

FEDERAL POLITICAL ACTION FAVORED BY MANY DISTRICTS

Reports Presented From Many Districts Support Proposal For Direct Political Action—Milk Producers' Committee Formed—Deportation of Hutterites and Others Entering Canada Illegally Favored—United Farmers of Manitoba Is New Name For Association

Enthusiastic support by the various districts of the movement to put the United Farmers of Manitoba into Federal politics was evidenced by the reports of the District Directors presented today which showed practically all Districts already organized for this purpose.

"The women will stand with the men on the matter of political action. We are distinctly a part of the organization. We are decidedly in favor of entering Federal politics," declared Mrs. J. S. Wood, Vice-President of the United Farmers of Manitoba, following the opening of the women's convention.

Greetings from the convention were sent to Honorary President, J. W. Scallion, Virden.

Support Farmers' Platform
W. I. Ford, Director Nelson District, in reporting, stated that his district was solidly behind the principles of the Farmers platform.

I. W. McQuay, reporting from Dauphin District, stated great advances had been made along association lines in the District during the past year, especially among the foreign element.

J. B. Griffiths, presented the Directors' report for Marquette. A new spirit, he said, has been awakened among the farmers, and in Marquette has resulted in advances which had prepared it for direct political action.

A. J. M. Poole, Neepawa, stated his district had set the pace for organization of locals and had a progressive District board. Conditions in the District from a farmers' point of view are excellent, he said.

Criticize Sitting Member
D. G. McKenzie, Brandon, said the main item during the past year had been the favoring of political action.

"We visited our sitting member to see what his attitude on the tariff was," said Mr. McKenzie. "His answer was not entirely satisfactory and so we sent out a call to all locals." The result was that at a subsequent convention at Oak Lake direct action was strongly advocated.

"We may have to wait two years for an election and we must hold interest by educating our members," said Mr. McKenzie.

O. A. Jones, Souris, director, said all sorts of people were clamoring to get into the organization.

"What for?" asked a delegate. "The plums that will soon be going when we get started under political action," promptly replied Mr. Jones.

Souris District has already organized for direct political action, he declared. "The thing for you to do is to pick a man who, when he goes to Ottawa will not be whipped into line by the politicians as some of the older men have been," he concluded.

MacDonald and Myrtle also favored political action, according to reports of Directors Andrew Graham and Peter Wright. C. J. Stoney, Director, Morris District, reported his section also in line for political action.

Bruce Edie, Springfield, stated that District was active in assimilating the foreign element, and was prepared for political action and felt assured of success.

P. D. McArthur, Portage District, reported summer a campaign unsuccessful on account of the strike, but that the association was active and had doubled its membership during the last year, and organized politically.

Solkirk on the Job
W. H. French, Solkirk District, showed that they were on the job "till they could catch their jackfish in the ditches without the aid of Sir Clifford."

Milk Producers' Committee
The first resolution was introduced by Mr. G. W. Tubble and asked for the formation of a convention committee, to investigate the conditions in the production of milk with a view to making possible the profitable production of milk. The resolution was endorsed and the President and Secretary with Directors French and Edie were appointed a committee to investigate. They have the power to select six actual producers of milk to sit with them in the committee. It will be called "The milk producers committee."

Deport Those Who Enter Canada Illegally
Wm. J. Servage, Ell, introduced a resolution asking that Hutterites, Doukubors and Mennonites, who have entered Canada illegally be deported, and that all who enter through regular channels be made to sign a declaration that they will conform to all the laws of Canada, and when eligible will become naturalized. The resolution was adopted.

United Farmers of Manitoba
Important amendments to the constitution were passed. The first, election by ballot, of the officers, second, that the name be changed from the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association to the United Farmers of Manitoba. Considerable discussion

took place as to all who shall be guilty of avoiding registration be deported. The resolution emanated from the Great War Veterans Association at Ell, but was changed to read, as from the Resolution Committee of the convention and was enthusiastically carried.

