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ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING AT EDWELL

A well attended meeting of Edwell Union No. 53 was held in the local schoolhouse on Wednesday, January 27, with the president, J. Comer, in the chair, to receive the reports of the delegates to the annual convention. The union is to be congratulated on the fact that some of the young members are commencing to take a live part in its affairs, and Jack Marles, who was one of the delegates, gave a very interesting report of part of the proceedings, and some of his observations were very lucid and to the point. The secretary reported on the results of the various resolutions presented to the convention, and commented thereon. He also enlivened the meeting with some descriptions of various persons taking part, closing his remarks with an excursus on the duties of the local directors, as exemplified at a special meeting of local secretaries at Edmonton, under the chairmanship of the general secretary.

An appeal was made to all farmers in the district to fall into line and join, so that this local—which stands twenty-sixth in order of number of members out of 173 in the Red Deer constituency—shall be the most successful in the district in 1915.

The secretary was instructed to ask D. Buckingham to attend one of the meetings and give an address, also some pointers on organization and other matters of interest to the union. The secretary was also instructed to write for copies of the report on agricultural credits from the Department of Agriculture for distribution to members, also some copies of the memorial card to the late president.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, February 10, when it is hoped a paper will be contributed by a member of a neighboring local, and it is hoped that members and friends will make a special effort to attend.

AWAKENING AT RAYMOND

The following extracts from a very interesting letter from J. U. Allred, of Raymond, are submitted:

Kindly permit me to take this means of reminding you that there has been some awakening of the interest in the U.F.A. at Raymond. For a number of years we have been in a disorganized condition here, and our interests and efforts have not been those of an effectual, live organization. I am pleased to report, however, that on January 11 our local union was re-organized, and we hope to be able to consolidate our interests and perfect our organization so that we can join hands and forces with the great organization of farmers in Alberta, for any and all causes that would be to our temporal and social improvement. Allow me, for a local organization, to express our appreciation for your many favors and the information which you have given us in the past. We expect to increase our membership until we include a goodly number of the active farmers and producers of this district.

ALSASK LOCAL ORGANIZED

On January 12, a U.F.A. local was organized west of Alsask, to be known as the Alsask local, of which Alfred Anderson is president, and Godfrey Saunders, secretary. It was arranged to meet every two weeks during the winter at different members' houses, as it was considered that this would tend to increase the social life of the community. The next meeting was held at W. Green's, on January 26, and was well attended. A paper on "Trees, and their value to the prairie farmer," was read by the secretary, and was well received. The ladies are discussing as to whether or not they will join as members of the Alsask local or form an auxiliary.

The question of a local market to be held in Alsask weekly, was brought

up and as a result there is to be a joint meeting of the town council, the Alsask and surrounding locals, and agricultural societies to take up this matter.

The question of a grade crossing at the depot for the side track was brought up, and as this is a vital matter not only to the locals, but to the townspeople as well, the secretary was instructed to draw up and circulate a petition to be forwarded to the C.N.R.

At the conclusion of the business session a social evening was held, which was thoroughly enjoyed. This latter feature will be continued all thru the winter months.

CHEERFUL IN ADVERSITY

We have received the sum of \$18.30 for the Belgian Relief Fund from the Rolling Green Union No. 244, thru their secretary, John Green. This amount represents the proceeds of a dance held in the U.F.A. hall on February 5. The secretary explains that the amount would have been larger but for the bad state of the weather, which spoilt the attendance. The union has started the new year by ordering eight carloads of hay and 100 lbs. of formalin, with expectations of considerably more before the spring. To help cheer the people up during the hard times due to crop failure, dances are being held in the U.F.A. hall every two weeks. The membership of this union at present is 28. The secretary reports that the union won a piano in a newspaper competition last July, but same has not yet been delivered. The members still have hopes, however, and are looking forward to making good use of it when it does arrive.

NEW UNION CO-OPERATING

One of our new unions is Twin Creek Union No. 689, with Oscar Eliason, secretary. A special meeting of the union has been called for February 19, to take orders for wire and machinery, also for coal oil.

AGRICULTURAL EXPERTS LECTURING

Claymore Union No. 660 held a pleasant social evening on January 29, with Wm. Robinson, vice-president, in the chair. An interesting address was given by E. A. Howes, of Vermilion Agricultural School, on the benefits of using pure seed. Mr. Howes expressed a wish that some of the farmers in the district would try the growing of peas during the coming season for hog pasture, together with oats for green feed. H. W. Scott, manager of the Demonstration Farm, gave an address in favor of mixed farming. The secretary states that the address was a "clear and convincing argument" but the report confines itself entirely to the old adage about not having all one's eggs in one basket. I think there were very few farmers that were not convinced long ago, if they ever needed convincing, that mixed farming was the best kind of farming to follow, provided that markets were right. We hope that Mr. Scott did not forget to deal with this side of the question, for even mixed farming is not all it is cracked up to be, if it costs more to feed your stock than you can sell it for when finished.

Among other items on the program were a reading from Drummond's "Habitant," also items by Miss Witherbe, Arthur Wharry and Geo. Rutherford. The ladies of the district provided a lunch and the evening wound up with a short dance. The union has just ordered a car of tamarac posts.

DOINGS AT BERRYWATER

The following report is to hand from Berrywater Union No. 195: The annual meeting of the union was held on Saturday, Dec. 19, with a good attendance. D. B. Simms was elected president; Hugh Baden, vice-president, and P. J. Haslam, secretary-treasurer. The business of the meeting included a report on co-operative buying of coal oil

and plow shares. A discussion took place on the improved marketing of our grain and the fortnightly holding of debates. Francis Baden was chosen as delegate to the convention at Edmonton.

