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### GO-OPERATIVE WHOLESALE Official Circular No. 5

To the Officers and Members of  
..... Union, No. ....

Ladies and Gentlemen:—The board of directors when considering how best to carry out the Convention's resolution concerning co-operative business, came to the conclusion that it would not be wise at the present time to try to organize a new wholesale co-operative society, but that it would be better to make an arrangement with the Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Co. for doing the wholesale business of our unions. The Elevator Co. has, therefore, come into an agreement with the U. F. A. to act as our agent in the purchase and sale of all kinds of commodities, the Company to secure the best possible rates from the manufacturers or other concerns, on all such lines as may be required. It must be clearly understood by all our unions that the agreement in no way interferes with the liberty of any union, or any group of unions, to do direct business for themselves; they can continue any direct business arrangements they may have now, or make any new direct business arrangements they may find convenient. Under the agreement the Elevator Co. will act as buying and selling agent for any union or group of unions that desire to do business with the company, and we have made the agreement in the hope that the Elevator Co. will render such good service as will win the confidence of all our unions.

All business, excepting grain, will be done on a commission basis; the Elevator Co. has opened a separate U. F. A. commission account, and your directors have appointed a special committee, consisting of J. Speakman, H. W. Wood and H. G. Vickery, to supervise this account, to regulate the amount of the commission, and to deal with any complaints that may arise. All vouchers and documents of any kind relating to this business to be open to the inspection of this committee. We have every safeguard that this will be a commission-earning, not a profit-making business. As this is a commission business the company is not obliged to carry any stock of goods that may be required by the unions.

The business is on a strictly cash basis. For less than carload lots, the cash must accompany the orders; for carload lots, a sufficient deposit with the order and the balance to be paid by the local unions on the basis of demand drafts against documents.

The company will supply the local unions with quotations on any commodities that may be required. This agreement can be terminated at any time by either party giving three months' notice in writing to the other party, but in case it is terminated, all business in hand and contracts outstanding, even if not completed at the expiration of the said three months, shall be completed in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

We recommend this arrangement to the attention of every local union and we are sure that if it is carefully worked it will result in saving a considerable amount of money for many of our members.

Yours fraternally,  
JAMES SPEAKMAN, Pres.  
P. P. WOODBRIDGE, Secy.

Calgary, April 1.

### OFFICIAL CIRCULAR No. 6

To the Officers and Members of  
..... Local Union, No. ....

Ladies and Gentlemen:—I am enclosing herewith a sample copy of the new annual report containing the reports of the various committees for the year 1914, and the minutes of our annual convention, held in Edmonton last January. Unions wishing to secure a supply of these reports should instruct their secretary to write for same at once. A remittance of two cents for each copy of the annual report must be made in advance. An equal number of

copies of the Constitution and By Laws will be sent free of charge if desired. The charge for the annual reports is to cover the cost of postage, which is heavy under ordinary circumstances and will be still further increased when the new postal rates come into effect on April 15 next. I might point out that each local union, if they do no more, should keep a copy of the annual reports as issued on file for reference purposes, but every union should have at least a few annual reports in their possession for the use of officers and prospective new members. The cost of issuing these annual reports is considerable, and as no direct charge is made for same, our members would do well to see that this literature is used in such a way that interest in our work will be created among non-members of the Association, thus securing indirect returns in that way.

### Supplies for Local Unions

You will find in this circular a revised price list of supplies for the use of local unions. It is being issued on instructions from the Board of Directors in an effort to remove somewhat the financial burden under which this office has been laboring for the past year or so on account of the fact that the price charged for supplies was not sufficient to cover the labor and other expenditure involved in sending out the numerous orders received. An article has already appeared in the Guide, going into various phases of this question in detail, and it will not be necessary, therefore, to repeat them in this circular. I would draw your attention particularly, however, to the special arrangements we have made for the printing of individual local union letter heads with envelopes to match. These letter heads will have printed thereon the name and number of your local, with the name of the president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer, with their post office addresses, if so desired. The envelopes will bear the U. F. A. monogram in miniature with the post office address of the secretary-treasurer, for convenience in returning a letter to sender if wrongly addressed.

We still have a few hundred copies of the "Course of Study" left from the second shipment. The first order proved insufficient to meet the demand and we had to secure another thousand copies, the price for which had to be advanced to 15 cents per copy. The pamphlet is still good value at that price, and we hope that it will not be long before the few hundred copies remaining will have been taken off our hands.

### Government Seed Grain

Some farmers still seem to be unaware that the time limit for filing applications for seed grain expired on March 10, and that distribution is now in full swing. A few years ago numerous complaints were sent in to this office in regard to the quality and price of the grain being distributed and these complaints have already started to make their appearance this year, tho generally speaking, there does not seem to be anything like as much dissatisfaction as on former occasions. For the guidance of any who feel that they must send in their complaint to this office, I would like to say that if we are to secure any satisfaction for the party complaining the following details must be observed in making the complaint:—

- 1.—We require a fair sample of the grain, weighing at least 1 lb.
- 2.—The number of the ear from which the grain is taken.
- 3.—The Inspector's slip, or details thereof which will be found in each sack.

This latter refers to a slip of paper which is placed in each sack of grain, giving the Inspector's name, or number, and other information which in making the complaint will enable us to definitely locate the party who was responsible for O.K.-ing the grain and per-

mitting it to go forward for seeding purposes.

