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Dollar Day at The Farmers' Store Was a Great Day

Every day next week will be just the same.

G. MURRAY McLEOD, MANAGER

UNITED FARMERS HAVE CANDIDATES

Proposed to Endorse Two of Number and a Soldier

Woodstock, March 20—The second annual convention of the United Farmers of New Brunswick convened here today.

The financial statement showed total receipts to be \$1,394.85, with expenditure of organizing of \$961.01, leaving a balance on hand of \$433.84.

John Kennedy, of Winnipeg, vice-president of the Grain Growers Association, in an able address discussed the principles of the organization and the responsibility that was now resting upon the farmers of Canada.

In his reference to the political side he said there had never yet been a party in Parliament Hill that would legislate in the farmers' interest.

The president of the N. B. association, referring to the vacancy in the legislature from Carleton county, said the organization was now in a position to fill three vacancies, and intimated that a Liberal farmer, a Tory farmer and a returned soldier would be nominated as a ticket, and the organization would stand by it. The membership fee was raised from fifty cents to \$1.

President C. L. Smith, in opening the evening session, spoke of the great progress by the United Farmers since the first meeting at Pembroke about a year ago. He said the greatest obstacle to the farmer was in the way of legislation, but a better day was coming and they would control. He advocated restricting the number of legislators in the assembly, and also the salaries both at Fredericton and Ottawa.

L. Burton, Bedford, a practical farmer, discussed economic matters—tariff, railway, co-operation, development of water power—briefly, but went farther into the question of loans. He criticized the school system harshly, and said the boys were being educated off the farms. Mr. Anderson, of Beekville, thought graduates of agricultural colleges should make a success at practical farming before attempting to instruct others.

Gordon Sharpe spoke on farm loans, saying the young people were so handicapped at the start they were old men before they could enjoy modern conveniences. H. B. Durost made a practical speech on educational matters, asking several questions of the farmers and why they condemned the means of education. Do you take your sons into partnership or pay wages to induce them to stay on the farm? he asked. His remarks were not favorably received by some of the farmers.

Judson Corey made a humorous and educative speech. John Kennedy, of Winnipeg, explained the attitude of the farmer in the west.

At the morning session of the Potato Growers' Association the following officers were elected: A. A. H. Margison, Centreville, president; John Inch, Burt's Corner, vice-president; James Bremner, Chatham, secretary; W. H. Moore, Scotch Lake, treasurer; C. A. McDonald, Woodstock, auditor; advisory board, H. C. Taylor, J. C. Cook, W. W. Fawcett, F. E. Henderson, B. J. Hart.

G. G. Porter gave an earnest talk on the great need of better grading. Mr. Porter's address brought forth much discussion and a resolution favoring compulsory grading was adopted.

Woodstock, March 21—The United Farmers were in session this afternoon and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Thomas Caldwell, Florenceville; vice-president, Charles L. Smith, Woodstock; 2nd vice-president, L. M. Anderson, Beekville; secretary-treasurer, C. Gordon Sharpe, Pembroke.

Directors—Frank Riley, Melrose; J. Corey, Red Rapids; T. Wesley Doull, St. Stephen; A. A. H. Margison, Centreville; M. H. Young, Millville; J. Inch, Keswick; J. C. Cook, River Charles; John Fulton, Bath; W. F. Phillips, Pembroke, and Charles Patterson, Hoyt.

John Kennedy, of Winnipeg, again addressed the meeting, speaking principally on taxation, explaining the difference between direct or local taxes and the unjust taxes levied by Ottawa. He also ex-

plained the organization for bringing out independent candidates for demotion parliament and commented on the farmers' victory in North Ontario. The condition arising from the war was the farmers' opportunity. He said he supported union government for he knew it meant the breaking up of the old political parties, and when the time came there would be a farmers' leader just as there was a Lloyd George and a Poch. The present form of government, he said, is an autocracy, the cabinet makes the policies and the ordinary member must sanction or be kicked out. After the farmers get control they would have direct taxation on the original value of the land and the resources of the country. Today the wage earner with a big family pays the biggest tax while the great timber limits and the mines and other natural resources were paying no tax but a little royalty. We have had conscription, not of wealth but of life and blood. There are more deaths annually of mothers and children through deprivation of the necessities of life than death caused by the war. The speaker predicted the coming of direct legislation embodying the initiative, the referendum and the recall.

S. H. Hagerman, manager of the co-operative stores, in a brief speech said the work of the farmer was social, educational and economic, the later embracing the commercial side. His remarks were along lines of the work accomplished here in spite of a tendency to oppose their efforts. He claimed the work was creditable to himself and satisfactory to the farmers generally.

The Potato Growers' Association finished business this afternoon. The prize winners will be printed next week.

Casper Caldwell.

