

that the manner in which the seed grain question was handled by the government some few years back was entirely unsatisfactory, and endorse the action taken by the Board of Directors. The particulars requested by the general secretary will be forwarded at an early date. In regard to the action taken by the delegates from Cowley Union on the fire question, this Union heartily concurs in the steps which have been taken and would like to have a resolution embracing prairie fires framed and submitted to the Unions for discussion. On motion of Messrs. Mackenzie and Ramsey the resolutions presented and discussed by the U. F. A. delegates at the convention held in Vancouver were endorsed. We are in favor of the special assessment plan, as suggested by Cowley Union, and we are thoroughly in accord with the idea of the delegation to Ottawa. The matter of incorporation was thoroughly discussed and afterward it was unanimously carried that Trenville Union approves of such an act being secured, thereby placing the U. F. A. on a stronger

footing, and we urge every Union to work hard to secure such incorporation. The proposed amendment to the constitution was left over to be discussed at the next meeting. On motion of Messrs. Williamson and Kirkerberg, a resolution was unanimously adopted requesting that the U. F. A. should purchase a timber limit, erect mills and supply its members with lumber at the lowest possible price. In regard to the crops of this district all reports have not yet been received from the threshers, but the July hailstorms have left their mark and there are many enquiries from the members for hail insurance for next year. Our members are looking forward to a busy winter season and we also hope soon to be able to assist in organizing another Union at Wood Lake. We heartily trust that the U. F. A. will steadily grow in numbers and usefulness.

THOMAS LAVER, Secretary.  
Trenville, Alta.

#### GET GOVERNMENT HELP

At the last meeting of Rocky Coulee Union a motion was passed that this Union is in favor of the government furnishing farmers with money to buy seed grain.

C. BLUNDEN, Secretary.  
Granum, Alta.

#### A SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL

The usual monthly meeting of Valley District Union was held on October 29th, with a good attendance of members. Most of the business was arranging the details for the social on Thanksgiving Day. It was moved by Mr. H. T. Harding and seconded by Mr. A. Firkers, and carried: "That we think it desirable that the U. F. A. should be represented at the delegation to Ottawa, but are of the opinion that the local unions cannot individually afford to send delegates, we would suggest that the executive endeavor to appoint one or more representatives for each constituency." The meetings for the coming winter were fixed for the last Saturday in each month at 2 p.m.

The social took place on Monday evening. Rev. Mr. Graham, of Sedgewick, took the chair. The weather had been very unpleasant during the day, but it improved after sundown and there was a full house when the program started. After a good list of songs, recitations, etc., had been completed the ladies provided refreshments and shortly after midnight the dancers got busy and were still hard at it when the dawn began to break. Whether our Union accomplishes anything else or not, we justify our existence by adding to the social life of the district. Monday night was a great success.

A. E. BUMPUS, Secretary.  
Lougheed, Alta.

#### THINKING OF ANNUAL CONVENTION

The regular monthly meeting of East Clover Bar Union was held in the school house on Monday evening, October 31, President Hill being in the chair. The secretary was instructed to write to the G.T.F. solicitor pointing out that the bridge ordered by the Railway Commission to be constructed over the dangerous level crossing two miles west of Ardrossan has not yet been commenced. It was decided to approach some of the other Unions in the neighborhood with a view to sending a joint delegate to attend the meeting with Sir Wilfrid Laurier at Ottawa in December. The expense of such a long trip would be too heavy to be borne by this Union alone.

The reading of the general secretary's monthly circular turned the thoughts of the members towards the annual convention, and provoked a discussion on the procedure thereof. It is felt that altogether too much time is wasted, more especially on the opening day, when a long string of politicians is permitted to file on to the platform and make dull speeches. It would be better to cut them out of the platform and get right down to business. A resolution was adopted in favor of limiting each delegate to speaking once on one subject, except in the case of the mover of a resolution, who should have an opportunity to reply; and another was passed in favor of limiting the mover of a resolution to a speech of ten minutes, and any other speaker to five minutes. If this were done right at the



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start there would be no necessity to limit speakers to two or three minutes each towards the end of the convention, as has had to be done in previous years. It was decided to give notice of a proposed addition to the constitution to provide for voting by proxy at the convention, so that the Union which

is unable to send a full quota of delegates may yet be able to exercise the voting power to which its members entitle it. The next meeting takes place on Monday, November 28, at 8 p.m.

W. J. JACKMAN, Secretary  
East Clover Bar, Alta.