

Report of the Convention of U.F.A Secretaries

HELD AT PAGET HALL, CALGARY, ALBERTA
ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 3rd, 1918

Afternoon Session.

Time 2.30.

Besides the attending secretaries and visitors, there were present at the meeting:—

Mr. C. Rice-Jones, 1st Vice-President of the United Grain Growers, Ltd., Mr. P. Baker, 1st Vice-President of the U.F.A., Mr. Higginbotham, General Secretary of the U. F. A., Mr. Parker, Director on Board of U. G. G., Mr. Turnbull, Superintendent Co-Operative Supply Department, U. G. G., Mr. McRory, Superintendent Livestock Department, U. G. G., Mr. Molyneaux, Special Representative, U. G. G., and Mr. Wingate, Director on Board of U. G. G.

Mr. Molyneaux, acting as chairman, made some opening remarks and Mr. McRory was the first speaker. He gave a general address on livestock shipping, dealing with some of the difficulties and problems and advising the Locals that if they made up their minds to enter into co-operative shipping of livestock they would find that these problems would automatically or almost automatically adjust themselves. He stated that in the Livestock Department of the U. G. G. they had had unusual instances creeping into the situation, but at the final close they found that, with very few exceptions, from a dollar and cent standpoint they could make it pay. If there were any gentlemen present who believed they could work out a co-operative livestock shipping institution in their locality, he would be most pleased to meet them and arrange for some way to assist them in the work of organization. In closing, Mr. McRory stated that in the work as a whole the central office appreciated far deeper than a mere expression of words just what the various communities have done towards building up the livestock department and appreciated to the full the loyalty they had at all times received from these communities.

Co-Operative Trading.

Mr. Turnbull addressed the meeting on this subject. It was the first time, he said, that he had had the privilege of meeting and talking with the representatives of the U. F. A. Locals. For the past two years and a quarter he had taken pleasure in working in the Co-Operative Supply Department of the U. G. G., formerly the Alberta Farmers' Co-Operative Elevator Company, and in that Co-Operative Supply Department they had an organization the motto of which is "Service" and while things may go wrong from time to time he wanted them only to remember that they at this end were striving at all times to do the best they can. He then gave a brief outline of the business which has been conducted in the Co-Operative Department from