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WHAT THE UNIONS ARE DOING

At the regular meeting of Stettler Union, held on April 6, the members expressed themselves as strongly in favor of the resolution of West Salisbury Union in regard to meeting the Trades and Labor Councils of Alberta. Should such a convention be arranged this union would send three delegates. The resolution in regard to loans was also strongly supported. The following resolution was unanimously adopted: "Whereas at the last annual convention of the Alberta Farmers association held at Calgary resolutions in favor of compulsory hail insurance and cheap government loans were voted down, we, the members of Stettler branch of the U.F.A., condemn the action of agricultural societies in appointing as delegates to such conventions men whose occupation is other than farming and hereby place itself on record as being in favor of only such delegates being in future appointed as are pledged to the platform of the U.F.A. Further, that the general secretary be desired to forward a copy of the resolution to all agricultural societies in the province."

H. A. STEELE, Sec'y.
Stettler, Alta.

At a meeting of Iron Springs Union, held on April 6, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That the rate of interest charged by loan companies on good security, eight per cent., is too high for farming to be a success and ultimately drives a great many farmers from the land. This union would urge upon the government to borrow money and lend it to the farmers at about four per cent. to the great advantage of struggling farmers."

KENNEDY ARTHUR, Sec'y.
Iron Springs, Alta.

Peerless Union has unanimously adopted a resolution in favor of cheap loans to farmers as it is felt that the present high rate of interest is working a great hardship upon the settlers.

FRED W. TOPPING, Sec'y.
Peerless, Alta.

Daily Creek Union held their monthly meeting on April 6, and it is regrettable that the attendance at this, and the previous, meeting has been so small, only about one-third of the members being present. The probable reason for this is that although the farmers realize the deplorable condition they are in most of them are too indifferent to work for their own betterment. I would say, fellow-farmers, if you cannot help to better your conditions any other way, you can at least do so by attending the meetings of your union. At our last meeting the subject of co-operation was talked of at some length and there will be something doing in that line in the near future. Just watch our smoke. The following resolution was put before the meeting and unanimously adopted: "That we are in favor of The Guide, as our official organ, printing the names of all our representatives who refuse to vote for good reforms in large type in a prominent place in every issue. Object: to keep same fresh in the minds of the people so that it will be impossible to forget them on election day."

M. MUHLY, Sec'y.
Macleod, Alta.

Cadogan Union favors the proposal of cheap money for settlers, also the meeting with the labor interests and will send a delegate if a convention is arranged. We are also strongly in favor of the proposed elevator system as recommended by the elevator committee last year, and have written to the premier in the matter. We are glad that the farmers' organizations have been instrumental in eliminating the criminal clause in the Grain Bill, also helping to stop the renewal of the steel bounties, both of which this union condemned and sent forward our views as desired by the Central. A unanimous vote of thanks and appreciation was passed at the same meeting to Messrs. E. J. Fream, R. McKenzie, F. W. Green, J. A. Maharg and J. S. Wood,

for their untiring and persistent attitude in the stand they took before the Senate to get the clause struck out, and we recognize that but for the solid stand they took against the said clause, the bill would have become law and the farmers a prey to the elevator combine. Not only the organized farmers, but every farmer in Western Canada should be unatinted in their praise of the work done in securing a square deal to all and special privilege to none.

R. C. GEORGE, Sec'y.
Cadogan, Alta.

Sullivan Lake Union reports with pleasure that great interest is being taken in the U.F.A. work and the members are attending the meetings very well. We have taken in several new members since the new year and the renewals are coming in well. Our union has placed itself on record as being unanimously in favor of raising a campaign fund and have pleasure in submitting five dollars towards same.

J. H. ROBERTS, Sec'y.
Sullivan Lake, Alta.

Failing the appearance of the general secretary, who was at Ottawa looking after our interests, the members of Downing Union at their last meeting were favored with an address by Mr. A. Halkett, jr., on the subject of "How can this union of farmers best justify its existence." This was greatly appreciated and provided us with an interesting discussion on the benefits of organization. We are combining with some of the adjacent unions to procure a carload of hog and other wire.

A. HALKETT, Senr., Sec'y.
Highland Ranch, Alta.

The members of Sunnyside Union listened to a very interesting address by Mr. W. A. Foley, poultry superintendent, Edmonton, on the care and management of poultry. He also gave some valuable advice on the organizing of an egg circle. For some time past we have been working upon the idea and before very long we expect to be shipping eggs co-operatively and thus get a better price.

F. WOOD, Sec'y.
Rivercourse, Alta.

The quarterly report of West Lethbridge Union shows an increase of two members and a balance on hand of \$18.95. During the three months we have held our meetings regularly on the first and third Mondays, when various subjects of interest to the members have been discussed, such as cultivation of the soil, pure seed, farm management, etc. We are pleased to report our members more interested in the U.F.A.

JOHN B. ALLAN, Sec'y.
Lethbridge, Alta.

Mr. D. Cameron, of Lake View Union, and Mr. L. McComb, of Hogadone Union, addressed a meeting at Elnora recently in the interests of the U.F.A. and it was agreed to form a branch at that point. The following officers were elected: President, J. Kemp; vice-president, R. T. Beales; secretary-treasurer, W. Johnston; directors, T. Paton, R. Barclay, W. Williamson, J. Tuma, G. Beboine.

W. JOHNSTON, Sec'y.
Elnora, Alta.

A meeting of farmers was held at Earltown schoolhouse March 30, at which a local union of the U.F.A. was organized. The following officers were elected: President, J. Burdett; vice-president, Wm. Waring; secretary-treasurer, J. A. McDonald, jr.; directors, C. Pibbs, S. Chute, J. Sutherland, J. Leach, G. Scott, J. A. McDonald, senr. The name chosen for the union was Earltown and the meetings are to be held on the second Saturday of each month.

