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Mr. L. M. Doughty requested information in regard to woven wire fencing. The meeting endorsed the action of the central committee in protesting against private companies soliciting hail insurance.

In regard to the pork packing contracts it was ascertained that the members in Great Bend are not producing enough pork for export at present. One member stated that he had read in the newspapers that 50,000 hogs had been secured or contracted by farmers. Is this a bluff?

The meeting endorsed the general secretary's plan on the hail insurance question.

The resolution from Roseview Union was discussed and it was unanimously decided to protest to the government against land grants and subsidies to private companies. Why not start at the foundation and subsidize the producer, the fisher, miner and farmer, if any subsidies are floating around? Our motto is equity, equal rights to all and special privileges to none.

It was thought by some members that the association was getting too many irons in the fire, but a resolution that the union was in favor of more concentrated action on the part of the executive was defeated.

Members who visited Trenville Union and went to bed early next morning reported to the meeting very favorably on the impressions received.

The matter of securing twine was laid over till the next meeting.

C. J. NORTON, Sec.

## OPPOSES PRIVATE HAIL INSURANCE

The regular meeting of Olds Union was held on April 21, with President Rands in the chair. After the roll call of officers and members the minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted, on motion of Messrs. Apperly and Haynes. While the attendance at the meeting was not very large the interest taken was very keen and the different propositions mentioned in circular No. 3 were discussed with much interest. It was unanimously decided to support the executive in the stand taken to oppose private hail insurance companies doing business in the province, and the following resolution was adopted on motion of Messrs. Dudley and Lambert:

"That this union is opposed to any private companies doing a hail insurance business in the province and endorses the stand taken by the executive in this matter."

The secretary was instructed to procure 25 labor bureau blanks, and it is hoped to make use of the bureau in solving the labor problem.

It was decided to lay the resolution from Rose View Union, in reference to the Hudson Bay Railway, on the table till the next meeting.

All members present were of the opinion that this was the best meeting that the Olds Union had yet held.

The meeting then adjourned until May 19 next.

JOS. STAUFFER, Sec.

## FIX THE ROADS

The second meeting of Pitcoo Union was held on April 16th; there being a good attendance of members. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and adopted, a discussion ensued on the proposed pork packing plant. The secretary was instructed to secure further information from the general secretary on this matter.

The state of the roads also came under notice, and it was decided to draw the attention of the local members in the Alberta legislature to the condition of the road between townships 35 and 38, west of the 5th meridian.

Several new members were enrolled, and the regular meeting days were set for the first and third Saturdays of the month.

FRANK A. PEARCE, Sec.

## WHEAT IS KING

The different communications from the central association are received and discussed with much interest by the members of Spring Ridge Union. The twine question was received with enthusiasm, and we not only decided to order our twine from the farmers' co-operative company, but two of our members canvassed the district on their own expense and secured a large number of orders from people who are not yet members. Fishburn Union are going to purchase from the same

company, so that we will be able to order a full carload. We are convinced that the big combines are endeavoring to kill the farmers' company and our object is to do all in our power to make this company a success and keep it alive, and we would strongly urge other unions to assist by doing likewise.

The pork packing argument was submitted and discussed, but wheat is king in this district and the hog is therefore not in it. No one signed the contract.

This union is in a good healthy condition and is behind the central association to assist them in bringing the interests of the farmer to a successful issue.

R. J. CANTELON, Sec.

## STEWARTWYN ORGANIZED

One of the latest unions to be organized is Stewartwyn, where the farmers met together on April 11 and listened to an address on the aims and objects of the U.F.A., which was delivered by Mr. K. J. Lincoln, of Erskine. Eleven members joined the union, which is No. 165, and the first officers elected are: President, Wm. Lynn, Stettler; secretary-treasurer, C. Kinnear, Stewartwyn.

## SUGGESTIONS FOR ELEVATOR COMMITTEE

In further reference to the elevator question, the Fishburn Union at the last regular meeting, adopted the following resolution:

"That we are in favor of the elevator bill passed by the legislature of Manitoba, with the following amendments or additions:—

"1. Where there are no private grain buyers the commissioners shall have power to provide for the buying of street grain, the suggestion being that a man bringing a load of grain be given a storage ticket on which he could draw seventy-five per cent. at a certain bank and when the grain was shipped out the returns made to this bank and the balance credited to him.

