

ALBERTA SECTION

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PROMINENT LOCAL U. F. A. MEN

Mr. J. A. Richardson, a member of Cornucopia Union No. 231.

Mr. Richardson is an influential member of the U. F. A. in his own district, and is also clever with his pen, as may be evidenced by his poem, "Stick to the U. F. A.," which was prepared for the joint picnic held on July 14 last.

STICK TO THE U. F. A.

Today I'm sadly thinking what we farmers had better do,

For with all our toil and worries we can't hardly quite pull through.

We're robbed upon the railroad and we're robbed upon the street,

And we're robbed by every merchant in all we buy to eat;

And when we buy machinery that they tell us works so fine,

We find it always breaking and have to pay for it four times.

And when we haul our grain away to the market or the mill,

We just ask them what they pay, and there they rob us still;

"And why is this," I cry aloud (and all that I can hear

Is just a little buzzing sound so dimly in my ear)

"That we don't use our force of thought as God demands us do?"

But it seems a new day is dawning and the mist I most see through.

Yes, I know the poor old negro was in slavery in the South,

And if he spoke or asked for mercy they just slapped him in the mouth.

But he suffered out his sorrow, now his race is growing strong,

And the whites there now are wondering what will happen before long,

For it is a truth in nature that life's pendulum ever swings,

Just the same for poorest peasant as it does for richest kings.

Now, as I wake to thinking 'bout the things that we should do,

I get an inspiration that thrills me almost through.

Just you get your brains a-working, send out thoughts a million strong—

It is thoughts that build great cities, yes, thoughts move the world along.

You may think that I am foolish but I rather am inclined

For to think there's naught in Nature can move matter but just mind;

Let us join our thoughts together like cement or steel or stone,

And such good as we'll accomplish the world has never known;

And let us do it with a will and start right here today.

And each one swear a great big swear, We'll stick to the U. F. A.

J. A. RICHARDSON.

Cornucopia, Alta.

WHAT THE UNIONS ARE DOING

Cadogan Union believes that a municipal bill will be away ahead of the present Local Improvement Act, and while the Saskatchewan Act meets with our approval, we think the limit for debenture loans is too high and recommend ten cents per acre for the maximum. We also think that fifty cents and twenty-five cents per lot in hamlets is too small, as this land is chiefly held by speculators. We are in favor of rural municipalities of sixteen townships and are in favor of the land value tax.

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

Stratton Union has passed a resolution favoring the adoption of the municipal plan now in force in Saskatchewan, the size of same to be nine townships, and the taxation of land values was unanimously adopted as the method that should be adopted.

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

Millersdale Union is holding most successful meetings and with the help of the ladies as honorary members the hall is always well filled. At a meeting held recently J. E. Miller addressed us on hog raising, and the discussion which followed was most interesting. For the

next meeting Mr. Ruston was instructed to prepare a subject and he chose "Wild Weed Robbers." This was given on August 3, and Mr. Ruston impressed on us such striking examples of the havoc wrought by weeds allowed to take a hold on a farm that we could not but give him our attention throughout. Between each item of business we were favored with excellent music by some of our members, which helped to keeping all interested.

F. NORMAN PAYNE, Sec'y.
Streamstown, Alta.

Chauvin Union has unanimously adopted a resolution favoring the establishment of rural municipalities for this province.

JAS. SEMPLE, Sec'y.
Chauvin, Alta.

A meeting of the Edmonton District Association of the U. F. A. was held in the Exhibition Association Rooms, Edmonton, on August 7, when the officers for the year were elected as follows: President, T. G. Hutchings; first vice-president, Rice Sheppard; second vice-president, Geo. Bevington; directors, Joseph Rye, Andrew Rafn, C. Weidenhammer, W. J.

himself in favor of the farmers' platform as laid down by the Ottawa delegation, and we further instruct our secretary to forward a copy of this resolution to all the U. F. A. branches within the constituency asking for their active co-operation.

E. E. SAUNDERS, Sec'y.
Okotoks, Alta.

The members of Pincher Creek Union have unanimously adopted the following resolution: "Resolved that in view of the approaching general election, we, the members of the Pincher Creek branch of the U. F. A. again declare ourselves in favor of reciprocity. That while the proposed agreement is far from satisfying the just demands of the farmers of this province, we nevertheless accept the treaty as an instalment but cannot cease our agitation till at least all farm machinery be placed on the free list. That we declare our approval of the program of the U. F. A. as presented to Parliament in December last as being still the reasonable and just demands of the farmers of this country. That we declare our unabated confidence in the leaders of the U. F. A. movement and hereby pledge

Rathwell Union is wondering when the C. P. R. will erect the loading platform at Stowe Siding, as the petition has been completed for some time now. Crops are good in this district and if the weather is favorable threshing of fall wheat will commence in about three weeks. A number of farmers wish to load direct from the machine on to the cars and the platform is badly needed.

W. H. SHIELD, Sec'y.
MacLeod, Alta.

Waverly Union has been discussing the marketing question and at the last meeting adopted a resolution requesting the central to take up the matter and to formulate a plan for presentation to the locals for consideration. A co-operative buying committee was appointed and we would be glad to know of good firms from whom we can purchase at right prices. We would heartily favor any avenue of escape from the torture of the trusts.

