

MACLEOD FARMERS HOLD BIG PICNIC

A monster picnic was held on May 24, just outside Macleod, arranged by the local Unions of the United Farmers of Alberta. It was estimated that considerably over a thousand people were present. Every arrangement seems to have been made by the committee of management for the convenience of those who attended. A platform was erected for dancing and a local farmer's band rendered very acceptable music during the afternoon and evening, while a special orchestra provided the music for the dancing. During the afternoon, as was arranged, several speeches were made from the platform. After the president of the Local Union, W. Maclean, who presided, had made an introductory speech, the vice-president of the United Farmers of Alberta, W. J. Tregillus, of Calgary, addressed the large gathering that had come close around the platform and spoke on the important place the farmers held in the community, saying that they could only fully realize to the full the advantages accruing from their calling if they were organized and worked in co-operation, and urging every farmer to work with that end in view.

Thos. Swift of Calgary, of the Grain Growers' Grain Co., next spoke on the elevator question, explaining the grading and shipping of grain in the internal and terminal elevators, showing that the present system was not favorable to the farmers, and how the Manitoba Grain Act could be improved to the farmers' advantage.

W. F. Stevens, live stock commissioner, next spoke, taking up the pork packing question and explaining the lines on which a plant had been promised by the government when pledges had been given by the farmers of the province for producing 50,000 hogs per annum. The meeting was considered so successful that it was decided to make it an annual affair and an invitation was given to the speakers for the next annual picnic, each one promising, if possible, to attend.

A letter from Mr. Patterson, the farmers' candidate, was read, expressing his regret at his inability to attend, because of an important engagement made prior to the arrangement of the picnic. John Herron, M.P., was expected, but did not attend. After the speeches were over, everyone entered heartily into the avenues of pleasures provided, and the picnic was considered an unqualified success.

GOOD TIME ASSURED

The Union committee on sports for Dominion Day met on Saturday, May 14, at noon. Representatives from the Women's Institute of Lea Park, and the U. F. A. Unions at Tring, Bellcamp and Dewberry were present. After lunch the committee visited several sites recommended and decided that section 5-54-3-W4 was most suitable, the grounds being ideal and the location being the centre of a circle which includes all the well settled portions on both sides of the Saskatchewan and Vermilion Rivers, and being the favorite picnicking and camping ground from all parts of this circle. Unfortunately, however, the fires of last fall destroyed most of the shade trees.

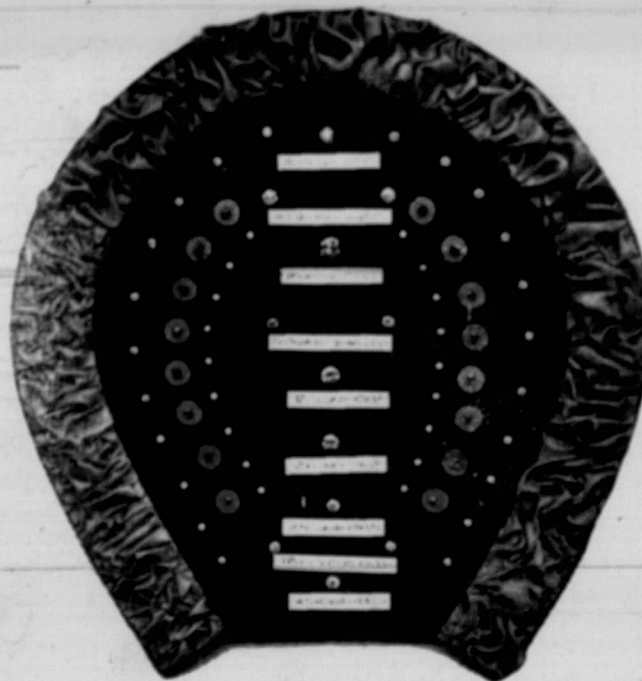
Mr. H. C. Graham and Mr. C. W. Harrington were chairman and secretary of the united committee. Owing to the approach of rain, the committee adjourned to the home of Mr. Graham where full arrangements were made to make the second annual union picnic even more successful than the first. The following directors were appointed: Grounds, building and printing, H. C. Graham, Lea Park; lumber, J. Johnston, Lea Park; refreshment booth, Allan Campbell, Bellcamp; horse and ox races, Mr. Alseiger, Bellcamp; other races and sports, Mr. Wilson, Dewberry; meals, Mrs. Graham, Lea Park. A dancing platform and music will be provided. Meals, fruits, ice cream and other refreshments will be sold and a collection taken. All money from the above will be used for the benefit of the sports. All trails leading to the grounds will be flagged. The committee again meets at Mr. Graham's on Saturday, June 18.

