



ALBERTA SECTION

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HASTINGS COULEE CELEBRATES

Hastings Coulee Union held their first annual picnic on July 6th, being ably assisted by the Ladies' Helping Hand Society. It did not look very promising in the morning but cleared up after a while and everybody took hold to make the other fellow feel happy. The Daysland band arrived at an early hour and discoursed an abundance of music throughout the day. Two baseball games were played, the first between Hastings Coulee and Wanda resulted in a win for the boys from the Coulee, the score being 23 to 22. The second game between Spring Lake and Gallahad resulted in a runaway for Spring Lake, the score being more than 20 to 0. The proceedings were stopped for a while by a heavy shower which made the ground wet, rendering it impossible for the winners to play the deciding game. Over \$150 was offered in prizes for foot racing, horse racing, jumping and other athletic sports, but the greatest feature of the day was the baby show for which there were nineteen entries, the conditions being for babies under eighteen months old. The members of the band were called upon to act as judges and in order that they might get home with their scalps it was decided to choose the winners by secret ballot, each baby being numbered and the boys voting for one number only. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Shillinglaw were the happy winners of first prize, while Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tull and Mr. and Mrs. Al. Vestricher were tied for second place and the second and third money were divided between them.

Brief and appropriate addresses were delivered by George P. Smith, M. P. P. for Camrose, Chas. Stewart, M. P. P. for Sedgewick, E. H. Malcolm, of Killam, and H. L. Kretsch, of the Lone Tree Ranch.

The next attraction was a football match between Hastings Coulee and Wanda, the Coulee boys being victorious.

Supper was then served by the ladies, after which came the dancing in the pavilion, which kept the young people amused till the day began to break in the east. The music was furnished by the Scheller Bros., of Flagstaff, with their orchestra, which is certainly up to date and was appreciated by all.

We were also successful in securing a few more members and the next morning sent our order away for 4,400 pounds of twine.

AMERL H. JOHNSON, Sec.-Treas.
Hastings Coulee.

LEAVE IT TO THE EXECUTIVE

At the last meeting of the Gallahad Union it was moved, seconded and carried, "That Gallahad Union No. 43 agrees that the resolutions to be presented to Sir Wilfrid Laurier be left entirely in the hands of the executive committee, feeling sure that they will present the more important questions, viz.: terminal elevators, the removal of the tariff on farm implements, in such a manner as will carry weight with it, and that knowing the views of the majority of the U. F. A. members, separate resolutions are unnecessary.

F. VINIETT, Sec.-Treas.
Gallahad.

FIRST ANNUAL PICNIC

The first annual picnic of Eckville Union was held on Friday, July 15th, and though the earlier part of the day was showery, shortly afterwards the weather improved and by two o'clock it was a perfect day. Sports were started with a race for boys under 14, next came boys under 12, then girls under 12. The other features included obstacle race, three-legged race, ladies' egg race, long and high jumps, tug of war, (married or single men), pony race, match horse race, the whole concluding with a football match between the home team and Beaver Flats, resulting in a win for Eckville by 1 goal to nil.

In the evening we had the best dance ever held in Eckville, largely due to the excellent music furnished by some of the

association members. It is something to say that the U. F. A. held the first picnic ever held at Eckville and also that it was a success. As a result of the picnic we hope to have several new members at our next picnic.

ARTHUR E. T. ECKFORD, Sec.
Eckville.

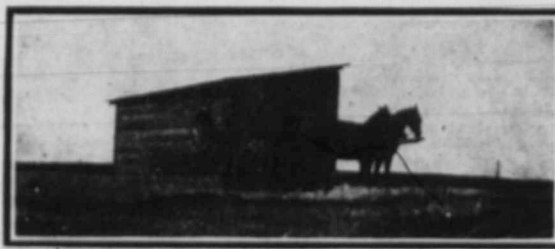
WE ARE STILL GROWING

The farmers of Southern Alberta believe in organization and during the last week another Union has been added to the fold, the farmers living south of the Old Man River having been organized by J. Quinsey at a picnic held on F. R. Dalzell's farm on July 21st. This Union starts out with a membership of 15, and with excellent prospects for the future as the members are very enthusiastic and there is a large territory which requires organizing.

The first officers elected are:—J. Tatley president, Orton; F. R. Dalzell, secretary, Monarch.

TWIN BUTTE REPORTS

When Vice-President Tregillus was on his trip through the Crow's Nest in May last he aroused considerable enthusiasm at every place he visited, and the reports have shown that this was not a false spurt, but rather a move for greater energy by all the members. The last



Fred McMahon and team at his homestead near Pinnington, Alta.

report received shows that an active Union was organized at Twin Butte where there is now an active membership list of fourteen, the officers being: B. C. Wyckoff, president, Twin Butte; J. Bennett Faulk, Secretary, Twin Butte.

A SHIPPING RING FOR GRAIN

The last two meetings of the Blackfoot Union have been very successful, and new members are being enrolled at almost every meeting. The picnic account was handed in and was very satisfactory financially, and a vote of thanks was moved to Wm. Truscott, and also to the ladies for their kind response in way of cakes, etc.

Arrangements have been completed for all members to turn out and put in better shape the approach to the weigh scales at Blackfoot siding. The C. N. R. have also been written to asking permission to put in a crossing right at the scales to obviate the present necessity of going one mile round on the east side and a half mile round on the west side.

A permanent sports committee for the encouragement of social intercourse was appointed.

The matter of amalgamation of school districts was held over pending the opinion of the Department of Education.

A letter was read from G. H. Manser, of Linesville, giving particulars of how the grain shipping ring at that place is conducted and was much appreciated. We have decided to follow the lines laid down by Mr. Manser.