Another resolution was brought forward asking that the returned soldiers be given 320 acres instead of 240 as proposed in the Erickson District. The resolution was tabled.

Improve Mail Service
Resolutions asking that the sorting of rural mail be done by the post office staff, that postmasters be given increased pay, that mail carriers be given an increased salary, were referred back to the Resolution Committee.

The resolution asking the Federal Government to reduce the military staff to a pre-war basis was brought up but left over till after the elections. Lieut. Colonel C. D. MacPherson is the sponsor for this resolution.

Nominating ballot for President for 1920 was taken just previous to adjournment at noon.

Wednesday afternoon Session
O. Freer, representing the livestock department of the United Grain Growers, gave statistics of the work carried on in 1919. He declared that while many animals came to the stockyards which should not have been sent yet there are many of the finest cattle hanging around the yards waiting for purchasers. He outlined the plan of survey of breeding stock put in by his association, the idea being to replace all poor stock. The department had also made provision for financing with little or no money.

Hard to Interest Women
Mrs. Sloane, Myrtle, presented the General Directors' report for the Women's Section, which showed a general increase in memberships and locals. The great problem for 1920, the report stated, was to overcome the uninterested attitude of many of the women. One of the features of 1919 the report declared, was the co-operation shown by immigrants.

Greetings from Saskatchewan
A. G. Hawkes, vice-president of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association, brought greetings from the association to the convention. He praised the work of the United Farmers of Ontario, who, he said, had ceased to be blamed for the reverses suffered at Ottawa by Western Farmers' delegations.

He stated that a brighter day was coming when the farmers would, through united action be enabled to secure their demands.

The speaker asked for careful and thoughtful action on the part of the conference, whose action would be watched carefully by the farmers of Canada.

In Saskatchewan, he stated, they were attempting to line everyone up with the National Policy.

Mrs. F. W. Crawford, Farmers' Advocate, Winnipeg, in discussing the reports of the secretaries, deprecated the fact that difficulties were experienced in formulating the reports, owing to the non-co-operation of the locals, and advocated more system.

Considerable discussion resulted. The reports were adopted.

Auditors' Report
The auditors' report was read and adopted. It showed a payment of membership dues of \$10,203.25, a total receipt of \$21,813.13, and a balance of \$3,725.73.

Have Plenty of Money
Delegated James Ross, Bethany, rose during the discussion of the auditors' report and stated that the association had no need of the \$1,000 grant from the Provincial Legislature. He made a resolution to the effect that the money be returned to the Government in view of the financial prosperity of the association.

Peter Wright, Myrtle, stated that the grant was first sought three years ago for publicity purposes.

C. H. Burnell asked that the grant be respectfully refused in future. This was added to the resolution in the form of an amendment.

The amendment carried. The effect will be that the money in hand will be retained but the grant refused in future.

The Financial report of the Women's Section was adopted.

ENGLISH WANTS ACTION
IN PROVINCIAL AND DOMINION POLITICS
Mr. Harry English, of Harding, one of the candidates proposed by the convention for the Presidency of the United Farmers of Manitoba, said that he would stand on the principle that the Farmers enter both the Federal and Provincial political field and that if elected he would urge and direct action along these lines. His announcement was received with great applause from the large number of delegates assembled.

rose and delegate Leonard Taylor, Desford, asked what harm the association had done that it was forced to change its name. W. R. Wood, secretary, explained that the amendment was to clean up the misunderstanding as to the position of farmers other than grain growers, who often considered they were excluded from the association. He explained that this would also bring the association in line with that of Ontario and Alberta.

Charles Longman, Deloraine, asked if this name would include those who "farmed the farmer." T. Carlyle, Treeshank, stated that his local had been the most careful consideration and were enthusiastic over it. The amendment carried enthusiastically. There were three dissenting votes. The change becomes effective immediately.

The third amendment was that the association year begin December 1st and December 30. This has been the usage but the clause was omitted from the constitution. The amendment was adopted.