"2. That section 21 be altered to read fifty per cent. instead of sixty per cent. and a certain area defined, taking into consideration the railway facilities and the probable extension of same, and the settlement of the country."

CHAS. H. HARVEY, Sec.

## PINCHER CREEK RE-ORGANIZED

At a preliminary meeting of the farmers of the Pincher Creek district held a short time ago, it was decided to organize a union. There was an attendance of ten, all of whom joined, and the following officers were elected: President, A. Pelletier; vice-president, R. Mayne; secretary-treasurer, Robert Henderson.

It was decided to hold the next meeting on May 7, when it is hoped there will be a good attendance of farmers, also that some one from the central association will be present to address the meeting and explain the work the U.F.A. is doing.

ROBERT HENDERSON, Sec.

## PLOW THE ROAD ALLOWANCES

The regular meeting of Sunnysdale Union was held on April 18, with the president, G. A. Rogers, in the chair. Fifteen members were present and three new ones enrolled. Circular No. 2 was read and the hail insurance question discussed.

The purchasing of binder twine was considered and it was decided to call an extra meeting for April 30 to look into the matter more fully, and to give absent members a chance to attend.

It was proposed, seconded and carried that in view of the fact that great damage was done in the district last fall and much time lost this spring through prairie fires, that the secretary-treasurer be instructed to communicate with the local improvement district No. 24-A-4, urging upon the councillors the necessity of plowing all road allowances so that they might act as fireguards.

FRED K. WOOD, Sec.

## KEEP OUT THE STALE EGGS

A meeting of Edwell Union was held on Wednesday, April 20, which, however, owing to seeding operations was sparsely attended.

The secretary read the tenders received for the supply of binder twine, but it was decided to call a special meeting on Wednesday, May 4, to consider them, when it is hoped all members will make an effort to attend. There is no use in being

a member of the union unless you turn up to the meetings and show your interest in affairs and help the union along.

It was proposed by F. Ellis, for consideration at a future meeting, that this union take some steps to have a picnic or outing of some description to give members' wives and daughters an opportunity to have a good time.

Mr. T. Kirton, of Edwell, was admitted a member of the union.

At a meeting held some time previous, the following resolution was also adopted, on motion of Messrs. Powell and Ellis:

"That this union views with regret and desires to place on record a protest against the importation of eggs and the like from foreign countries (Russia for example) and being sold in the markets to compete with local prices, and that such a proceeding does not tend to encourage the poultry industry in Canada."

FRED JAS. POWELL, Sec.

## ALBERTA'S CROP RETURNS

The department of agriculture of Alberta has issued its final bulletin on the out-turn of the crop of 1909. This gives the total yield of wheat as 8,467,799 bushels, or 6,155,453 bushels of spring wheat, with an average yield of 18.97; 2,312,344 bushels of winter wheat with an average yield of 22.63. The yield of oats is placed at 24,819,661 bushels, or an average of 35.76 per acre; barley, 3,310,332 bushels, or an average of 30.72 per acre.

This shows a very much heavier return from the crop than was anticipated by the Alberta government earlier in the crop year. The figures prepared by Deputy Minister George Harcourt for the British Association in August placed the total yield of wheat at 6,790,000 bushels; oats, 19,600,000 bushels and barley, 2,500,000 bushels. It is hard to realize that the average yield of oats could have been so low as 35.76 per acre, as the crop was a very fine one, but it is probably accounted for by the fact that in preparing the figures the government appear to have left the acreage at that originally seeded, while as a matter of fact there were very heavy hail losses, and some oat fields were not cut.

## THE GREAT MOGUL

Behold, the newspaper office. Editors, sitting at their desks, arranging copy.

Behold the floor, littered with the flotsam and jetsam of men's brains.

Reporters are coming in and going out again. Some of them are writing hurriedly.

Messenger boys obtrude themselves at occasional intervals.

Telephones.

Little lies are hiding behind manuscripts. Big lies are stalking about as if they owned the place. Sensational lies are trying on new clothes before the dinky mirror over the wash stand.

