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# Alberta

This Section of The Guide is conducted officially for the United Farmers of Alberta by P. P. Woodbridge, Secretary, Calgary, Alberta, to whom all communications for this page should be sent.

### STOCK KILLED ON RAILWAYS

As you are aware, our association has for many years been working for amendments to the present Railway Act, which will make the railways responsible in cases where stock is killed on their right-of-way. Every year a large number of complaints are referred to this office by our members with a view to securing our assistance in their adjustment. One of the greatest difficulties that we have to overcome, not only in securing individual adjustments but in our agitation for amendments to the Railway Act also, is the undoubted carelessness of a large number of farmers in permitting animals to be at large in such a way that they can get on the tracks and also in tying horses to fences and other convenient posts, either on the track or adjacent thereto. In the case of the Claims Department, this carelessness makes them very sceptical when claims are put in and many a farmer who was justly entitled to compensation and would have secured it under ordinary circumstances has suffered for his neighbor who did not take proper precaution to look after his stock. In our efforts to secure amendments to the Railway Act, the same carelessness is used as a reason why the railway companies should not be made responsible for all stock killed on their right-of-way, and as an argument for retaining the present intolerable burden where the farmer is required to prove his side of the case rather than that the railways should prove theirs.

One prominent railway man actually went so far as to state that he thought from his personal investigation that in some cases the farmer would just as soon have the money as the stock if he thought he could get the value out of the railway company. This of course to us is an exaggeration, but that same man was able to quote so many instances of cases which he had personally noticed of cattle picketed to telegraph posts, others tied to fences, and gates left open from fields on level crossings, that his statement would undoubtedly carry a certain amount of weight with people less closely in touch with the farmer than ourselves, and would undoubtedly cause a closer consideration of any requests that we might make for amendments to the present act.

This matter was discussed at our recent executive meeting, and I was instructed to lay the matter before our members and unions throughout the province, requesting their co-operation in reducing this carelessness to a minimum. It may be news to some of our members that under Section 407 of the act, any person who willfully leaves a gate open, takes down a railway fence, turns horses, cattle or any other animal within the enclosure of the railway, except when crossing same; who rides drives, leads any horses or other animal or suffers such horses or other animal within the fence or guards thereof, is liable to a penalty for each such offence. We cannot have our arguments entirely one-sided, so long as we ourselves do not observe the letter of the law and countenance carelessness for which the railway company could not justly be considered liable. I therefore ask for your co-operation in this matter and hope that you will see that the law is observed as closely as possible and that no unnecessary chances are given the railway companies to come back at us when we are asking that the Railway Act may be amended so that the farmers' interests are properly protected.

### RURAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The president and myself have just returned from the conference for rural leadership, held at the University of Alberta under the direction of the Department of Extension. Our executive passed a resolution asking for the inauguration of such a conference as this, and it having received the endorsement of other organizations also, the conference was definitely put on from August 7 to 11. It is not my intention to deal with it at any length at the present time. Possibly our president will be writing on the matter at a later date, but the course proved to be a very instructive one, and the conference will undoubtedly be held again another year. Nearly 100 people were registered in attendance, consisting of ministers of all denominations, teachers, farmers and others. Some of the most outstanding features of the conference were the addresses delivered by J. S. Woodsworth, director of the Bureau of Social Research for Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Mr. Woodsworth proved to be a very forcible speaker, and showed himself to have given a most thorough and practical study of social problems, which he was able to bring home to us in a forcible style, at the same time maintaining a very high level of thought very much in line with the aims and ideals of our organization. Mr. Woodsworth is already probably well known to many of you thru his writings in the Grain Growers' Guide. President Wood delivered two addresses, dealing with the farmers' movement and the attitude of the church towards our efforts for the solution of rural economic problems. Both addresses were well received, and will no doubt lead to a much more sympathetic attitude towards our organization on the part of the leaders in other phases of life.

Mrs. W. Parly, president of the United Farm Women of Alberta, also delivered a telling address in regard to the reason for and work of the U.F.W.A. H. A. Craig, deputy minister of agriculture; Dean Howes, faculty of agriculture, and others also took part in the program. Altogether this first conference proved a very interesting event, and one that we cannot afford to drop. It is hoped that next year the movement will be much more widely advertised, and if possible arrangements will probably be made so that it can be held at a time when a larger proportion of farmers can attend.

### ANNUAL REPORTS USEFUL

O. E. Roedler, secretary of Rodney Local, No. 57, in acknowledging the receipt of annual reports, states that same have met with the approval of the members, and they believe that this is a splendid way of bringing the whole convention home to everyone.