A quantity of copies of the Manitoba Elevator Act were received and distributed to members.

The C. N. R. are at last putting in cattle guards here. Better late than never, but when will these "big bugs" see the necessity of being never late?

JAS. STONE, Sec'y.
Blackfoot.

WILL SOON HAVE A RAILWAY

The regular monthly meeting of Onoway Union, held on Saturday, July 2nd, did not have a very good muster on account of the rain. The C. N. R. is now building a line through this part of the country, and we are desirous of securing information re the laws governing compensation for land taken by the railways for right-of-way, and the allowances made for growing crops.

The following resolutions were passed:—
"That the Union support the resolution that the Dominion Government own and operate all terminal elevators on the coasts as well as on the lakes, all appointments to be free from political control.

"That we endorse Toffield Union's resolution re internal elevators.
"That we urge the government to pass a bill in favor of co-operative banking similar to the People's Banks as run in Eastern Canada and as formed in Ireland by Sir Horace Plunkett.

A. A. BROWN, Sec'y.
Onoway.

GALLAHAD CELEBRATES

The Gallahad Union held their first annual picnic on July 1st and it was a decided success. A very large number of people were present from the surrounding districts and all report a very en-

joyable time. The committee are to be congratulated on the way in which everything was arranged and much good must result to forward the work of the U. F. A. by such a gathering. A good program of sports was carried out and during the afternoon Chas. Stewart, M. P. P. for the Sedgewick constituency, addressed the farmers and received a very favorable reception.

E. H. Malcolm of Killam, next addressed the meeting and made some very telling remarks on the benefits to be derived from the U. F. A. and urged all present, that were not members to join, and so help earn the benefits that they were receiving and not leave it to the few to do the work.

The rest of the day was spent in merry-making and renewing of old acquaintances, and the day was breaking ere the "Home Sweet Home" waltz reminded the young folks of another day.

F. VINIETT, Sec'y.
Gallahad.

MONTHLY FAIR SUGGESTED

The regular meeting of Eckville union was held in Eckville on July 30th, ten members being present. Minutes of the last meeting were read and passed and two new members were enrolled. The picnic committee reported a small credit balance which it was agreed to carry forward to next summer in anticipation of making the picnic an annual outing. Mr. H. Kingsep, who kindly assisted with music at the dance which followed the picnic, handed in his share of the amount collected for the musicians, also to be placed to the picnic fund. He was warmly thanked for his action. Five milch cows, three beef cows and one beef steer, also a sewing machine were listed for sale. The different quotations for binder twine were gone into and that of a Lacombe firm was accepted as being the lowest.

UNITED FARMERS OF ALBERTA

PRESIDENT: JAMES BOWER - - - RED DEER

VICE-PRESIDENT: W. J. TREGILLUS - - - CALGARY

SECRETARY-TREASURER: E. J. FREAM - - - INNISFAIR

DIRECTORS AT LARGE: James Speakman, Penhold; D. W. Warner, Clover Bar; L. H. Jelliff, Spring Coulee.

DISTRICT DIRECTORS: T. H. Balaam, Vegreville; George Long, Nampa; F. H. Langston, Rosenroll; E. Carswell, Penhold; J. Quinsey, Noble; E. Griesbach, Gleichen; A. Von Mieleicki, Calgary.

The Association's circular letter dated July 18th was read by the secretary and the different pleas to be made by the association to the premier on his coming visit were discussed. The members extended their support to the resolutions in their entirety as being of vital importance to the general community of farmers. Mr. Aug. Mitzner proposed the holding of a monthly fair at a convenient point. The suggestion was favorably received but left over for further debate. The meeting then adjourned till Saturday, August 27th.

A. E. T. ECKFORD, Secretary.
Eckville.

SUCCESSFUL PICNIC OF KILLAM FARMERS

A very successful picnic was held in a beautiful grove, eight miles south of town. The two unions of the U. F. A. joined in holding the picnic, which was attended by over 500 people, and a thoroughly enjoyable time was spent, with speeches, refreshments and games of different kinds. Addresses were delivered by G. A. Malcolm formerly weed inspector for the provincial government, who made some valuable suggestions as to how to keep the farms clear of noxious weeds. W. J. Tregillus, of Calgary, vice-president of the U. F. A., spoke of the importance of agriculture as the leading industry of the province, and of the necessity of co-operation among the farmers, politically and otherwise. T. L. Swift took for his subject that of government ownership of elevators, in order that the farmers might secure justice, both in the weight and the price of their grain. Charles Stewart, M. P. P., was present and briefly addressed the gathering. He represented, he said, the whole of the farmers in his constituency, and at all times supported legislation to advance their interests.

Crops in the Killam district were never better than they are this year, and the farmers attending the picnic were jubilant over the splendid prospects.

GO TO THE COUNTRY

The members of Claresholm union have organized a new local, or rather have transferred the Claresholm local to Five Mile school house. It was so difficult to get members to attend the meeting when they were in town that it was thought there would be better success with the meetings as there would be no other attractions to take their attention. We concluded it would be better to organize two or three locals in the surrounding country school houses. Thus far we have only organized at Five Mile, but this has proved very successful as several have already joined who were not in the ranks before. We have also gone together and ordered a carload of flour, and are looking up prices on coal. We mean to make the work a little more co-operative than it has been.

S. L. FRASER, Sec.
Claresholm.

MAY SHIP CATTLE NOT INSPECTED

Dr. J. G. Rutherford, federal veterinary director-general, has advised Hon. Duncan Marshall, minister of agriculture, that new rules governing the transportation of cattle in this province will shortly go into effect. Up to the present cattle which are intended for shipment to other points have had to undergo an inspection by a veterinary inspector before the railway companies can receive them for transportation. The new rule allows