

April 6th, 1910

ROSEVIEW UNION

The Roseview Union held a very interesting meeting on March 19, among the topics up for discussion being hail insurance, rural telephones, and the grievance of many farmers being left without pre-emptions in the districts entitled to this privilege. The secretary was instructed to frame up a resolution calling the attention of the government to this matter and suggesting a remedy, the same to be passed on at the next meeting of the union.

In regard to the hail insurance question, after referring the whole matter to a special committee and again being brought up before the union the following was finally passed.

"Resolved, that Roseview Union favors plan No. 3 with the following suggestions added: That those who are interested in live stock and not in grain deserve some consideration re taxing all lands for hail insurance purposes, we would recommend that a flat rate be fixed on all taxable lands so that stockmen can have an insurance, also on all classes of domestic live stock lost through lightning, the maximum sum to be paid for the loss of a horse to be \$100, cattle \$20, and sheep \$3. The same to be appraised by the councillors of the township as in No. 3 resolution. The money to meet this insurance to be advanced by the government, then, in the following year the government to reimburse themselves by levying a tax on all lands that will cover all expenses and money paid to parties that have suffered loss through hail or lightning.

ROBERT S. SHAW, Sec.

ROBERT KERR UNION REORGANIZES

The first meeting of Robert Kerr Union was held on March 10th, when Mr. W. Marcellus, of Pincher Creek, took the chair and explained to the members the benefit of the union. He was ably assisted by Mr. C. H. Harve, of Fishburn, both gentlemen explaining the benefits of the United Farmers of Alberta in grand style.

Thirteen members joined the union and the following officers were elected: President, J. Hescott; vice-president, H. Pearson; secretary-treasurer, D. James. Directors, P. A. Carnell, F. Dennis, N. Vance, D. L. Campbell, Newman C. Geberdt, J. Thibadeau.

A regular meeting night has been arranged for and it is the intention of the officers to have every man in the district a member of the U. F. A. in a very short time.

WELLSDALE TO THE FRONT

On March 17, the farmers of the Wellsdale district held a meeting and decided to organize a union of the U. F. A. Seventeen members signed the roll and the election of officers resulted in Frank Lawes being chosen president and Alfred S. Farmer, Secretary-treasurer.

Wellsdale Union is the result of the efforts of Mr. Lawes, who has been in correspondence with members of the executive for some time.

It was decided to support resolution No. 2 on the hail insurance question, and the secretary was instructed to secure quotations on barb wire of the best quality in carload quantities.

ALFRED S. FARMER, Sec.

WILL SAVE MONEY

The regular meeting of Sunnydale Union was held in the schoolhouse, on Saturday, March 19, with the following attendance:

G. A. Rogers, president, H. E. Etheridge, chairman, W. M. McLean, S. B. Wood, J. Lindsey, A. A. Hillson, D. M. Fraser, G. A. Rogers, O. E. Farman, C. W. Siegel, and Fred'k Wood, secretary-treasurer.

The president then asked for applications for membership and two responded. A letter of encouragement from Jas. Stobbe, secretary of the Blackfoot Union was read and the meeting expressed its appreciation.

The officers of the Medical Hall and Red Cross Pharmacy to supply members with gopher poison and formalin were considered, and it was moved that the offer of the Red Cross Pharmacy to supply strychnine for gopher poison, 70 grains to four-ounce bottle, at 18c. per bottle, Kill-Em-Quick gopher poison at 75c.

and \$1.15 per bottle, and formalin in 1-pound bottles at 55c. or in quantities in members' own container at 30c. per pound, be accepted, the pharmacy to be furnished with a list of the members.

The secretary read a letter from the Brantford Cordage Co. in reference to binder twine but no action was taken in the matter.

It was decided that in future the hour of meeting be at 7 p.m. instead of 2 p.m., and the meeting then adjourned.

FRED'K WOOD, Secretary.

TRENVILLE IS GROWING

Trenville Local Union held its regular meeting at the residence of one of its members on Friday, March 4th.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been disposed of two applications for membership were received and accepted.

It was decided to accept the quotation of a local druggist for formalin.

Circular No. 1 was then discussed and it was decided to vote in favor of Plan No. 5 on the hail insurance question, with a rider attached that the district councillor be appointed appraiser at a salary of three dollars per day for such time as he should be engaged in such duty.

The secretary was authorized to purchase the necessary stationery and forward the subscriptions to THE GUIDE.

After a few remarks from the president regarding the necessity of every member making an effort to spread abroad the good work done by the Association and to endeavor to secure at least one new member, the meeting closed at 11 p.m. by singing the National Anthem.

THOS. LAVER, Sec.

INVESTIGATE INSURANCE RATES

In spite of the fact that the farmers of this district were busy on the land, plowing and other operations being in full swing, we had 30 members in attendance, and the secretary's report showed

WILL START CO-OPERATIVE STORE

Rosenroll Union met for the transaction of business on March 19, there being a good attendance of members, and five new members being received.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Robert Sawers; vice-president, G. Frick; secretary-treasurer, W. J. Hoover.

The pork packing plant was thoroughly discussed. The straight objections made were that the patrons should not be asked to leave one-third of the delivery price tied up with the company for an indefinite length of time. Another objection raised by some was that the government should be satisfied with the amount of hogs signed for without wanting what a person had over that amount. An unanimous vote was then given in favor of supporting the plan.

The hail insurance question was up for discussion and it was decided to support plan No. 2 as presented by the Prairie Centre Union.

The resolution from Edmonton Union regarding the consolidation of rural schools was discussed with interest and an unanimous vote taken in favor of the plan.

