

SOME RESULTS FROM THE CONFERENCE

We are receiving inquiries every day from farmers as to what practical results have come from the water conference. As soon as the conference was over, copies of the resolutions were sent on to the Minister of the Interior at Ottawa, and to the Minister of Public Works and the Minister of Agriculture at Edmonton.

There can be no doubt that the closest co-operation will be extended by the Department of the Interior. The Minister writes that, "the matters referring to the Interior Department will be given every consideration, as we desire to do what we can to meet the wishes of our settlers in every reasonable manner consistent with economy during war time."

The Minister of Public Works for Alberta, writes from Edmonton:—

"Anything that we can do to open up road allowances to water reservations will be cheerfully done by us." A formal acknowledgment of receipt of the resolutions has also been received from the Public Works Department at Edmonton.

With regard to the watering reservations for live stock, it will likely take some time to have this thoroughly looked into; but there are many cases now where farmers are blocked from easy access to river waters. Such farmers can now take these matters up direct with the Public Works Department, on the Minister's assurance that road allowances to water will be opened. Farmers can do this individually or through their local organizations.

We are advised that the Minister of the Interior is giving his personal attention to the important subject of stock watering reservations.

Owing to his duties on the Grain Control Board, Mr. H. W. Wood, President of the United Farmers of Alberta, was unable to attend the conference, but the Board of Directors of the United Farmers of Alberta have placed their official seal of approval on the actions of the conference by the following resolution:—

"Resolved:—

1. That we endorse the action of the Lethbridge Board of Trade in calling the Water Conference recently held in that city.
2. That we believe the questions there considered are of vital interest to the farmers generally.
3. That we are in harmony with the general principle of the resolutions there passed.
4. That we favour the publication and distribution of the proceedings of the conference at Government expense."