UNITED FARMERS' OFFICERS FOR 1920

J. R. Brown of Pilot Mound is the President of the United Grain Growers of Manitoba having been elected by a large majority over three other candidates who stood for election. D. G. McKenzie of Brandon, Peter Wright of Myrtle and W. Harry English of Harding stood in the order named when the votes cast in the election were counted. Twenty-two nominees were placed forward by the delegates but eighteen of them withdrew. The following was the result of the voting: J. R. Brown 345, D. G. McKenzie 159, Peter Wright 56 and H. English 54.

INTERMEDIATES ARRANGE PLAY FOR CHAMPIONSHIP
Manitoba Delegates Make Draw For Play-offs Between Districts

Intermediate delegates representing ten intermediate leagues met in the Prince Edward Hotel on Friday afternoon and adopted a system for playing off for the Manitoba championship and took the opportunity at the same time of discussing a good many questions dealing with the intermediate affairs. It was the opinion of the leagues represented at the meeting were as follows:

South-Eastern—Baldur, Swan Lake, Roland and Carman.

Prairie Twins—Poplar Point and McGregor.

Southern—Manitou, Morden, Pilot Mound and Cartwright.

Northern—Neepawa, Dauphin, Gladstone and Minnedosa.

North-Western—Shoal Lake, Bin-scarth and Rossmore.

of the delegates present that the intermediates should affiliate with the Manitoba Hockey Association and all the leagues will now link up with the present organization. The size of the rink for play-offs was also taken up but nothing definite arranged, but it is probable that before the annual meeting next winter the intermediates will be a strong organization with possibly more representation on the executive of the Manitoba Hockey Association than the seniors.

South-Western—Souris, Reston, Hartney and Wawanesa.

Central—Glenboro, Holland, Cypress River and Rathwell.

Western—Elkton, Oak Lake and Virden.

Brandon—Four teams.

Winnipeg—Ten teams.

The Play-off as Arranged

The play-off arranged is as follows:

South-Eastern—Prairie Twin

Winnipeg—Southern

Northern—North-Western

South-Western—Central

Brandon—Western

UNITED FARMERS HAVE MATERIAL TO FILL ALL CABINETS

Premier Norris Declares In Address Delivered At Open Meeting—No Mistake in Putting Politicians out of Business—Startling Attack on Tariff—Development of Canada Dealt With by H. S. Arkell

That he has no fear because farmer governments were becoming popular and that right now the United Farmers of Manitoba could supply enough material for all the cabinets in Canada, together with a scathing attack on the tariff formed the features of a stirring address by Premier T. C. Norris at the Wednesday evening session of the convention of the United Farmers of Manitoba.

The spacious first floor of the Gordon McKay building was packed to the doors.

Launching right into his address, Premier Norris commented on the marvellous growth of the association, which he termed "the greatest organization of business men in Canada, with a very complete and effective organization."

"You say you are even going to put the politicians out of business," he said, "I don't know that you will make much of a mistake in a lot of cases either, as long as you pick out the farmers among them and leave them there."

There are people afraid of sinking under a farmers government, and he declared that he was sure that in the audience there were men capable of filling every cabinet position in the government. He proceeded to outline the history of the province during the last fifty years and continued by outlining the remarkable natural resources of the province and the successes of Manitoba products in world wide competition. Manitoba, he ideally situated for mixed farming, and when all natural resources are developed, he stated, he believed Manitoba would take first rank among the provinces.

People Demand Better Things
The people of the province are demanding better things of men elected to represent them, and referring to remarks of a former speaker Mrs. Bychinsky, stated that the foreign problem was one of the greatest facing the government and must be faced in an upright, straightforward way.

Five or six years ago, there were 600 children in outlying Northern districts without school facilities. As the speaker said, and since then, schools have been built and now English speaking teachers are doing missionary work in the communities.

The Department of Education was complimented by the Premier on the remarkable work they have done in securing educational and medical instruction for outlying districts. The result has been that the teachers home has become the centre of these communities, and the medical instruction has reduced the mortality in these districts to one-third of what it was six years ago. At present the government is assisting over 60 widows to support and educate their families. \$200,000 was the amount disbursed by the Mothers Allowance fund last year.

