

ALBERTA SECTION

This Section of The Guide is conducted officially for the United Farmers of Alberta by Edward J. Fream, Secretary, Innisfail, Alta.

An Active Six Months

Clareholm Five Mile Union was organized on July 9, 1910, when the following officers were elected: President, O. A. Finstad; vice-president, I. W. Davis; secretary, T. Brown; treasurer, S. L. Fraser; directors, J. Henderson, A. Berg, J. Dahl, P. Campbell, P. M. Cameron, O. Hustad. It was decided to hold meetings on the first and third Saturdays of each month at eight p.m. in the Five Mile school house. It was also decided to try co-operative buying, commencing with flour and feed. On July 16 quotations were received from the Ellison Milling Co., of Lethbridge, on flour and accepted, and a carload ordered. The secretary received instructions to get quotations on a car of potatoes, also on fresh fruit. It was agreed that Mrs. Rosing be privileged to order supplies with us. (Mrs. Rosing is a widow who has completed her husband's homestead duties and is raising her family on the quarter).

The question of the admission of non-resident farmers and others as members was discussed. On August 18 a business meeting re the ordering of coal, flour and fresh fruit was held. On September 3 business matters transacted included a discussion on the admission as members of those who were not actual farmers. It was moved and carried that actual farmers be admitted as members by giving in their names to the secretary, and others only by vote of the members at a meeting. It was moved and carried that only actual farmers be eligible for election as officers. It was also moved and carried that actual ministers be privileged to order supplies through the Union without joining as members. On September 17 Bill No. 23 of the last session of the legislature was brought up and explained by E. W. Frost. It was then moved by Mr. Frost and seconded by S. L. Fisher, that this Union, through the U.F.A. executive, request the department of agriculture to enact this bill, and also that the executive be requested to place this bill before each Union of the U.F.A. for their action. The secretary was also instructed to correspond monthly with The Guide. On October 8 four new members joined. A discussion took place on the organization of new Unions in the surrounding districts. S. L. Fraser addressed the meeting, urging that a portion of the time be regularly devoted to discussing the political situation. The late secretary of Clareholm Union submitted his report for the time he was acting as secretary of that Union. T. Larsen addressed the meeting, urging that steps be taken to form a mutual fire insurance company.

On October 22 business matters taken up were in connection with the ordering of oats, potatoes, etc. On vote it was decided to admit J. G. Brown and H. T. Bell as members. Moved by Peter Campbell and seconded by W. H. Burns, "That on account of their action in refusing to accept their order for potatoes, two members (whose names were given) be not considered as desirable members and that a court be held on them at the next regular meeting." The circular letter from the general secretary was also read and discussed. On November 5, J. W. Yager was admitted as a member. A car of potatoes and vegetables and three cars of oats were ordered. The matter of being able to get agricultural implements at more reasonable prices was then discussed. Several plans were proposed and the secretary received instructions to write the provincial secretary for information as to what had been done in this line by other unions. T. Larsen spoke on the subject of mutual fire insurance. The two members affected not being present to answer the charges brought against them, it was moved by H. G. Ahern and seconded by P. Linary, that they be expelled from the Union. It was decided to send a delegate to

Ottawa and a committee of ten appointed to collect one dollar each from the members to pay the expenses of the trip.

On November 19 a motion to change the place of meeting to town was voted down. It was decided to reinstate the two members who had been expelled. The committee reported that they had collected \$58 towards the expenses of the delegate to Ottawa. The object of sending a delegate was explained by Messrs. Malcolm, Fraser and Frost, and G. Malcolm was elected delegate to represent the Union. On December 3 reports were received from the president and secretary on flour and potatoes ordered. The committee reported having collected \$103 for the Ottawa delegate. The following resolution, introduced by G. Malcolm, was adopted: "Whereas, at the last annual convention of the U.F.A. in Edmonton a resolution from the Clareholm Union was presented favoring the Initiative, Referendum and Recall, and was unanimously adopted by that convention; and whereas, the Clareholm Five Mile Union deems the proposed changes to Direct Legislation one of the most important to help the people to a government for the people and by the people instead of for party and special interest by party leaders; therefore be it resolved that at the next annual convention of the U.F.A. the delegation from the Clareholm Five Mile Union endeavor to bring before the convention the importance of this measure for speedy action in the form of special delegations of the different Unions to their respective representatives in the legislature, or if an election should be held to hold this measure as a condition for the support of the different candidates." It was moved by H. G. Ahern and seconded by L. T. Ferguson that our delegate to Ottawa be instructed to consider tariff reduction the most important point in the program. On December 17 reports were received on supplies received and quotations obtained. H. G. Ahern moved and S. L. Fraser seconded that the secretary write the provincial secretary in support of the Baron's resolution on seed grain being supplied by the government and supporting our ideas. It was moved by J. Robertson and seconded by S. L. Fraser, that in future the secretary be paid a salary of \$75 per annum. The election of officers then took place. It was proposed to re-elect all the officers, but as T. Brown did not wish to act as secretary again, a new one was elected, the officers for 1911 being as follows: President, O. A. Finstad; vice-president, I. W. Davis; secretary-treasurer, H. G. Ahern. Clareholm Five Mile Union now has a paid up membership of 173, and is the largest in Alberta. This is a record of what we have done during the past six months and it shows that it is possible to do much good work.

T. BROWN, Sec'y.

Clareholm, Alta.

STRATHMORE WILL BE THERE

A special meeting of Strathmore Union was held on Saturday, December 31, for the purpose of preparing resolutions for presentation to the annual convention at Calgary. Several resolutions were passed by the Union and it is expected a full delegation from Strathmore Union No. 1 will leave for the convention on the morning train January 16.