Women. Bright looking feminine faces leaning over scrawled pages. Women with semi-smart clothes, business looking women, hurried women, tired, energetic, calm, inscrutable, vivacious. All kinds.

The hum of presses in the distance. Vague, intermittent, ominous; sounds of joy, sounds of woe, sounds of hopes gone—of the jail, of the church, of the assembly, of the open street, of the interminable tangle of life. Sounds of the sea, waves thundering, men crying for help.

More lies. Trooping importantly. Bashful, hiding themselves. Lies that dodge in and about. Blatant lies, straightforward lies, happy and singing lies.

They march and countermarch, deploy, advance and retreat and come on again.

The editorial writers pass out on their way home.

The proofreaders return for their revisions.

The pressmen wait in the distance.

Hush. Lull.

Then the hum grows louder. The great press vibrates.

The news is rolling on and outward.

Here's a Real Optimist  
(Belleville Intelligencer)

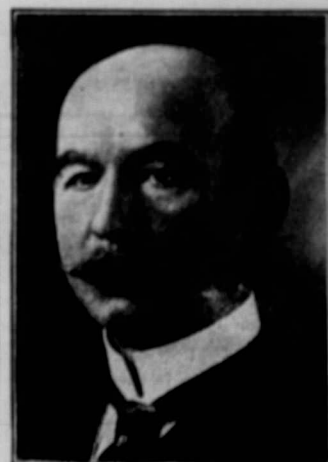
Don't grumble at the price of eggs. Be glad you don't have to buy ostrich eggs at \$175.00 per dozen.

Our idea of a hypocrite is a married man who pretends to feel sorry for a bachelor.

## COL. JAMES MASON

The week's events in finance throw into further prominence the name of Col. James Mason, general manager of the Home Bank of Canada—the official bank of the Grain Growers—who takes a seat on the board of directors of the Dominion Coal Company. At the meeting of the coal company, held in Montreal last Tuesday, two new directors were elected to the board, Sir William Van Horne and Col. James Mason. Sir William represents the steel interests, while Col. Mason is the representative of a group of Toronto shareholders.

Col. James Mason has had a long identity with the most solid element of finance in Toronto. As a young man he came under the notice of the late Sir Frank Smith, the millionaire senator. In 1878 Sir Frank Smith, together with Mr. Eugene O'Keefe, the present president of the Home Bank, secured a controlling interest in the Toronto Savings Bank, a then popular institution established in 1854. These gentlemen re-organized the Toronto Savings Bank and named it the Home Savings and Loan Company. James Mason, who had begun his banking career as a junior member of the staff of the Toronto Savings Bank, was made



COL. JAMES MASON  
General Manager of the Home Bank of Canada,  
newly-elected Director of the Dominion  
Coal Company

manager of the Savings and Loan Company. From 1878 until 1903, when the Home Loan Company became the Home Bank of Canada, James Mason filled the chief executive office. Under his management the Loan Company paid a seven per cent. dividend each year, and when the final transfer of assets was accomplished, the original shareholders received a cash bonus of thirty per cent. on their holdings and \$200 in Home Bank stock for each \$100 of Loan Company stock.

Before going to the board of the Dominion Coal Company, Col. Mason was on the directorate of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal, so he comes well qualified to assume his new duties. He is also director on the board of the Manufacturers Life, and is interested in a variety of lesser financial interests. He ranks as full colonel in the Canadian militia and, with Earl Grey and Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, was recently elevated to the honor of Knight of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England. [Adv.]

A unique invention has been recently put on the market by a well known Winnipeg manufacturer. It consists of a combination solid steel safe and filing cabinet and will fill a long-felt want as a household safety deposit device. It is absolutely and strongly gotten up in fire-proof and practically indestructible for filing papers, documents and important books, etc. It is really indispensable where absolute security and privacy is desired. It is especially adaptable to the farmer who heretofore has been deprived of the privilege of systematically looking after his affairs without going to a great deal of expense. The price at which this cabinet is installed is very low, hence it is a foregone conclusion that the manufacturer, The 20th Century Filing Co., of Winnipeg, will add one more to Winnipeg important concerns who have anticipated the wonderful opportunities of manufacturing and selling direct to the consumer. Their ad., with an illustration of their new invention, appears on another page of this issue.