Cheap money, easy terms have been laid for the farmer to secure and as a result Premier Norris stated the government developed the scheme of Rural Credits and by next year will be loaning money to farmers through an association they themselves control. Manitoba, he said, leads the world in this line. He mentioned the Mortgage Loans Act, which, he pointed out, is beneficial to the province.

Increase Production
In regard to the high tariff, he stated that the Dominion Government held control and that while the producers had for years been fighting to have it lowered they have never succeeded. Farmers, he said, have been simply "making their way" during the last few years and the high cost of living would not be reduced until production increases. Western Canada has the ability to produce. When he prices of wheat and beef go down, the high cost of living will not materially decrease at once and unless the farmer has a supply of money laid by he will be in a tight place. Something must be done, he declared.

Co-Operation Needed
"The greatest impediment to the success of the producer in this country," the Premier declared, "is the high tariff. The question is how is his going to be reduced. You can reduce it. We have got to pull together to secure the reduction in the tariff, the freight rates and an open market. Things which we must have."

The people of the province, he declared, were on the pinnacle of good times. The character of the people make it possible for the province to get the fullest good out of its natural resources. He concluded by reiterating his appeal for co-operation.

Vocal solos were sung by Miss T. A. Wilkins, lady principal of Clara Hall, and Miss Hamilton. Miss Edith Germond acted as accompanist. Action and future residence of the family reading by Miss G. Newbury, teacher will be discussed.

of physical culture and expression at Brandon College was much enjoyed. Officials of the convention stated Wednesday that the city was living up to the standard set in former years for hospitality and good cheer, and that the delegates were fully satisfied at the success attending the efforts of the citizens to provide accommodation. The official registration of delegates was well over the 800 mark early in the evening.

Canada's Greatest Resources
H. S. Arkell, Livestock Commissioner, Ottawa, delivered an address following the opening of the evening session. His subject was "The Development of Canada," and he commenced by outlining the new thought the force of which, he stated, was creating a new world. He doubted if Canadians could appreciate the situation in Europe today. He had, he said, just returned from England, where the chief thought was on reconstruction in all parts of the British Empire.

Without industrial development and power, Canada cannot hold her place with other nations. The time has come when Canada will have to compete with these nations, or else lose the place she has gained during the war.

The speaker outlined the resources of Canada, the greatest of which was her natural resources and the spirit of her people. The greatest problem before the country was the situation of the farmer, on whom the prosperity of the country depends.

Canadian Export Trade
Things that Canada can export, which are in demand by the nations of Europe must be raised. Each community should furnish its quota in order that the production of Canada would enable the Dominion to dominate the foreign market. To do this, we must organize abroad a great marketing system. If this is accomplished the commerce of this country will be recognized as a powerful factor in empire politics and commerce.

In conclusion he asked the audience why they should do this. In answer he stated that every citizen believed the interests of the country were above personal interests and a great patriotism existed in the hearts of the citizens.

"Canada," he said, "has given something to each one of us, education, the right to live, freedom, honest government and none of us should belittle our debt to the nation. Until we fulfill our duty we are unworthy of the great sacrifice that has been made for us during the last five years."

He asked the audience for faith in Canada and the British Empire.

"Canadians," he said, "must believe in Canada."

The Foreigner in Canada
Mrs. Anna Bychinsky, addressed the association on "The Foreigner in Canada," with special reference to the Ukrainians, whose problem, she said, involved the happiness of a nation, which had been and is being persecuted and abused. Many of them have come to Canada to obtain the freedom denied them at home. Here they were faced by many privations at first, and were exploited for labor and treated like cattle. Many of them settled on homesteads and now own modern farms, after years of patient work by every member of the homesteader's family. The foreigner has not been appreciated or rightly estimated as citizens, but are looked down on and avoided. The average citizen only knows the foreigner through the newspapers, the criminal records and political talk. Politicians, the speaker said, used the foreigner as a goodamble at election time.