On Tuesday, March 18, Casper Caldwell passed away at his home in Florenceville after an illness of about two weeks. Deceased was born in Greenwood and was the sixth of his age. He was the son of the late Andrew C. Caldwell and Margaret F. Wakem. In early life he spent a number of years lumbering in Wisconsin and Michigan. Later he returned east and became widely known throughout Carleton county as a well-driller. During the last year and a half he was employed by the Concrete Builders at work on the Florenceville bridge.

Mr. Caldwell was a man of keen intellect, kind heart and cheerful manager. He is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Blanche Hamilton of Florenceville, sister of Professor D. W. Hamilton, Ph. D. of MacDonald College; and one daughter, Mrs. Burrell Campbell of Lancdown, who mourns the loss of an affectionate husband and father, also two brothers, Thomas W. president of the United Farmers Association of N. B., and Wilmot, both of Greenwood, and one grandson.

The funeral was held on Thursday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. M. H. Marmol, assisted by Rev. P. A. Wightman of East Florenceville, and Rev. Mr. Tru of Middle Simonds. The bereaved family have the sincere sympathy of the community.

S. S. Conventions.

Owing to the impossible conditions of the roads the S. S. conventions which were to have been held March 19-21, at Carleton Place, Middle Simonds and Waterville, have been postponed until a later date. Good conventions were held at Upper Kent, East Florenceville, Pembroke, Benton, Debes and Royalton. Rev. Dr. A. W. Brown gave very practical and helpful addresses and the County Sec. read a paper on Profanity, Cigarettes and Gambling. Resolutions were passed in favor of a stringent national prohibitory law, also the necessity of taking more decided action to combat the cigarette evil.

A Presentation

Friends to the number of about 40 surprised Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gillin at their home on Tuesday evening. The people gathered to pay respect and express their regret of the removal of the Gillin family to Woodstock, which is expected to take place about April 10. There was a presentation, an address, and an evening of delightful intercourse. This event, of social importance, will be more fully reported in next issue.

DESERVED PRAISE FOR BRIDGE WORKERS

Supts. Fletcher and Campbell And Willing Workers, Volunteered, Working Nights Sunday, Saved the Bridge

In spite of hard work and energy, and genuine "pep," Hartland bridge came very near going by the board on Sunday.

After the first span was completed in February it was discovered that getting the right sized timber was going to make renewing the second span a matter of "nip and tuck." Until a recent big wind storm it was felt the second span could be repaired sufficiently to handle the traffic for another summer. But the effect of the wind proved that the structure was too frail for any repairs that could be of any service. This was discovered on Thursday. Supts. Fletcher and Campbell held a brief but earnest consultation and decided by working night and day they could accomplish the taking down of the old span and the erection of the new. That night the men worked until 10 o'clock. The ice was growing weak, and that from the Beagumac was expected to run any minute. In such an event the temporary work supporting the structure would surely go and carry the span with it. The money loss would have been about \$15,000 but the loss of the bridge until next winter could hardly be computed in money value.

For once in their life-time the people realized to the full the great boon the Emerson Government conferred upon them in building the bridge in the first place, and the excellent plan of the new government in rebuilding the new bridge so that it would not have to be closed to traffic except when there was crossing on the ice.

To make a long and intensely interesting story short, Saturday morning dawned through a mist of rain and the river had raised five feet during the night.

It hardly seemed possible that any effort could save the structure. Supt. Fletcher is a man of God and had never worked a Sunday in his life. He stated that he would not work for pay himself, but he put it squarely up to his men that they must work unceasingly all day Saturday, all night, and all day Sunday, and until the bridge was made safe from the freshest. Every man was promised ample reward, and was promised prompt dismissal if he failed. Not only did most agree to stay, but many new business men, among them the manager of the Farmers' store, agreed to put on overalls and "go to it." Likewise a number of farmers from the west side, among them good church men, who felt it their duty to God to work on the bridge rather than offer banal prayers in church.

Shortly after noon the Beagumac ice ran. Supt. Fletcher said the Lord caused a big cake of ice to bridge from pier to pier thus diverting the flow of the ice jam and saving his temporary structure. He told The Observer that it was his firm belief that the Lord would protect the man who believed in Him and did all he could for himself. By 2 o'clock Monday morning it was deemed safe to leave the bridge and go to bed.

Supt. Fletcher desires to thank the people who volunteered their services and also those of his regular workmen who willingly labored to the end. He also wishes to thank the people for their moral support, and especially the ladies who provided hot coffee when it was very much needed.

The protecting ice cake gave way soon after noon on Monday and the under-supports went with it. The span settled and it was remarkable good fortune that it did not drop into the water, but the men were able to devise means of holding it safe and today the bolts are all drawn into the right places and the span is practically completed.

Supt. Campbell, as assiduous in the safety of the bridge as Supt. Fletcher, worked 42 hours with only 10 minute periods for lunch. Supt. Campbell has the pier in first class order and safe against any rush of ice.

Girl wanted to learn typesetting, apply at The Observer office.