and rural organization.
Athletics are also given a prominent
place for both boys and girls.

These schools are absolutely free.
There is no charge of any kind to stu-
dents but they must provide their own
books. Both boys and girls must be 16
years of age as the course is of a ser-
ious vocational kind and younger pupils
would not be able to profit by it.

There are in connection with all the
schools, experimental areas. Besides
this, the schools are situated on the
demonstration farms and lately, the
farms and schools have been combined
so that the boys have an opportunity to
see a well managed and well equipped
farm in operation. The live stock of the
farm likewise, is used for demon-
stration purposes.

The College of Agriculture
The other institution for the teach-
ing of agriculture is the College of
Agriculture which is part of the Uni-
versity in Edmonton South. Seventy of
the soldiers have already been given a
four months' course at the college and
they are taking to the course eagerly.
One class has just left the University
and another will begin in the third
week of May. The agricultural work at
the University this year has all been
soldier work as the under-graduates in
agriculture all went to war. The work
in the college begins where the work
in the agricultural schools leaves off
but the work for the soldiers this year
has been of a direct practical sort. The
instructors have taken the boys on
where they found them and have given
them the kind of work they can take
best and make the best use of when
they go on the land.

GOOD PROFIT FROM MARKETING STEERS

The Calgary Market Examiner prints
some fact and figures regarding steers
which were marketed by Mr. A. H. Rob-
ertson of High River that are very en-
couraging to those interested in stock.
Mr. Robertson's statement is as follows:
16 head purchased December 1, 1918 for
\$1441; 16 head sold April 9, 1919 for
\$2851. Gross profit \$1410. Cost of feed-
ing for a little over four months was:
Linseed cake, \$35; oats and chaffing,
\$100; 25 tons hay, \$250; interest on
loan, \$25; total \$470; net profit without
deducting labor \$1410, less cost of feed-
ing \$470, leaves a balance of \$940,
which represents labor and profit. The
steers weighed around 965 pounds when
purchased and averaged 1,240 pounds
when sold. In connection with these fig-
ures, it may be said that the oats and
hay which were fed were grown on his
own farm.

STOCKMEN BANQUET RETIRED MANAGER

Edward Evans, who is retiring from
the management of the Alberta Stock
Yards at Calgary, to assume the man-
agement of the new yards at Moose
Jaw, was the guest of honor at a
banquet which was held in the Pallis-
ter Hotel, Saturday last. Among the
visitors from a distance who were
there were J. H. Ashcraft, manager of
the Edmonton yards; W. F. Stevens,
live stock, commissioner; T. Kelly, and
T. Hall, representing the Edmonton
Live Stock Exchange.

From Calgary, the Edmonton dele-
gation went on to Winnipeg to attend
the meeting of the Western Canada
Live Stock Union with the railway offi-
cials.

JUNE 15TH FIXED AS U.F.A. SUNDAY

President Enumerates the Pur-
poses of This Day Among
Farmers

By H. W. Wood, President U.F.A.
June 15th, is the date fixed by the
Executive Committee on which to ob-
serve our fourth annual U.F.A. Sunday
exercises.

Our last year's date conflicted with
the fixed date of special services of
some of the churches, which the execu-
tive desires to avoid.

There are still inquiries coming to
the central office as to the objects of
U.F.A. Sunday. The object, briefly
speaking, is to discuss the U.F.A. from
a religious standpoint, and to discuss
religion from a U.F.A. standpoint. On
that day these two institutions should
interpret themselves to each other.

The church in the past has placed its
emphasis on making individuals better.
Should there be a close connection be-
tween the two, or is there an impos-
sible barrier between them? Does the
church need a regenerated social sys-
tem in which its individuals can live
together in accordance with the higher
laws of life? Does the U.F.A. need bet-
ter individuals to build into its social
system?

It is evident that we cannot separate
the individual from society, or society
from the individual.

The U.F.A. should make a close in-
vestigation of foundation principles, and
should be told by the church whether or
not Christian teachings offer any in-
formation that will be of assistance in
social regeneration. The fight is on be-
tween Democracy and Autocracy, be-
tween God and Mammon, and this fight
is to the finish.

The U.F.A. and the Church must both
know exactly where they stand in this
conflict. Surely there will be many
things to consider this U.F.A. Sunday,
and world conditions call for the deep-
est thought there is in us.

Try to make the fourth annual U.F.A.
Sunday a success everywhere.

UNIFORM EFFORT MOST NECESSARY

Co-operative Action Required for
Desirable Results from
Potato Growing

Co-operation among the farmers of
any certain district in the raising of
potatoes is advocated by the Depart-
ment of Agriculture, with the object of
that district specializing in some spe-
cial kind of potato and building up a
record for their community in that
special kind of variety. A renewed in-
terest is taken in the growing of po-
tatoes throughout the province and a num-
ber of requests have reached the De-
partment of Agriculture for literature
bearing on the subject, and at a confer-
ence a Bulletin on Potatoes has been
issued.