### ST. JOHN AMBULANCE THANKS

The following letter has been received from the St. John Ambulance Association acknowledging a contribution recently forwarded from this office on behalf of the U.F.A.:

"Secretary, United Farmers of Alberta, Calgary, Alta.

"Dear Sir:—I have very great pleasure in acknowledging, on behalf of the St. John Ambulance Association, the sum of \$150 received today thru the Chancellor of the Exchequer. I trust that you will make it known as widely as possible amongst members of the association which has forwarded this magnificent gift, how very much their kindness is appreciated by the St. John Ambulance Association and by the Order of St. John, its parent body.

Yours faithfully,

"W. R. EDWARDS."

### PICNIC ON SEPTEMBER FOURTH.

A. L. McLean, secretary of Hathersage Local, No. 138, recently organized, reports: Our second meeting was held on July 29 with a good attendance and general good feeling. We resolved to hold a U.F.A. picnic on September 4 at this place, to get in touch with the general public socially, and boost for

the U.F.A. All members will unite their efforts to make it a success. A good list of sports, a good dinner and other entertainment will be furnished, and we all look forward to a successful time. Our local will progress, I feel sure.

### GOOD CROPS AT PANCRAS

John Gilham, secretary of Pancras Local, No. 671, reports that they held their annual picnic on July 1, and everything went off very nicely. The crops in this district are even better than last year, and they hope to be cutting in about ten days. It is expected that harvest will be general by August 12.

### BIG CROWD AT PONOKA

The Ponoka District Association held their second annual picnic on the Ponoka Fair Grounds on July 1. The weather was fine, and about 2,000 people from town and country were on the grounds. There was a good program of sports. The baseball game, Fats vs. Leans, was hotly contested, the Leans winning. The prize of ten dollars was donated to the Red Cross Fund. Councillor O'Brien and Dr. Campbell, M.P., gave addresses, and P. Baker, U.F.A. director, gave an interesting talk on U.F.A. work to a large and interested audience. During the six months ended June 31, the association sold 3582 hogs for which the members received \$64,798.20.

### THE P.R. SOCIETY OF CANADA

The Proportional Representation Society of Canada, has received a letter from its honorary president, the Right Hon. Earl Grey, complimenting the society upon the way it is building on strong ground. The Canadian society, like the British and American societies, has started out with a council including representatives from as many parties and groups in Canadian public life as possible. Earl Grey, a great British pro-consul, with empire-wide experience and one of the most far-seeing members of the House of Lords, is president of the British P.R. Society. The Right Hon. Thomas Burt, a coal miner, and the veteran statesman of the House of Commons, is vice-president. The chairman of the executive is the Right Hon. Lord Courtney of Penwith, another elder statesman of the Mother of Parliaments.

The Canadian P.R. Society has for its first president a peer of constructive citizenship in this Dominion, Dr. James W. Robertson, C.M.G.; and for vice-presidents, a leading Conservative and eastern member of the Senate, Senator W. Dennis of Halifax; and a leading Liberal representative of the west, Dr. Michael Clark, M.P. of Red Deer.

On the council of the Canadian society there are the names of constructive representatives, Conservative, Liberal and Labor, from federal and provincial political parties, and of independent citizens doing good work in the public service of Canada. The work of the P.R. society is entirely educational—by circulating pamphlets and leaflets and promoting addresses and branches of the society, to diffuse a knowledge of the aims and objects and the benefits of proportional representation as an electoral reform throughout the Dominion.

Membership of the Proportional Representation Society is open to any citizen. The minimum annual subscription is \$1, which entitles the subscriber to copies of all the society's publications and pamphlets free. The address of the hon. secretary for Canada is: Ronald Hooper, 13 Second Avenue, Ottawa. The French hon secretary is J. Albert Foisy, c.o. Le Droit, Ottawa. There are also hon. secretaries at Montreal, Winnipeg, Calgary, Nelson and Vancouver; and branches of the society are being formed in practically every province and populous district in Canada.—Ottawa Citizen.

### THE RULING CLASSES WRONG

Mr. Gladstone said, shortly before he passed away: "I painfully reflect that in almost every great political controversy of the last 50 years, the leisured classes, the educated classes, the wealthy classes, the titled classes, have been in the wrong. The common people—the toilers, the men of uncommon sense—these have been responsible for nearly all of the social reform measures which the world today accepts."

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