On Friday, January 16, a successful box social and dance was held for the purpose of raising funds to send the delegate to Edmonton. Mr. Simms was in the chair. The program was opened by an interesting address on "Co-operation" by the Manager of the Vulcan Farmers' Co-operative Company, followed by a short program of music given by local talent. This was followed by a sale of boxes, Mr. Rebbe acting as auctioneer. Twenty-one boxes were disposed of, realizing \$32.00. Lunches were served to those not buying baskets at 25c apiece. The meeting ended with a dance.

BUILDING A HALL

Minot Union No. 416 reports a meeting held on January 16. It was decided to hold a basket social and dance in one of the neighboring school houses, the funds derived from this to be applied to the U.F.A. hall about to be built at Bulwark. The basket social and dance was held on February 3, and was a great success, a nice sum of money being realized towards the hall.

At a regular meeting held on Feb. 6, orders for plow shares were taken by the secretary amounting to nearly \$100. Arrangements were also made for raising the balance of the money for the lumber which it was anticipated would be used in the building of the U.F.A. hall. Something like \$80 was promised right at the meeting, and as there were quite a few members absent, it was anticipated that there would be no difficulty in raising the rest of the money. About \$150 is needed, as it is anticipated that 7,500 feet of lumber will be required. It was further decided to bond the secretary-treasurer in the sum of \$1,000.

FROM PARADISE VALLEY

We are glad to hear again from J. P. Swayne, of Paradise Valley, who has recently taken over the secretaryship of Winona Union No. 161. What is better still, Mr. Swayne sends in membership dues for 38 members, which, I believe, is easily above the average for this union. The union recently held an oyster supper which probably accounts for the large number of members secured. A number of toasts were given which were responded to, and there was also a very fine program consisting of a number of musical selections, etc.

CAMROSE CO-OPERATING

From Camrose Union No. 575 we have another encouraging report. At the annual meeting, held on January 2, five new members were secured and eight others have been added since. Some of the old members have not, as yet, paid up, but will undoubtedly do so before long. The union now has sixty members on the books and the secretary says that all of these have been secured thru the union taking up co-operative buying. Membership dues were sent in for thirty-five members, the remittance being very acceptable. The union is in favor of having farmers' representation in legislatures.

BUSINESS AND PLEASURE

A meeting of Alsask Local No. 696 was held at Peter Young's on February 9. The question of the railway crossing was brought up and the secretary stated that as there were several points at which the crossing might be put in, he would prefer to have another member to help decide the question, as definiteness in any petition was most essential. It was moved by Peter Young, seconded by J. Young, that the secretary choose his co-worker. The secretary chose J. Young. Regarding the market day in Alsask, the committee appointed for

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Victoria—P. S. Austin	Ranfurly
Edmonton—George Long	Namoo
Strathcona—H. G. Vickery	Strome
Macleod—G. W. Buchanan	Cowley
Calgary—J. A. Bishop	Beddington
Red Deer—D. Buckingham	Stettler
Medicine Hat—E. E. Sparks	Jenner

that purpose announced that a meeting was to be held in Alsask, on the 22nd instant to meet the town council and discuss the proposition. It was suggested by R. T. Young that we ought to take some steps regarding the improvement of the cemetery, which was in bad need of attention. Mr. Young moved that the president, vice-president and directors be appointed a committee to interview the council on this matter and see what could be done. This was seconded by the secretary. The approach to the town was then discussed, and it was moved by R. T. Young and seconded by P. Young that the committee on the cemetery take this up with the council also. The ladies arranged to meet at W. Green's on the 25th inst., at 2 p.m., to arrange for the formation of an auxiliary. The next meeting is to be held at J. Young's (18-27-1) on Tuesday, 23rd inst.

After the meeting adjourned, a most enjoyable musical program was held. Our worthy mayor gave a most instructive address on "Agricultural Credits." He pointed out that the big corporations were able to get almost unlimited credit, as they employed lawyers who could present their needs in the best way, and until the farmers combined and followed the same methods they could get no credit. The banks required such unwarrantable security for loans that it was impossible for a poor man to get a loan at all. Leave partyism alone, and choose a man who will work for the farmers. There were seventy-five ladies and gentlemen present.

AT REGINA CONVENTION

The Central Secretary was at Regina last week in attendance at the annual meetings of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association and the Canadian Council of Agriculture. The reports of the Saskatchewan Convention and Canadian Council of Agriculture meeting have already appeared, or will be found on another page. It may be possible to write our impressions of these meetings at another time, meanwhile we can thoroughly recommend that the reports of these meetings be given attention by our members.

NEW UNIONS ORGANIZED

A new union has been organized at Ferintosh, with Olaf Hansen as president and J. L. Berger as secretary-treasurer. The latter has remitted membership dues of \$12.25 for twenty-six members.

A SCANDINAVIAN LOCAL

Still another new union whose organization has recently been reported is the Battle Lake Union No. 693, organized with the assistance of P. Edlab, of Westeros. Most of the members are Scandinavians and cannot speak English. Mr. Edlab was able to address them in their own language and give them some idea of the work of the U.F.A. The union completed its organization on January 30.

BELGIAN RELIEF FUND

Previously acknowledged	\$1,067.40
Letts Union No. 405	11.50
Butze Union No. 613	30.00
Stainsleigh Union No. 157	6.00
Rolling Green Union No. 244	18.30
	\$1,133.20

RED CROSS FUND

Previously acknowledged	\$187.40
Battle Bend Union No. 683	84.25
	\$271.35

PATRIOTIC FUND

Previously acknowledged	\$58.05
Butze Union No. 613	14.00
Crocus Plains Union No. 444	26.65
	\$98.70