J. A. McDONALD, Jr., Sec'y.
Hardisty, Alta.

The farmers of Fraserton have organized a union of the U.F.A. and are enthusiastically working for the betterment of conditions. The proceedings included a short address on the advantages of the

U.F.A. by A. L. Smith. The farmers' platform was explained and the Seige of Ottawa by the big delegation of farmers was described. After these addresses various discussions ensued and questions were asked. The chairman, Rev. Cruickshank, asked for an expression of opinion, but was met with the request that he state his own ideas on the matter. Rev. Mr. Cruickshank said he approved of The Guide and explained how he received the first sample copy. He said that if no U.F.A. branch was formed at Fraserton he intended to become a member of the branch nearest to his home, and as regards the actual tangible benefits derivable, such were not directly evident, but they were very great nevertheless. The union is yet in the organization stage and the farmers' demands must be complied with. Those present unanimously decided to organize and the election of officers resulted as follows: President, Rev. Cruickshank; vice-president, H. C. Sim; secretary-treasurer, A. L. Smith; directors, Messrs. Shaw, Laariz, Grabell, Hornum, Kent.

A. L. SMITH, Sec'y.
Fraserton, Alta.

At the regular meeting of Rolling Green Union, held on April 6, the resolution of West Salisbury Union in reference to a joint conference with the Labor Unions was discussed and we are in favor of the proposal. We are also in favor of the campaign for government loans to farmers. We have done very well in the union since the new year, have enrolled 12 new members and have bought a lot of our goods at greatly reduced rates. We are now trying to form a company with a view to starting a co-operative store. At present the merchants are holding the farmers up to the limit. We are also working on a proposition of building a Union Hall to be used for general meeting purposes. At present we are meeting in the schoolhouse and have a very nice building, but as it is hard work to be confined indoors for a length of time without a smoke we thought that the smell of stale tobacco smoke could not be any too nice for the teachers and scholars so we had better get a hall of our own.

W. W. BRYAN, Sec'y.
Taber, Alta.

A large attendance greeted our competent chairman, Mr. Rodger, at the last meeting of Sunny Hill Union and keen interest was taken in all the discussions. We are heartily in favor of a campaign fund and will be on hand with our share. Four new members were added and more are coming.

HARRY L. MILES, Sec'y.
Taber, Alta.

The members of Coaldale Union have appointed a committee to prepare a resolution with the object of securing for the shipper of hay and other farm produce the same rights in securing cars as are now enjoyed exclusively by the grain shipper. As to the aims of our local, the first object hoped for is the working up of a spirit of co-operation and fraternity among members. Then we hope to be able to organize a company or companies for the handling of whatever branches of business seem to be the most needed, such as an elevator, lumber yard, etc., and the effecting of a marketing organization for hay and other farm products.

B. S. PAWSON, Sec'y.
Coaldale, Alta.

Lewisville Union believes in the campaign fund and sends five dollars as a boost towards same. A hearty vote of thanks and appreciation has been accorded our general secretary for the work done at Ottawa in regard to the car distribution clauses of the Grain Bill.

P. L. GREMIR, Sec'y.
Lewisville, Alta.

Argyle Union reports as follows on their membership contest: This contest closed Saturday, March 9, and Argyle then has a paid up membership of 95. The losing side gave a supper and program on Friday, March 22, when

it was announced that the hundred mark has been passed.

The following resolutions have been passed by our Union: "Resolved that as the booksellers are charging any price that suits them on text books for schools, we would request that the government set a maximum price on all school books and see that this price is not exceeded by dealers throughout the province."

"Resolved that this Local request the federal government to take all steps necessary towards the establishing and obtaining control of terminal elevators at the Pacific coast and for encouraging a Western grain route."

Sixteen new subscribers were secured for The Grain Growers' Guide.

W. M. FLEMING,
Sec'y-Treasurer.

At a meeting of the Mound Local, No. 46, the following items in circulars No. 1 and 2 were approved:—

- (1) A system of government owned and operated railways.
- (2) The item re loans to settlers.
- (3) A system of taxation of land values and the placing of a tax on the unearned increment on all unoccupied and unutilized lands.
- (4) The item on tariff.
- (5) The item on the matter of railway cars and reciprocal demurrage.
- (6) Re Women's Clubs and a resolution in favor of same was unanimously adopted.
- (7) The action of the Executive in regard to the Grain Act was unanimously endorsed.
- (8) A resolution in favor of establishing Western terminals was passed by unanimous consent.

A resolution was also passed strongly condemning the establishment of sample markets under existing conditions.

The secretary was also requested to get information on Direct Legislation for discussion to be held at our next meeting.

C. D. ELGEY,
Sec.-Treas.

Mr. D. W. Warner made a trip to Round Hill lately at the request of the members in that district, and effected a temporary organization. On account of other attractions in the district at the time the attendance was not over large, but there is every prospect of a good, live union in this district at an early date.

Mr. Warner was also at Ryley, where he had a large and enthusiastic audience, and for over an hour Mr. Warner explained the fight over the Grain Bill, the pork packing plant, chilled meat, Direct Legislation and many other subjects, and all were well received.

Stretton Union have endorsed the proposal of West Salisbury Union for a meeting with the labor interests, and have also sent their views on the money question to Premier Sifton. We have started a campaign fund, and the amounts will be forwarded to the Central office periodically.

W. ASHWORTH, Sec'y.
Kitscoty, Alta.

Red Willow Union will try to get their loading platform enlarged and will assist in the campaign fund by making every effort to increase the circulation of The Guide, turning in the agent's commission to the fund.

T. C. BARRETT, Sec'y.
Red Willow, Alta.