### Legal Information Bureau

I beg to advise you that arrangements have been made with a reputable firm of lawyers in Calgary, Messrs. Short, Ross, Selwood, Shaw and Mayhood, for the establishment of a legal information bureau for the benefit of the members of the United Farmers of Alberta. Thru this bureau you will be able to secure an opinion on legal queries which you can rely upon. The charge for such service will be \$1.00 and this amount must be remitted with the request for information. The fee will not, of course, cover an opinion on complicated legal problems involving more than a cursory investigation. Inquiries coming under this head should be sent direct to the Central Office on a separate sheet of paper and we recommend that such inquiries be sent thru the local secretary as the service is for members of the U. F. A. only. Another reason why such inquiries should come thru the local secretary is so that he will receive a copy of the reply and the information thus secured can be given out at the next meeting of the union for the benefit of those present, and can then be placed on the files of the local union for future reference in cases of a similar nature. Anyone wishing to secure the benefit of this service by writing direct to the Central Office, must first be vouched for as a member of the U. F. A. in good standing, by the president, secretary, or other officer of his local union.

### General

On April 15 next the new stamp taxes will come into force, and will affect this office and the Association in general very considerably. Among other things there will be an extra tax of one cent on every letter and circular which goes out of this office, to say nothing of an extra tax on parcels and other things. In the month of February alone, which is a short month, more than 880 letters, 1400 circulars and 250 parcels were mailed from this office, so that you can judge somewhat the effect that it will have on us. In addition, there will be a tax on money orders, postal notes and cheques, the bulk of which will probably have to be borne by the local unions. So far as this office is concerned the regular mail will, of course, be attended to as usual; the number of circulars may, however, be cut down. I have not the authority of the Directors for this, but it is my intention to propose that in place of the circulars which involve considerable expense to the Central Office, not only in postage but in labor also, we make a more general use of the Alberta page of the Grain Growers' Guide, our official organ, and instead of sending out fifteen or sixteen circulars a year, we cut that number in half if necessary and instead of mailing each circular separately to each local secretary, reach them thru the medium of the Alberta Section of the Guide and send out a circular direct only once every two or three months. I have heard many opinions expressed in regard to our official circular. It has been stated that not one half of them are ever read at meetings of the local unions; some have recommended their discontinuance altogether, others claim that such a move would be far from popular. We would welcome an expression of opinion from any of our local unions as to:—

- 1.—Their opinion as to the usefulness of our official circular.
- 2.—Suggestions for its improvement if meeting with favor.
- 3.—The suggestion to reduce the number of circulars sent direct and make a more general use of the Alberta Section of the Guide.

### Special Rates on Feed

The special rates which our Association secured from the railway companies last fall for the transportation

of feed into the dry districts of Alberta and Saskatchewan should have expired on March 31 under the old tariff. I am pleased to announce, however, that a telegram has just been received from the Assistant Freight Traffic Manager, C. P. R., advising us that in accordance with the terms of correspondence received by him from our Association, the special rate has been extended another month so that the rate is now good until May 1. Any farmer desirous of availing himself of this special rate or intending to bring in feed, should note this and arrange for shipment prior to that date, as unless some extraordinary circumstances make it necessary, we do not intend to ask for any further extension of the privilege.

### Bulletin on Potato Growing

I am requested by the Provincial Department of Agriculture to announce that a special bulletin on potato growing has been printed and that same can be secured from the Department on application. I would suggest that our secretaries be instructed to write for sufficient copies of this bulletin for each member of the union, and that same be distributed for the information of all.

Yours fraternally,

P. P. WOODBRIDGE,  
Provincial Secretary.

### GOING FOR THE RECORD

I am just in receipt of membership dues for one hundred members from W. Cross, secretary of Nanton Central Union No. 367. Further membership dues received two days ago from Cayley Union No. 259, brought the membership for that union up to ninety-seven paid up this year. This places Nanton and Cayley Unions easily in the lead so far as our Association is concerned this year, and neither of these unions, while they have been in existence for some time, have been anything out of the ordinary hitherto. It is evident, however, that both of them this year are making a bid to become leaders in the Association, and some of those who have held the honor in previous years will have to look to their laurels.

### BOYS AND GIRLS ENCOURAGED

Acme Union, No. 62, has recently taken up one phase of work to which considerably more time might well be devoted by some of our unions. This is in connection with the local agricultural society. A boys and girls' competition is being arranged, the contestants all to be of school age and their parents to be members of the U.F.A. or Women's Auxiliary, with prizes for the successful contestants. To the boy or girl raising the best calf will be presented as good a calf as was raised by the contestant or cash value to the amount of \$25. To the boy or girl raising the best hog will be given a duplicate or \$15 in cash. To the one who raises the best hen and six chickens \$5, and to the growers of the best bushel of potatoes \$5. This is a splendid way of interesting the young people in actual farm work. It is also paving the way to making them more satisfied with farming conditions. The character of many of our local fairs thruout the province might be rendered considerably better by the active assistance of our locals or our district associations. The Acme union is to be congratulated on the step which it has taken in this respect.

"Wasn't King John a wicked man?" said the professor's little daughter the other evening. "He used to run over people with his motor cars."

The professor was puzzled. "Haven't you made a mistake?" he inquired, doubtfully. "Surely your teacher didn't tell you that?"

"Oh, yes, she did. She told us that King John ground down the people with his taxis."

### DISTRICT DIRECTORS:

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