JAMES P. SWAYNE, Sec'y.
Paradise Valley, Alta.

Coronation Union has now a membership of 34 and is at present meeting every Saturday night. Being young we have not as yet got working on the serious problems that affect the country at large, but we trust that in the near future we shall be in a position to deal intelligently with the majority of the weighty questions that are troubling some of our fellow-men.

W. E. FAIRBAIRN, Sec'y.
Sounding Creek, Alta.

Official Circular No. 7 came in for a very lively discussion at the last meeting of Namao Union and the result was the passing of a resolution to the effect that we are not in favor of the proposed rural municipalities, but prefer the old local improvement system. It was further decided to request the general secretary to send the resolution to all the unions for discussion.

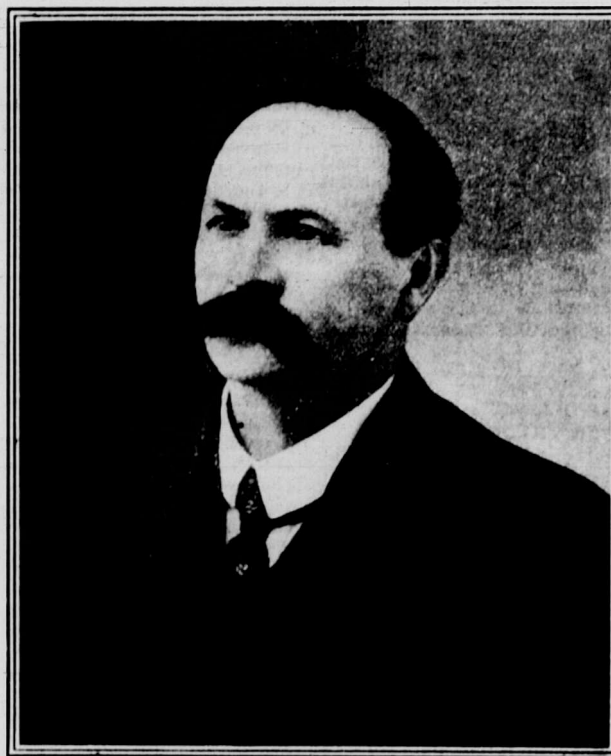
Namao, Alta. C. A. CARSON, Sec'y.

The meeting of Amisk Valley Union, held on July 29, was a very interesting one, and several good discussions resulted. One of the matters brought up was that of cutting hay on C. P. R. and unoccupied lands. Formerly the date of cutting was set for July 25, but this year some were at the haying long before that date and it was decided to request that this matter be taken up by the various unions so that a definite date could be decided upon. Another matter which was considered was that of an elevator, as we are badly in need of one at this point, while the third related to the securing of a station agent at Amisk, so that this year's crop could be properly handled.

JOHN DAVIDSON, Sec'y.
Amisk, Alta.

West Lethbridge Union held a regular meeting on August 7, there being a good attendance of members. The first item of importance was the consideration of the report of the committee on the railway siding situation. This was to the effect that the members of the committee had been called upon to meet the superintendent of the division and the result of the deliberations were that if the farmers were willing to accept the Lenzie Junction they could have the use of this siding at a very early date. There is also a rumor in this district to the effect that the threshing outfits intend to raise their prices for this season's work, so it has been decided to devise ways and means to purchase a complete outfit and run same for our own benefit on the co-operative plan.

ROBERT CRAWFORD, Sec'y.
Lethbridge, Alta.



J. A. RICHARDSON

Jackman, D. W. Warner; secretary, F. C. Clare. The question of co-operative marketing was taken up and it was considered that if we could make arrangements with the Grain Growers' Grain Company it would be the best plan. It was also arranged for the executive to have a tent at the Edmonton Exhibition and to ask the U. F. A. central to co-operate with us, and also if possible to get the G. G. Co. and The Guide to join with us also. It is hoped that the big meeting which is being arranged for, when the co-operative marketing plan will be fully discussed, will be well attended.

FRANCIS C. CLARE, Sec'y.
Edmonton, Alta.

The political situation has been fully discussed by the members of the Okotoks Union, with the result that the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "We, the members of Okotoks Union No. 166 of the U. F. A., hereby pledge ourselves to support any independent candidate for the representation of the Macleod constituency in the Dominion Parliament, if said candidate will pledge

ourselves to loyally support them by all just means in our power, and we hereby further solemnly pledge ourselves that during this or any subsequent election we shall support only such candidate as shall solemnly and wholeheartedly undertake both by voice and vote to support the platform as laid down by the U. F. A. at Ottawa, regardless as to what party in politics he may belong."

R. HENDERSON, Sec'y.
Pincher Creek, Alta.

On account of there already being one Union called Hiawatha, we have decided to change our name to Eight Mile Lake, and as we are all alive to the good work which can be done by the U. F. A., our growth will be rapid. We have twenty-one members already and this number will be considerably augmented at an early date. The crops in our district are good and we are therefore optimistic. Although we have not done much yet, as we are only just organized, we intend to get right down to hard work at our next meeting.

GREGORY A. FATH, Sec'y.
Champion, Alta.

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