The farmer has not been in the habit
of clubbing with his neighbors to secure
outside markets; he rather follows the
line of least resistance, and disposes of
his crop at the local market. The sur-
plus production the majority of the
farmers have is likely to be under a
car load in quantity, which fact makes
it unprofitable to market at a distance.
By co-operating with his neighbors it
is possible for him to secure the out-
side markets. The farmers of the Stony
Plain district have recognized the fact
that there is a big field for improve-
ment in the production and marketing
of potatoes in Alberta and have profited
by the scheme proposed by the De-
partment for co-operation.

A committee composed of farmers,
buyers and departmental officials select-
ed six well known favorite varieties.
Quantities of these potatoes were fur-
nished to farmers named by the Stony
Plain Agricultural Society, and these
men, in co-operation with the local
Demonstration Farm, conducted a com-
parative test. A potato fair was held
in the fall and a committee of Edmon-
ton Buyers acted as judges, scoring the
six exhibits of each of the farmers ac-
cording to a score card prepared by the
department. Later an institute meeting
was held at which the people of Stony
Plain decided that, if sufficient seed
could be secured, they would unite to
grow Wee Macgregor potatoes. Thus by
co-operation the farmers of Stony Plain
are building up a future record for
their fame in the potato industry.

POLITICAL ACTION TO BE DECIDED BY ALTA. FARMERS

Convention Called in Various
Political Ridings to Discuss
Issue
FOR MAY AND JUNE

Only Two Locals So Far Heard
From Oppose Political
Action

Below is a list of the dates and places
set for the conventions in the various
Federal Ridings to consider political
action by the United Farmers of Al-
berta:

Constituency	Place	Date
Macleod	Macleod	May 27-28
Lethbridge	Lethbridge	May 29-30
Bow River	Calgary	June 3-4
E. & W. Calgary	Calgary	June 5-6
Red Deer	Red Deer	June 10-11
Victoria	Camrose	June 12-13
Battle River	Wainwright	June 17-18
Strathcona	Wetaskiwin	June 19-20
East Edmonton	Edmonton	June 26-27
West Edmonton	Edmonton	June 26-27

These conventions are being called by
the Central Office in accordance with
the resolution passed by the annual
convention, and upon requests of 10%
or more of the locals in each federal
riding. In most cases considerably more
than the necessary 10% of requests
have been received. It is significant
that of the replies to questionnaires re-
cently sent out, only two replies have
been received from locals which are op-
posed to taking political action.

These dates have been set by the
executive after consideration of the re-
plies received to the questionnaires. Prac-
tically all the constituencies ask for a
convention to be held during the month
of June. The questionnaires from the
Southern part of the province indicate a
desire for the conventions being called
somewhat earlier than those in the
north, and owing to the fact that seed-
ing is over earlier in the south, it was
decided to commence in the south and
go northwards. Practically all the con-
stituencies request the attendance of
President Wood at these conventions
and the executive has decided that the
provincial secretary should, if possible,
attend each convention to assist if de-
sired. As the dates are arranged it will
be possible for President Wood and the
provincial secretary to be at each con-
vention. As far as possible the conven-
tions have been arranged to suit the
majority of those who will travel by
train.

NEW MANAGER CALGARY YARDS

E. Ward Jones, for the past three
years Dominion markets representative
at Calgary Stock Yards, has been ap-
pointed successor to Edward Evans as
manager of the Alberta Stock Yards,
and assumed his new office on May 1st.
Mr. Jones is quite popular with the
commission men and country buyers,
with whom he is in constant association.
He is a western man, having attended
Manitoba Agricultural College and later
becoming professor of animal husband-
ry at that College, holding that position
until the time of his acceptance of the
position in Calgary under the Dominion
government.

His occupancy of the new position
should be a most pleasant one and ben-
eficial to the livestock industry of the
southern portion of the province and
those engaged in the trade.

EDMONTON YARDS SHOW LARGE GAIN

Receipts at the Edmonton Stock
Yards during the month of March in-
cluded 2,533 cattle, as compared with
1,408 for the same month last year, and
this did not include 588 calves, which
was more than double the number for
last year also. Hog receipts for March,
1919, were way down, the figures show-
ing 2,729, as compared with 4,676 last
year in March. Sheep receipts were
2,410 for March, 1919, as compared with
11 the year previous, rather a remark-
able showing, and horses passing
through the yards this year were 534, as
compared with 203 last year for the
same month.

The cattle receipts for Edmonton this
year to date show a wonderful increase,
considerably more than doubling last
year's figures for the same period. The
official figures for this year are 12,917
cattle, as compared with 5,248 last year.
These totals include 1,234 calves this
year and 720 last.

Receipts of hogs for the same period
show a decrease from 12,375 last year
to 10,411 this year. Sheep receipts to
date this year are 8,949, compared to
155 in 1918, and horse receipts at 1,272,
are nearly four times the receipts of
last year for the same period.

S. G. COWAN WILL MOVE

S. G. Cowan, the Delta Aberdeen-
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