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The first annual meeting of the United Grain Growers Limited was held in Calgary last week. A full report of the meeting appears on page 15 in this issue. This was the first annual meeting since the amalgamation of the Grain Growers' Grain Company with the Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Company. The financial statement published with the report shows that during the first year after amalgamation substantial progress was made in every department of the company's business.

The Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Co. held its eighth annual meeting in Regina, on December 19. The report shows that during the season 12 new locals were organized, making 314 locals in all. Over 27,000,000 bushels of grain was handled during the financial year. The financial statement shows a healthy condition of growth. The meeting is reported on page 21.

Ontario now stands second only to Saskatchewan in the number of members of the provincial farmers' organization. The United Farmers of Ontario now include 625 locals, with a total membership of over 25,000. Some of the enthusiasm which prevails is indicated by the attendance at the convention held in Toronto last week delegates from 600 out of the 625 locals. That is a batting average which is hard to beat. The organization is progressing by leaps and bounds and has already three members in the Ontario legislature. The trading activities of the farmers' company are also expanding rapidly. A report of the convention is given on page 17.

The Calgary Winter Fair, held on December 13 was a success in spite of the reduced attendance consequent upon the prevalence of the influenza epidemic. A strong feature of the fair was the number and excellence of the exhibits in the boys' and girls' competition. The enthusiasm with which this department of the fair has been taken up by the young people of the farms augurs well for the future of the livestock industry in Alberta. A report of the fair with illustrations of some of the outstanding winners of the boys' and girls' competitions appears on page 18.

News was made rapidly by the farmers' organizations last week; no less than four reports of annual meetings or conventions appear in this week's issue. Owing to the pressure on space by these reports it was necessary to hold over until next week the report of the Fat Stock Show at Chicago. A fully illustrated write-up of the big international event will, however, appear in next week's Guide.

Victory Bond holders should not fail to read in the Business and Finance department of this issue the statement of the new, officially-fixed buying and selling prices for the different maturities of last year's and this year's issues of Victory Bonds. These are the prices at which Victory Bonds are to be sold and bought by established reputable bond dealers recognized by the Dominion government; the fixing of the prices being done jointly by the government and the committee of the bond dealers, and the government standing behind that arrangement. No holder of a Victory Bond should part with it unless he is compelled by unavoidable emergency to do so; in that event he should communicate with an established bond dealer. Anybody who gets a Victory Bond from its holder at anything less than the price given in The Guide this week, is making the difference out of the man who lets his Victory Bond go.

Co-operative creameries are proving a great success in Saskatchewan, as is demonstrated by the figures of the statement presented at the annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Creameries Company, of which a report is printed in The Guide this week. The total turnover of the company this year was \$1,700,000.

Seed grain arrangements are a matter of vital importance to a large proportion of the farmers in Alberta. The statement by H. A. Craig, deputy minister of agriculture in that province, to a meeting of the directors of the United Farmers of Alberta, at Calgary, is set forth in The Guide this week. In this statement Mr. Craig gives a very full account of the arrangements which have been made for supplying seed grain to those who need it in Alberta.

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