FARMERS ACTIVE

The farmers now in residence in the vicinity of Entwistle have to remedy the disadvantage they are under in this newly developed mixed farming district.

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Further, now that the immigration hall established at Entwistle is beginning to show good results and farming homesteaders are taking up the good lands that lie around in the Entwistle and Pembina River District, it has become incumbent upon the farmers to have a Farmers' Association where ideas can be exchanged and the best interests of the members brought before the Department of Agriculture and the government.

Two of the necessary objects of the association will be: First, to inaugurate a fall exhibition of grains, cereals, fruit and vegetables grown in the Entwistle and Pembina River Districts, under the auspices and in conjunction with the Entwistle Board of Trade; second, to procure the establishment of a strain of good pedigree stock cattle and grain seeds of the best quality.

In growing the cereals, fruits and vegetables for this exhibition, it would be of interest to record the date of sowing; nature of soil sown in, date ripe, and any further data that would help the general body. These particulars would be useful in furnishing the Department of Agriculture with information to incorporate in their reports, and be of service to incoming homesteaders as a means of getting the best results.

This matter admits of no delay, and it is hoped that all farmers and homesteaders will send in their names to the editor immediately, so that the necessary preliminaries can be proceeded with at once.

This is a step in the right direction, and every man who has farming at heart,

with a growing market springing up around him and with a good train service and station to be established as soon as construction is completed, should join hands and become a body that can get all there is coming from the government to advance the homesteaders and farmers position.—Pembina (Alta.) Outlook and Entwistle News.

TRADE WITH WEST INDIES

Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance, and the Hon. Wm. Paterson, minister of customs, expect to leave for England on June 10 to take part in the concluding deliberations of the imperial royal commission respecting trade between the West Indies and Canada. Before their departure it is expected that the pending trade negotiations with Italy and Belgium will be concluded and an order-in-council passed extending to these countries the benefits of the Canadian intermediate tariff on a number of items, including in the treaty with France, thus removing any special disabilities under which the countries labor in respect of trade with Canada because of the French-Canadian agreement.

In view of the fact that France extended to the United States the same rates as those given Canada, as a result of this agreement the government feels free to reduce in the interests of the Canadian consumers the duties on imports from Italy and Belgium, which compete with imports from France. The reduction of 2 1/2 per cent. in the duty on such items,

which the intermediate tariff gives, will only effect such imports as silk or other commodities which will not compete with any item of home manufacture.

The question of reciprocal trade agreement with the United States has been finally shelved by the cabinet council until fall for reasons already published.

CADETS SHOT WELL

Shooting in the Imperial cadet meeting held in London, May 24 was of the most brilliant character. The Canadian cadets did very well, Liddy especially distinguishing himself. He won the Rockcliffe cup, a gold medal presented by Lord Strathcona for snaphooting behind cover with 46 out of a possible of 50, one of the most difficult competitions. He was also second in the grand aggregate with 220, the winner scoring 228.

Crawford Bates and Tidswell, although they failed to lift any of the pots, were among the smaller prizes in many events.

Lord Roberts attended the range, and expressed his pleasure at seeing the Canadian lads present. He praised their shooting and emphasized the value of sharp-shooting at short distances, such as he had seen there, saying it would have a decisive interest in the next war.

The Canadian cadets have an excellent round of entertainments, including visits to Eton and Portsmouth.

Many a man lies in an effort to stand up for another.