"There should be," she said, "no difference between the foreigner and the Anglo-Saxon."

Mrs. Bychinsky stated that a great wall of racial prejudice exists between the nationalities in Canada and asked her audience to work for a harmonious Canada, as a step towards which she advocated assimilation on a slow scale.

President Brown's Comment
President J. L. Brown, commenting on the address, stated that future generations will wish to blot out the pages of history which tell of the exploitation of the foreigner by unscrupulous politicians who have passed "for instance the war times election act."

JOHNZOLLERN FAMILY TO HOLD A CONFERENCE ON FAMILY PROBLEMS
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DIRECTORS REPLY TO STATEMENT BY R. C. HENDERS

No Member of Board Remembers Being Asked For Place On Program

WOULD GIVE HEARING

As a Member of Association He Had a Right To Attend Meeting of Local

The following statement has been handed out by the Board of Directors of the United Farmers of Manitoba: The undersigned members of the Board of Directors of the United Farmers of Manitoba, have read the statement issued through the press by Mr. R. C. Henders, former President of the organization, and desire to make the following statements in reference thereto:

1. The time when the various resolutions from locals and districts, condemning the attitude taken by Mr. Henders at Ottawa, came to the central office, was the time when Mr. Henders was on his way from Ottawa to the West, and as soon as possible after he arrived in Winnipeg, copies of all such resolutions were placed in his hands.

2. These resolutions had not been considered nor any judgment passed on them by the executive at this time.

3. There were no "charges" made against Mr. Henders, either by the resolutions or the board and no "investigation" in regard to him either suggested or held.

4. There is no recollection in the minds of any member of the board of any request made by Mr. Henders for a place on the program of the annual convention, and we are convinced that Mr. Henders is mistaken in his statement that he made such a request.

5. Had the members of the board been aware of a request on Mr. Henders' part for a hearing at Brandon, there has never, at any time been on the part of any one of them, any disposition to deny such a hearing.

6. No request, either verbal or written, from Mr. Henders for a hearing at Brandon has ever been received at the central office or by the secretary of the association.

7. Mr. Henders, as a member of the association, has the right of attending the meetings of any local, any district, or the provincial association, and had he availed himself of this unquestioned right, he would have had the fullest liberty of expressing himself in the same way as other members.

8. The board of the association have never wished to cast any reflection on Mr. Henders. They have always endeavored to treat him as a gentleman and fellow-worker in a great movement. On principle they differed from his view as to the last Dominion budget and his action thereon. They expressed these views at the July meeting with clearness and firmness, but they think, with due consideration for the position he held and his long record of service in the movement. Having heard those views, Mr. Henders tendered his resignation and the board, after full consideration, expressed their position in the following resolution:

"We, the board of directors of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, while deeply regretting the circumstances which have necessitated the resignation of our president, R. C. Henders, and while we fully appreciate the long years of faithful service he has rendered our organization—yet, after careful consideration, we cannot in any degree, accept his attitude on the tariff in the recent budget debate and vote. We, therefore, repudiate his stand, accept his resignation and re-affirm our adherence to the principles of the Farmers' platform."

(Signed)—J. L. Brown, W. I. Ford, D. G. McKenzie, A. J. M. Poole, I. B. Griffiths, W. H. French, Peter Wright, Bruce Edie, P. D. McArthur, Mrs. J. S. Wood, C. L. Stoney, Andrew Graham, W. R. Wood.

SURRENDER OF EX-KAISER TO BE ASKED SOON

Paris, Jan. 12.—The surrender of the former German Emperor will be requested of Holland in the near future. On this point the Allied premiers are in complete agreement.

Tried in "Contumacia"

Montreal, Jan. 12.—A London dispatch to the Montreal Gazette says that reports from Paris say that the extradition of former Emperor William will not be demanded of Holland but he will be tried in "contumacia," it is suggested, may upset the plan by accepting a summons to appear before the Allied Commissions.

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DEATH OF JAS. M. MACOUN
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