The flour mill question was laid over till the next meeting. The Rosenroll Union is preparing to start a co-operative store at Bittern Lake shortly, a number of the farmers having taken shares in the company.

W. J. HOOVER, Sec.

an increase of twenty members in the month, at the regular meeting of Cowley Union held on March 19.

Much satisfaction was expressed at the interest, shown by the correspondence, of the U. F. A. executive in the two cases we sent to the Central secretary for advice and assistance, members seeming to realize the necessity and advantage of getting together. The reports of the committees on these cases were received, and the committees directed to take up any further development of the cases for next meeting.

A complaint was made about the railway crossing in the vicinity of Cowley, and it was stated that often it was impossible to get a loaded team over the track, owing to the steepness of the approaches. The secretary was instructed to write the C. P. R. superintendent through the secretary of the local improvement district, calling his attention to the matter.

As we are now starting on the busy season it was felt it would be difficult to maintain our meetings at a high water mark, so to deal with matters that may arise during the year a general purpose committee was appointed to meet at the call of the president or secretary. This committee will take up the elevator question referred to in Circular No. 2, and also keep in touch as far as possible with all matters brought up before the U. F. A. To aid us in this we would

like to have the Central secretary's circular letter sent to each member of the committee.

In a discussion which was raised on a question of the comparison in rates of insurance charged to farm risks in Alberta and eastern provinces, a suggestion was made that the subject be investigated and that it might prove feasible to form a company along mutual lines under the U. F. A., as a purely farmers' company, run by themselves.

A number of members gave a list of "wants" and "for sale." Satisfactory sales were reported from the results of last meeting.

The secretary can furnish lists of horses, cattle, seed wheat and oats, implements, for sale or wanted by members.

Altogether I think Cowley Union is here to stay, though only two meetings have been held, yet from the opinions expressed and the interest shown I believe the feeling that the farmers have at last made a stand is more deeply rooted than many give credit for. The success which has been achieved by other unions may yet be equalled by Cowley Union No. 106.

JOHN KEMMIS, Sec.

OPPOSES HAIL INSURANCE

At the last meeting of Lamont Union it was decided to report to the Central that the members are opposed to compulsory hail insurance.

W. H. CAMMACK, Sec.

HAIL INSURANCE DISCUSSED

The South Buffalo Lake Union held a meeting at the Scales schoolhouse on March 19, there being a good attendance of members. The usual routine business was attended to and four new members signed the roll.

The meeting then took up the hail insurance question and after discussion voted in favor of Plan No. 2. Considerable discussion also ensued on the

the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved that all assessable land in the province of Alberta be taxed two cents per acre for hail insurance, said tax to cover and insure all grain crops, with a maximum premium of eight dollars per acre."

It was decided to write the Central office for literature that can be used in organizing work, as there are several places which require unions and the members are willing to give every assistance.

JOS. STAUFFER, Sec.

COOKE UNION ORGANIZED

On March 12, Director F. L. Langston journeyed to Battle River and organized the farmers of that district into a union to be known as Cooke Union. Sixteen members joined and the officers elected are: President, E. W. Keeler, Battle River; secretary-treasurer, J. N. Franklin, Battle River.

Mr. Manser, of Lewisville Union, and Mr. J. C. Peterson, of John Knox Union, went over with Mr. Langston and assisted in the work, Mr. Manser acting as chairman of the meeting.

The hail insurance question was discussed and it was decided to vote in favor of Plan No. 7.

J. N. FRANKLIN, Sec.

ONAWAY UNION

A meeting of the Onaway Union was held on March 12, there being a good attendance of members. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted and eleven new members were enrolled, making 30 altogether.

A vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. and Mrs. Beupre in the sad loss of their daughter, which occurred recently.

A long discussion ensued on the hail insurance question and it was decided to recommend that a committee be appointed to, in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture, lay out a scheme more satisfactory than the present one, and we further recommend that the government graduate the premiums asked for hail insurance on the plan of a smaller premium for land that was never hailed and a larger tax on land that has been hailed a certain number of times in a number of years, the said tax not to be compulsory. All resolutions bearing on this subject to be handed over to said committee for investigation.

It was decided to meet on the first Saturday in every month at the Onaway schoolhouse.

A. A. BROWN, Sec.

NORBO IS ORGANIZED

The Norbo Union was re-organized on March 14 by Mr. Jas. Miner, of Ferry Point, and a most enthusiastic meeting was held, there being a good attendance to listen to Mr. Miner's excellent address on the work of the U. F. A.

Sixteen members were enrolled and the following officers elected:

President, O. E. Olson, Ferry Point; vice-president, B. J. Stolee, Norbo; secretary-treasurer, O. A. Broughton, Norbo.

It was decided to vote for Plan No. 7 on the hail insurance question.

O. A. BROUGHTON, Sec.

BELLCAMP IS GROWING

The monthly meeting of Bellicamp Union No. 135 was held at Patrick Hurley's on March 24, at two o'clock, there being a good attendance of members. Seven new members were enrolled.

A motion was passed endorsing the resolution of Valley District Union on the hail insurance question.

A motion was adopted encouraging the elevator committee in their work of drafting a plan of government elevators.

The meeting unanimously adopted the pork packing contracts and all the contracts on hand were signed.

It was decided to support the resolution of Edmonton Union re the consolidation of schools, also the resolution of Lakeford Union in regard to flour mills.

A resolution was also passed asking the government to experiment with boarding houses as well as schools.

An entertainment committee was appointed for the ensuing year and thirteen subscriptions were taken for THE GRAIN GROWERS' GUIDE.

The meeting then adjourned.

A. M. CAMPBELL, Sec.