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H. Higginbotham, Calgary, Alta.

Board Meeting, December 4

An announcement has been made by the provincial health authorities to the effect that meetings of 20 persons may now be held, a meeting of the board of directors has been called for Wednesday, December 4, commencing at 9.30, Central office, Loughheed Building, Calgary. Arrangements for the Annual Convention will be considered at this meeting. Also other matters of importance requiring the attention of the Board.

Thorild has Posts

T. R. Harver, Thorild, sends the following information regarding fence posts, of which the Thorild District is supplying considerable—

Many farmers on the prairies have written Thorild for information as to fence posts, as to kinds of timber, freight rates, number a car holds, etc. There is some information that might interest many of them. The two best kinds are willow and tamarac, posts are considered to be three to four inches at top, seven feet long; of these a car holds 1,600. Fence pickets are considered to average two inches at top, seven feet long. Of these, a car holds 4,000, with about one-fourth over three inches or large enough for posts. The freight on both kinds is about \$75 per car to points 200 miles beyond Edmonton. Pickets carry for a little less than two cents each, while posts take more than four cents each in transportation. Posts are now worth, loaded in car, eight cents each, and pickets five cents. A willow picket, seven feet in seven-and-a-half feet long is good for two settings in hard, dry ground and will last many years and are more economical than posts where they must be shipped a long distance.

If pickets were used instead of posts there would be far less maimed horse-flesh. The object of a picket is to hold the wire up in position and give under pressure when necessary, much more readily than a post.

A Broad Program

At a recent meeting of the Eye Hill local Edgar Smith, principal of the Provost schools, gave a historical address on "Turkey and Her Part in the War." Mr. Perry, of Provost, gave a splendid rendering of one of Henry Drummond's poems, dealing with the lives of the French-Canadian "habitants."

Farm Accounts

At a recent meeting of the Wainfred local the matter of keeping farm accounts was taken up and it was found that only about ten per cent. of the members were keeping accounts and half of those not very completely. Many more had tried it and given up. The secretary, H. E. Platt, impressed upon all that they should keep accounts, and that in a few years the income tax would force them to do so. The chief trouble seems to be in getting a suitable ledger for keeping farm accounts. It was decided that they would need a well-bound book, about 8x12 or 14 inches, with about 200 pages to take care of cost of putting in and harvesting wheat, oat, barley and grain crop chiefly. It should have a column to take care of the cost of crops and the returns, so that a farmer could find out the exact profit or loss; also an account for cattle, hogs and horses in like manner. It must, in fact, take care of all the business on the farm and it must be simple. The secretary was instructed to take the matter up and see if he could not secure a book to meet their requirements. Central office will be glad to hear from any one who has worked out a simple and efficient system of farm accounts.

De Winton Rally

The recent rally held in the new Community hall at De Winton was successful, although a large number who otherwise would have been present were kept away by the influenza. There were 85 present. President Wood delivered an address which was greatly appreciated. Some musical items and readings which were thoroughly enjoyed were given by Mr. and Mrs. McMarry.

Annual Convention—Official Call

Please take careful notice of the following particulars re the coming Annual Convention:—

Date

The Eleventh Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, January 21, 22, 23, 24, 1919, commencing at 10 o'clock sharp on the morning of the first day.

Place

The Convention will be held in the First Presbyterian Church, Edmonton, 105th Street, being the same place in which the Convention was held in that city two years ago.

Representation From Locals

All duly qualified locals of the U.F.A. are entitled to one delegate for every ten or major portion of ten paid-up members. The number of members as recorded in the Central office on or before December 31 of the current year shall govern. This is in accordance with Clause 3, Section 12 of the Constitution.

All delegates must secure from their local secretary the official delegates' certificates issued by the Central office. These cards will be forwarded to your local secretary as soon as word is received from him as to how many delegates your local is likely to send.

Pool Rate

The Pool Rate is covered under Clause 7, Section 9 of the Constitution. It means that the railway fares of all duly qualified delegates to the Convention are recorded and added together, the sum total of all fares being divided by the number of delegates present, thus giving an average for each man or woman. This average is the Pool Rate, and all delegates whose fare is more than this average receive the difference in the form of a refund. All delegates whose fare is less than this average are required to pay in the difference between it and the amount of their fare, thus equalizing the cost of attending the Convention for delegates from any part of the province. Locals are responsible for the failure of their delegates to comply with these regulations. See Clause 8, Section 9.

It is not yet known whether we will be able to secure special Convention rates on the railways. Further announcement on this subject will be made later.

Visitors

Visitors are thoroughly welcome, and we hope many will be able to attend. They will not of course have voting privileges, but can attend all sessions of either the men's or women's convention. The U.F.W.A. will hold separate meetings at the same time as the men's convention.

Accommodation

Arrangements will, we understand, be made by Edmonton organizations to take care of the delegates as they arrive in the city. Further details on this will be forwarded you later, provided that we are advised beforehand as to how many delegates and visitors we may expect. Accommodation in the city of Edmonton at the present time, without any special events happening is limited. In the interests of the delegates themselves, you will certainly do well to advise us as to the number of people that we may expect.

Resolutions

Resolutions for submission to the Convention should be mailed to the Central Secretary, by December 1. Sub-section 6, of Section 9, gives the Central Executive power to recommend that such resolutions as they see fit sent in after December 1, be submitted to the Convention. No doubt, owing to the exceptional circumstances created by the Influenza epidemic, the Executive will allow considerable latitude, in regard to late resolutions this year. No local therefore, which has been unable to hold meetings before December 1 to consider resolutions should hesitate to send in such resolutions to the Central. A fee of fifty cents is required to be sent with each resolution to cover the cost of printing and circulating to other locals. Enclosed herewith is copy of extracts from Constitution, covering matters which require urgent attention at this time.

Program

No local can afford to miss being represented at the Annual Convention. Remember it is the Farmers' Parliament. Our association is governed by the Annual Convention. If there are not sufficient funds in the treasury to cover your delegates' expenses, arrangements should be made to raise money by means of an entertainment, or in some way which the members approve of. While the final details of the program have not yet been arranged, we believe that in view of the vital problems confronting our association at this time that this Convention will outweigh all previous Conventions in importance. As soon as the program is prepared a copy will be sent to each local. In the meantime, we shall be glad to have suggestions from our locals in regard to the same.

The social side, although of course of secondary importance, will not be overlooked. The first evening is usually devoted to an informal social gathering, and this year the City of Edmonton has proposed to entertain the delegates and visitors at an informal social and dance in the Macdonald Hotel. This gives an opportunity to make the acquaintance of the other delegates, which is very well worth while. Many real friendships have been formed at our Annual Conventions. Two evenings will probably be devoted to speeches by outstanding men on important questions of the day, together with some short musical selections by leading Edmonton musicians. Edmonton theatre managers are endeavoring to secure special attractions for Convention week. Everything possible will be done both by our own Board of Directors and the City of Edmonton to ensure a pleasant and profitable time being spent.

If your local desires to send a strong representation to the Convention there are only a few weeks left to collect and send in dues for 1918. There is much to do between now and the Convention for every local and every officer and member of every local. The success of the Convention depends upon the interest and enthusiasm displayed by our locals. Let every local do its part.

Yours fraternally,

H. HIGGINBOTHAM,

Calgary, November 13, 1918.

Provincial Secretary.

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