

local officers, in the absence of any meetings, make themselves responsible for ascertaining that none of their members are suffering without assistance being available, and also that they be on the lookout for any cases of distress in the community whether members of our organization or not. In the cities the voluntary nurses are undertaking to supply breath to the sufferers who are isolated without cooking conveniences or help. In the country, the assistance might very well take the form of ascertaining what supplies are needed for homes where there is sickness and offering to bring these from town. There are many little services that could be rendered by the men in this way, and the services of the single women or married women without children as voluntary nurses will be greatly appreciated. Many volunteers are offering their services in cities and towns. Where no doctor or trained nurse is available it would be advisable to call up the nearest doctor by phone for instructions and advice.

"During the continuance of the epidemic no attempt should be made to hold meetings of any description. Even though some districts are reported free of the epidemic it appears to be spreading very rapidly and every reasonable precaution should be taken."

#### Re Credit

A number of locals in the districts which have suffered from drought and frost have written the Central office in regard to financial assistance in order to enable farmers who lost their crops to tide over the winter and to put in their crops next spring. Ever since it became apparent that the situation, owing to the adverse weather conditions during the past summer, would be serious the Central office has been in close touch with the Dominion and provincial governments, keeping them advised as to the conditions reported to the Central office. The matter was under discussion at a recent meeting of the executive at which time a conference was being held between representatives of the Dominion and provincial governments on the subject, and representations have been made to both governments. The executive also appointed a committee to investigate complaints from farmers who have been unable to secure advances from the banks. Secretaries of locals should promptly report such cases with as full particulars as possible to the Central office when they will be looked into. Farmers who are still unable to secure credit after their cases have been investigated will be further advised as to a plan by which it is believed reliable farmers can secure same.

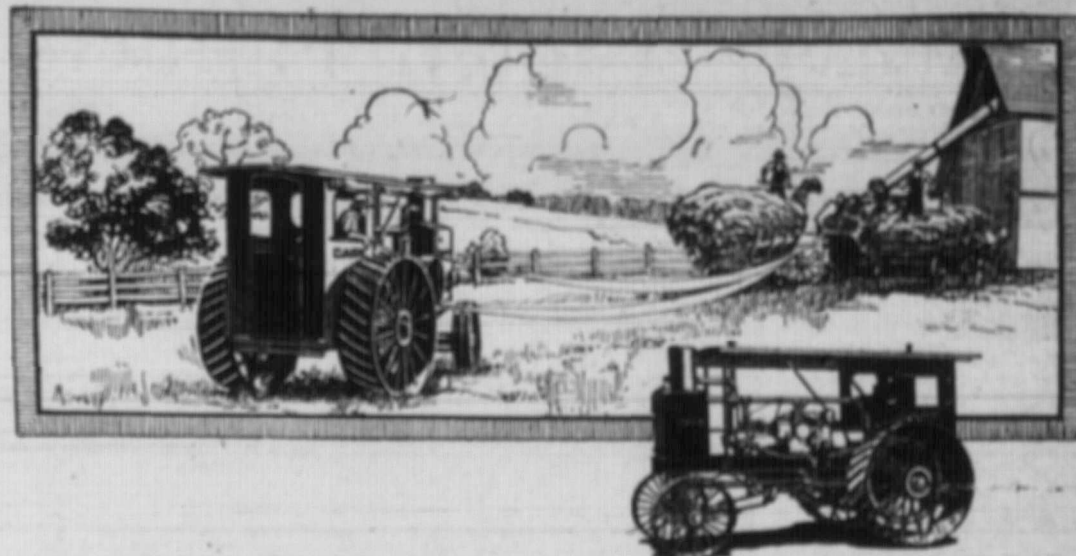
#### U.F.A. Briefs

"You will see this local is not yet dead. It was very sick for a few months, but the medicine of Drs. Wood and Parsons in The Grain Growers' Guide has worked wonders."—H. P. Bott, Earlie P.O., secretary, Crystal Valley local No. 786.

Valhalla local has now a membership of 51, which is excellent for one of our "outposts." O. M. Melsness, secretary, remarks: "Our people have done splendidly considering also that our local was one of the few who voted against the increase in membership fee."

At a meeting of the Blackfoot local, held at Farmer's Hall, Blackfoot, October 19, James Saunders and Hames Stone were nominated a committee to deal with the problem of bulls running at large, as it was considered by the meeting that the existing by-law was not strong enough.

To be a U.F.A. member is to belong to a movement which is rapidly making Canadian History. Every member has a right to a thrill of justifiable pride as he recognizes this, for the story of the organized farmers is one of the brightest pages in our national record—the abolition of the liquor traffic, and of the patronage evil in public affairs, the enfranchisement of women, the agitation for a more equitable distribution of the burden of taxation, the growth of co-operation in community and business life—these are some of the outgrowths of the activities of our farmers' organization.



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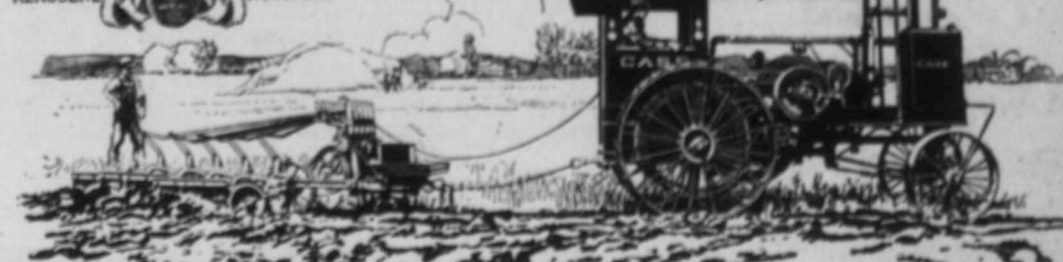
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