

In Union There is Strength

The United Farmers Annual Convention

AS the arrangements for the programme for the annual convention of the United Farmers of Ontario, which is to be held in Toronto, February 28 and March 1, near a completion, it becomes evident that it should be the best convention the Association has yet held. Assurance has been received from Western Canada that several of the most prominent leaders in the farmers' movement in the three prairie provinces will be in attendance, fresh from the annual conventions of the Saskatchewan and Alberta Associations. The farmers' platform, adopted at the recent meeting of the Canadian Council of Agriculture in Winnipeg, which meeting

ford, and by President H. W. Wood, of the United Farmers of Alberta. The discussion of the various taxation policies outlined in the platform will be opened by addresses as follows:

The taxation of unimproved land of Farm and Dairy; the placing of a graduated income tax upon all incomes over \$4,000 by Mr. Gordon Waldron, of The Weekly Sun, or by Mr. O. D. Skelton, of Kingston. Time will be allowed for discussion of these subjects.

In the evening the discussion of the platform will be continued. Mr. H. J. Pettypiece, of Forest, will open the discussion of the nationalization of all railways, telegraph and express companies. Mr. Sangster, the President of the Stonyville branch of the U. F. O., will handle the suggestion that the Government shall not alienate any more of the natural resources of the country, but dispose of them only under short term leases in which the interests of the public shall be properly safeguarded. Mr. F. E. Ellis, the President of the Campbellville Club of the U. F. O., will discuss the recommendation in favor of direct legislation, including the Initiative, the Referendum and the right of recall. Mr. Origes, of Toronto, or Mr. W. L. Smith, of the Orono Farmers' Club, will discuss the publicity of political campaign funds, contributions and expenditures, both before and after election, and the abolition of the patronage system. This discussion of full provincial autonomy in liquor legislation, and the extension of the franchise to women will probably be handled by Mr. R. C. Henders, the President of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association. The closing hour of the session will be given over to speeches from leaders in the farmers' movement in western Canada.

Thursday morning, March 1st, the final action on the platform will be taken. Officers will be elected, the organizer will present his report, and the delegates at the convention will be given an opportunity to make five minute speeches on subjects relating to the good of the movement.

HOW SHOULD HE VOTE?

IF two candidates are running for Parliament in a rural constituency and one, a lawyer, promises to support the platform of the organized farmers, while the other, a farmer, refuses to promise such support, which of the men should the farmer vote for?

By the time another general election comes around, many farmers will have to decide this question for themselves. The rapid advancement of the farmers' movement and the strong influence that it is having in the molding of public opinion, indicates that when the candidates for the people's suffrage again appeal to the farmers, they will have to take a stand on the support of the farmers' movement. In the event of the above mentioned contingency arising, what should the farmer do? For the best answer to the question we will extend the writer's subscription to Farm and Dairy for one year. For all papers published replies subscriptions will be extended for six months. Letters should not exceed 300 words in length and must be received by Feb. 10.

was attended by representatives of the United Farmers of Ontario, and which was prepared for submission to the various provincial organizations, will be discussed, and by that time it will be known what action the Western Canada organizations have taken in regard to it. The Manitoba Grain Growers' Association at a largely attended convention held recently adopted it in full.

The following is an outline of the programme as prepared to date:

Wednesday, February 28, 1917: 10 a.m.—Reading of minutes and communications; reports of standing committees; appointment of committees on railway certificates, credentials, and resolutions; notices of motion; presenting of Directors' report and financial statement, and the report of the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. J. J. Morrison, Toronto.

2 p.m.—Nomination of officers and directors; President's address, Mr. H. H. Halbert, Melancthon; report of delegates to the meeting of the Canadian Council of Agriculture at Winnipeg, Man., Mr. R. H. Halbert.

The special feature of the convention will then be open for discussion, namely, the farmers' platform as proposed by the Canadian Council of Agriculture. As this deals with a number of different subjects, each subject will be dealt with separately. The discussion of the tariff plank will be opened by Col. J. E. Fraser, of Bur-



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