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Wellington Men Get Together

A VERY interesting meeting was held at Palmerston last week, when a number of Farmers' Organizations, Granges and U. F. O. Clubs attempted to consolidate their interests, systematize their operations and convert their segregated endeavor into a practical business-like action. The initiative was taken by Maple Leaf Lodge U.F.O., in calling a meeting of all surrounding organizations in Palmerston to discuss the project. The attendance was good, all existing organizations being well represented. Jas. Goodwin occupied the chair. Those from a distance were Robt. McArthur, ex-superintendent of Wellington county, and secretary of Moorefield U.F.O., J. C. Dixon, ex-president of The Kiel and Maryboro Fire Insurance Company, Inc. Pritchard, a director of The United Farmers' Cooperative Co., Ltd. and J. I. Morrison, treasurer of The United Farmers of Ontario.

W. H. Morgan, secretary of Maple Leaf Lodge, explained the disadvantage of the present mode of doing business.

Clubs were not large enough to take advantage of the carload system, and, having no storehouse, delivery was unsatisfactory.

Besides this, no proper system of financing the work had yet been devised and where all used the same railway station he thought consolidation in business the proper solution not only in the purchase of requirements but in the sale of products as well.

This seemed to meet with general approval, and was ably discussed by those present.

A resolution was passed approving of the schemes and asking that a committee be appointed to formulate a working basis for the various organizations to push the endeavor.

The committee appointed consisted of twelve members, three from each organization, as follows:

Maple Leaf Lodge—Jno. McComb, Andrew Melville, F. Bridge, Teviotdale Grange—Jas. Mallett, T. Dieby, W. M. Calder, Maitland Grange—J. A. Carswell, Geo. Quinnell, J. McMullan, Willow Grove Grange—Jas. Goodwin, I. T. Bramhill, Geo. Porteous, Chairman of committee—Jas. Goodwin.

Farmers' Organizations are Progressing

A NUMBER of meetings in the interests of the United Farmers of Ontario county were recently held at Oxford county by Secretary J. I. Morrison. These meetings were more of an explanatory and advisory nature than as an organizational endeavor. One new organization was formed at Dickinson's Corners, with 30 members of exceptional quality even for Oxford, which is strictly high grade in all things, temporal as well as intellectual.

Mr. Wm. Culler, of well known public spirit, was elected president, Mr. Robert Karrer, vice-president, and Chas. L. Henderson, secretary-treasurer.

Maple Leaf Farmers' Club, at Embro, held a most enthusiastic meeting; over 100 were present. Mr. A.

Smith, a man of exceptional executive ability, is president, and L. H. Blatchford, the energetic secretary. This club has over ninety members, is doing a large business, as evidenced by which at this meeting they bought forty car loads of bran and shorts. They are affiliated with the United Farmers of Ontario, and have stock in the United Farmers' Cooperative Company.

Cloverdale Farmers' Club, near Ingersoll, is becoming an active unit in this work. They are stockholders in the United Farmers' Cooperative Company, and are a promising organization, well officered, and have a bright future. Mr. D. W. Clark is president, and Mr. M. C. Bell is secretary.

North Oxford United Farmers of Ontario has only been lately organized by L. H. Blatchford, and are just receiving their perspective, and should they get the proper range, will have a good account of themselves. Many ladies were present at their meeting, and took a keen interest in all their business. W. W. Nancollis is president, and Neil Mutterer,

secretary-treasurer, young men of energy and intelligence.

Braemar Grange, the old and reliable farmers' organization of Oxford, is still in the business, and gave a fine response to an afternoon meeting. Fred Parker is master, and I. D. McKay is secretary. Thos. Plowright is head of the purchasing committee.

Beamington United Farmers of Ontario has excellent quality, and are combining their way to a place among the strongest clubs in Oxford. Geo. Smith is president, and Alex. Plifton is secretary. Both these gentlemen are fully qualified to lead this to success.

The members of the Oxford Milk Producers' Association were also anxious to hear of cooperation, and assembled in fair numbers at Woodstock to hear of its progress, and signified by their readiness to do their part toward placing our industry in the position it ought to occupy, alongside of the other organized industries of Canada. Mr. F. W. Gable is the energetic secretary of this organization.

C. C. James on Consolidation

WE have never yet measured up to our ideas of the education to which the country child is entitled," said Dr. C. C. James in the course of an address in Toronto last fall. "We must come to the consoli-

dated school. It is the surest and readiest solution of the rural school problem. What do we find to-day? Five or six little schools fairly close together, a girl in charge of each, a city girl perhaps, who knows nothing about rural problems. Her hands are full with pupils of all ages. We cannot expect efficient instruction here. It is not fair to the country child.

"In Manitoba in one district, one school has replaced seven. The average attendance now is 77 per cent, whereas it was 50 per cent. before. There are six teachers now in place of the original seven, and they are all specialists. In that school there are 30 young men between the ages of 16 and 21. Would any one of them be in the small rural school?

"In Manitoba the movement to consolidate schools has wiped out no less than 80 small district schools. In the district schools the average attendance was 55 per cent. In the consolidated schools that have replaced them it is 73 per cent.

"The principals in the consolidated schools are paid a salary of \$1,150. That means that the schools get efficient instruction. You can't get efficiency unless you pay for it. You can't pay for it unless you consolidate. We will not consolidate unless we get a proper public spirit developed. This spirit must start in the rural home and the rural school."

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