R. SHEPPARD, Sec'y.

Strathmore, Alta.

LLOYDMINSTER ANNUAL

The annual general meeting of Lloydminster Union No. 54 was held in the Masonic hall on Saturday, December 31, 1910, there being a good number of members present. The chair was occupied by the president, Mr. A. J. Black-

well. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and adopted, the secretary presented the balance sheet, which was accepted. This shows a small balance on hand on the year's work. It was unanimously decided to appoint the secretary to represent Lloydminster Union at the annual convention. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, A. J. Blackwell; vice-president, H. Hill; secretary-treasurer, W. Linton; executive committee, Dr. J. T. Hill, Messrs. J. H. Abel, J. H. Brown, W. O. Ellis, R. W. P. Hunt, R. Nixon, G. O'Rourke. It was decided to invite W. J. Tregillus to address a meeting here on Direct Legislation.

W. LINTON, Sec'y.

Lloydminster, Alta.

WARDVILLE GROWING

The last meeting of Wardville Union was presided over by the vice-president, and on the roll being called it was found that all members were present. Three new members were added to the roll. The secretary read official circular No. 13, and the resolutions contained therein were approved. We regret that Wardville will not be represented at the convention, but having been organized such a short time it will be impossible to arrange for a delegate this year. The secretary was also instructed to secure all information possible on the subject of flax growing.

A. O. WELLS, Sec'y.

Sedgville, Alta.

GOOD HOPE ORGANIZED

A meeting of the farmers in the neighborhood of Rich Valley was held on December 28 for the purpose of organizing a local Union of the U.F.A. Thirteen members joined the Union and the following officers were elected: President, Wm. Brazil; vice-president, J. J. Hayward; secretary-treasurer, R. A. Rowe; directors, P. T. Horner and H. Javens. It was decided to send two names to the central association—Good Hope and Aysgarth—for approval, and the first Saturday in each month was named as the plan of meeting. It was also decided to hold the meetings in the three school houses, Rich Valley, Goldthorpe and Wabamun, on account of the members being widely scattered.

B. A. ROWE, Sec'y.

Rich Valley, Alta.

CLARKVILLE ANNUAL

The annual meeting of Clarkville Union was held on December 28, a good number of members being in attendance. All the officers for 1910 were re-elected for the ensuing year. It was decided that it would be advisable to change the meeting night from the last Monday in the month to the second Monday. This will give us the advantage of the light of the moon for traveling.

SYDNEY C. JONES, Sec'y.

Clarkville, Alta.

STREAMSTOWN OFFICERS

The annual meeting of Streamstown Union No. 8 was held in the school house on December 23, and T. E. Law gave a very interesting report of the deputation to Ottawa. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Brook Booth; vice-president, Herbert C. Dunherring; executive, Rev. R. Smyth, T. E. Law, E. C. Davidson, F. Savage, W. W. Shaw and E. Nelson. The paid up membership is now twenty-eight. The secretary was appointed delegate to the annual convention. After the business meeting a most successful supper and social was held under the auspices of the Ladies' Guild. About 150 persons were present and a very enjoyable program of song and dance was rendered.

J. CAMPBELL, Sec'y.

Lloydminster, Alta.

UNITED FARMERS OF ALBERTA

President:
James Bower, Red Deer
Vice-President:
W. J. Tregillus, Calgary
Secretary-Treasurer:
E. J. Fream, Innisfail

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James Speakman, Penhold; D. W. Warner, Clover Bar; L. H. Jelliff, Spring Coulee.

District Directors:
T. H. Balsam, Vegreville; George Long, Nanton; F. H. Langston, Rossmore; E. Carver, Penhold; J. (Jimmie) Noble, E. Grimsby; Gleichen; A. Van Mieleick, Calgary.

STILL ORGANIZING

A meeting of the farmers in the vicinity of Howe school district, Macleod, was held on December 29, for the purpose of organizing a local Union of the U.F.A., there being a good attendance of farmers. J. R. McLean was voted to the chair and H. Mackintosh was appointed secretary. The chairman explained the objects of the union and asked for members, stating that it was necessary to have at least ten paid-up members before we could proceed to organize a local union. The result was that the secretary was kept busy for a few minutes writing down names and collecting the dollar bills. Sixteen joined Howe union, which put us in a position to go ahead and elect officers; the result of same being: President, J. R. McLean; vice-president, C. H. Miller; secretary-treasurer, H. Mackintosh. The name chosen for the union was Howe, it being understood that the meetings would be held in this school. The chairman read the circular in connection with the convention to be held at Calgary, with the result that the chairman and secretary were appointed delegates to represent Howe union. Howe union starts out under splendid prospects and will be heard from quite regularly during 1911.

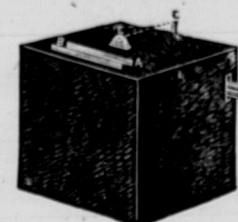
H. MACKINTOSH, Sec'y.

Macleod, Alta.

PREPARING FOR SOCIAL

The annual meeting of Gadsby union was held on Saturday, December 24, the president being in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and passed the secretary-treasurer read the financial statement, which showed that after all accounts and expenses till the end of the year were paid there was a balance on hand of \$11.50. The election of officers was then proceeded with and Mr. Presley having declined nomination for a second term as president, H. O. Bessey was unanimously declared elected. Geo. McMorris was elected vice-president. The secretary having a desire to be relieved of his duties a discussion followed, and it was decided to hold the election over for another meeting. It was decided to send delegates to the convention at Calgary and G. M. Drinnan was elected, with F. Ferguson as reserve.

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