

Canadian Farmers Hold Their Own

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ers what fine fellows they were, how much they liked them, how anxious they were to help them and many similar things. Finally, however, when Mr. James Speakman, president of the United Farmers of Alberta, arose to speak for the farmers, things began to happen.

He told the business men that the farmers appreciated their well-intended efforts on their behalf, but felt quite capable of looking after their own purely agricultural affairs themselves. They were ready to meet the competition of the world if the business interests would only help them to lower the tariff barriers and obtain the wider markets they needed. The farmers were not willing to agree not to discuss such important matters in favor of less important issues. The farmers also wanted the right to investigate matters connected with the banking and railway interests particularly, and were not in sympathy with the proposal to discuss agricultural matters only. The speech made a sensation. In an instant the business men saw that they were in the wrong and were quick to try and rectify their mistake. With some hesitation, they consented to allow the farmers to discuss the larger issues. They were willing to do about anything else the farmers wanted or would suggest. They were very humble and nice about it. The result was that a joint committee of farmers and business men was appointed to consider the matter further. This committee was requested to report at a special meeting to be held later in the week. The long memorandums that had been prepared with such great care by the business men was practically thrown over board without further discussion. A fuller report of the conference will be given in next week's issue.

Grain Growers' Grain Co.
The annual meeting of the Grain Growers' Grain Co. was held Thursday and Friday. It was largely attended and very successful. The profits on the year's operations of the Winnipeg Company were \$225,963 and of the Export Co. \$331,000. How is that for a company managed entirely by farmers? The sum of \$130,000 was transferred to the reserve fund, which now totals \$370,000. A dividend of 10 per cent was declared.

Thursday evening a banquet was held in the Fort Worth Hotel, one of the finest hotels in Canada. Farmers were present from four provinces, including points 2,500 miles apart. It was a great success. Messrs. Morrison, Gurney and Cowan spoke for Ontario. They were given a splendid reception and a great welcome. The announcement that over 4,000 farmers in Ontario are now united with the United Farmers of Ontario was heard in the West with keen pleasure. — H. B. C.

Coming Events

Toronto Fat Stock Show, Union Stock Yards, Toronto, Dec. 10-11.

Ontario Beekeepers' Convention, Toronto, Nov. 23-25.

Alberta Winter Fair, Dec. 14-17.

Western Ontario Dairymen's Convention, St. Mary's, Ont., Jan. 12-13, 1916.

Ottawa Winter Fair, Ottawa, Jan. 18-20, 1916.

Ontario Provincial Winter Fair, Guelph, Dec. 3-9, 1915.

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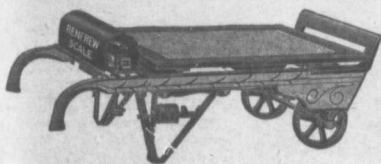
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