

Programme for the United Farmers Convention

THE approaching third annual convention of The United Farmers of Ontario, judging from the interest being taken in the movement throughout the province, will be the most largely attended and in certain respects the most important yet held by the Association. It will be held in Toronto, Wednesday and Thursday, February 7 and 8. The first draft of the programme was completed at a meeting of the executive committee of the Association, held last week in Toronto. Last year a considerable proportion of the time of the convention of The United Farmers of Ontario was occupied in discussing business matters relating to the affairs of The United Farmers Company. This year it has been decided to give more attention to public issues, as is done at the farmers' conventions in Western Canada, and leave the business affairs to be discussed at the annual meeting of the shareholders of the company.

The most important matter that will come before the convention will be the farmers' platform, drafted at the recent meeting of the Canadian Council of Agriculture, held in Winnipeg, and which has been submitted to the various provincial organizations to be passed upon by them, as well as by as many locals as possible, and if approved, to be ratified and adopted as the national platform of the farmers' organizations in Canada. Almost two full sessions of the convention will be devoted to the discussion of this matter. An outline of the platform was published on page 11 of the December 14 issue of Farm and Dairy. We are planning to republish it in full in an early issue. The draft of the programme, as adopted last week, is as follows:

The opening session, Wednesday morning, will convene at 10 o'clock, and will be a closed meeting for delegates, secretaries, and those invited, on presentation of cards. There will be the reading of minutes and communications, reports of standing committees, the appointment of committees to deal with railway certificates, credentials and resolutions, the filing of notices of motion, the presentation of the directors' report and financial statements, and the report of the secretary.

At the afternoon session, which will open at two o'clock, the first item will be the nomination of officers and directors. The object in placing this so early on the programme is in order that the convention may become better acquainted with those who are nominated before the election takes place, which will be held the following morning. Following this, President R. H. Halbert will deliver his presidential address, and there will be a report by the delegates who attended the meeting of the Canadian Council of Agriculture at Winnipeg. The rest of the session will be devoted to a general discussion of the farmers' platform, as prepared by the Canadian Council of Agriculture for consideration by the provincial organizations. This discussion will be led by leaders of the farmers' movement in Ontario. It is expected that a couple of leading farmers from Western Canada will be on hand, including, probably, H. W. Wood, President of the United Farmers of Alberta, and R. B. Henderson, President of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association.

The subjects to be discussed will include the tariff as it affects the farmer; the placing of a direct tax on unimproved land values, including all natural resources; the favoring of a sharply graduated income tax; a heavy graduated inheritance tax on large estates; a graduated income tax on the profits of corporations over 10 per cent. The advisability of urging the following reforms will be discussed:

The nationalization of all railways, telegraph and express companies; the urging of the government not to alienate any more natural resources from the Crown, but have these brought into use only under short-term leases in which the interests of the public shall be properly safeguarded, these leases to be granted only by public auction; direct legislation; the publicity of political campaigns; Trenchard contributions, and full provincial autonomy in liquor legislation, including its manufacture, export and import. Men well posted will be asked to lead the discussions on these subjects, and as much information as possible relating to them will be gathered and submitted to the convention.

Thursday Morning Session.

At the Thursday morning session the first item of business will be the election of officers and the report of the secretary, Mr. J. J. Morrison. The meeting will then be thrown open to the delegates, who will be given opportunity to discuss any problems relating to the movement that they desire. The speakers will be limited to five-minute addresses. Following this, there will be the reports of the committees and the adoption of final resolutions, after which the convention will adjourn.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of The United Farmers' Company will be held Thursday afternoon and possibly Thursday evening. A suggestion has been made that a banquet should be held on the Thursday evening, at which Premier Hearst and Mr. N. W. Rowell shall be invited to deliver addresses, the concluding address to be given by some prominent farmer. If it is found that time or other factors do not permit of the making of arrangements for such a banquet, then the meeting of the shareholders will probably be continued Thursday evening.

The executive committee decided to endeavor to have printed copies of as many of the reports as possible ready for distribution at the convention, so that the delegates will be able to take them home and use them when presenting reports to their clubs.

Cooperative Live Stock Marketing in Grey

THE possibilities that lie ahead of the organized farmers of Ontario in marketing their live stock cooperatively are well foreshadowed by the work of a club in Grey county that has been operated this season with marked success. In his departmental report, District Representative Lauchland, of Simcoe, refers to the activities of the club as follows:

"A farmer who ships live stock for a Farmers' Club in Grey County, just across the line from Collingwood, calls at the office occasionally, and during conversation with him the other day I learned that the club had shipped over eighty thousand dollars' worth of stock during the past year. These are only about sixty members in this club. Some individual farmers sold three thousand dollars' worth of stock. This man is a real live wire and if there were a few like him in every locality, much could be done to encourage the live stock industry. He threw out a couple of suggestions that are important in connection with successful farming. He emphasized the value of feeding live stock and keeping up soil fertility and he stated that a farmer with one hundred acres of land and a few thousand dollars' capital when an opportunity presents itself of buying some live stock for feeding. If he has not the ready cash, he should be able to deal with his bank just as a city business house operates with the bank."



Seed Potatoes

Seed potatoes are likely to be scarce. Parties placing their orders early will tend to avoid disappointment.

Corn

Corn shipments are now coming forward slowly. Freight congestion is still delaying deliveries along the road. Saturday, Jan. 13, the price on all feeds closes firm.

Cottonseed

We are able to offer favorable prices on cottonseed meal for parties who can wait a few weeks for delivery. Grass-seeds have had an indication of advanced prices.

Seed Corn

Seed corn points to being very scarce. Those who order early, we think will be wise. Those in need of commercial fertilizers, should write us for quotations. Get our latest prices on groceries and oils.

Don't forget that we can supply you with cutters and sieves.

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