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SPECIAL RATES ON SEED GRAIN

To the Officers and Members of.....
.....Union, No.....

Ladies and Gentlemen:—Our unions will remember that last year it was only after some difficulty that we were able to secure the special seed grain rates from the railways. It appears from the records of the railway companies that an altogether disproportionate amount of our total crop has been tendered to the railway companies as seed grain, showing very clearly that a good deal of fraudulent misrepresentation was being practised by certain parties in getting these cheap rates; in plain words, the special privilege voluntarily granted by the railways for the benefit of farmers was being abused, not necessarily by the farmers themselves, but by parties handling grain and seeking to take advantage of these special rates.

In all probability, but for the exceptional conditions which prevailed in 1914, we would not have been able to secure any special rates on seed grain from the railway companies at all, but would have had to ship on the rates fixed by the Board of Railway Commissioners in the Western Freight Rates Case, but, in view of the representations of the organized farmers, based on conditions prevalent in 1914, the three railways, C.P.R., C.N.R., and G.T.P., have issued special seed grain tariffs which will be effective from January 15, 1915, to June 15, 1915, covering special rates in carload quantities and less than carload quantities, for the carriage of grain, flax and grass seed for seeding purposes. These special rates will be available to all bona fide farmers on the following conditions:—

1—Farmers wishing to avail themselves of these special seed grain rates must apply to the secretary of the nearest local union of the U.F.A. for a certificate, which he will be required to fill in with the number of bushels and class of grain he wishes to bring in, and any other information asked for on the certificate.

2—The Local Secretary will sign the certificate and forward to the Provincial Secretary with the signed statement to the effect that the applicant is a bona fide farmer.

3—The Provincial Secretary will countersign the certificate and return to the Local Secretary, or direct to the applicant.

4—The applicant on receiving this certificate and on presenting it to the station agent, will, on the strength of the Provincial Secretary's signature, be entitled to the special seed grain rates.

Special certificates have been printed by the Central Office and a number of them are being forwarded to each of our local unions with this circular. Additional certificates can be obtained on application to the Central Office.

I would like to point out that this seed grain will be billed from the various shipping stations at the ordinary full tariff rate, and that these certificates properly signed by Local and Provincial Secretaries as outlined above, will be the only means whereby the special rates can be secured, and only on production of this certificate will the local railway agent be authorized to reduce the rate from the ordinary tariff on which the grain has been shipped to the special tariff arranged for under the above conditions.

I would further point out that while these rates are available to all bona fide farmers, whether members of our Association or not, we hope that those who take advantage of them will ap-

preciate the valuable assistance our Association has rendered them, and our local unions might seize the opportunity to point out the value of organization in this particular instance. This must be done in a tactful manner, however, as same might be easily overdone and result in more harm than good. When talking this seed grain proposition over, you may casually sow the seed of organization in the mind of the applicant, and as in the case of the seed grain itself, you should be satisfied if the crop matures within six months of the time it is sown.

It might be further pointed out that these special rates will apply only on each line of railway, that is to say, they will not apply on shipments interchanged between two different roads.

Yours fraternally,

P. P. WOODBRIDGE,
Provincial Secretary.

LAKEVIEW ANNUAL

The annual meeting of Lakeview Union, No. 71, was held at Lakeview on Wednesday, December 23, at 3 p.m. The attendance, considering the weather, which was very cold, was fair. The President, J. Quinlan, presided. The work for the past year was reviewed, financial and auditors' reports submitted, and on motion approved. The election of office bearers for the coming year resulted as follows:—President, J. R. Quinlan; Vice-President, F. Hogg; Directors, Mrs. J. R. Quinlan, Mrs. J. M. Speerlin, P. Mitchell, E. Arnison, and D. S. Milne; Secretary-Treasurer D. Cameron. Mr. and Mrs. D. Cameron were appointed delegates to the annual convention at Edmonton, with Mrs. J. R. Quinlan and W. A. Barnes as alternatives. It was decided to hold a box social and hard times dance on New Year's Eve, also a masquerade ball on Friday, February 12. A resolution was passed urging the annual convention to take definite action

in regard to the U.F.A. having a Co-operative Pork Packing establishment erected in the province, but unfortunately this resolution did not reach the Central Office until December 27, which was too late to have it placed on the program for the annual convention, as same was already in the hands of the printers. However, as there is already another resolution along the same lines from one of our other unions, and as there will also be a report from the Pork Packing Committee, there is sure to be a considerable amount of discussion in connection with this subject.

BURNT OUT

Sunnyvale Hope Union, No. 659, held a dance on December 4 in aid of the Patriotic Fund, but in the meantime one of the farmers in the district had his house burnt and lost practically everything he had, so the union voted that the proceeds be turned over to him instead. The members are well satisfied with the prices on various articles sent them by the Central Office some time ago, and altho so far they have not been able to do any co-operative purchasing, they hope to venture on same in the near future.

NAMAO IS ALIVE

Namoo Union, No. 18, has recently forwarded \$12 dues for twenty-four additional members, which brings their total paid-up membership up to ninety, and they hope to be represented in full force at the annual convention next week. Altho few reports have been received during the year at Central Office, the union is very much alive, having held fifteen meetings during 1914, also an annual picnic and two concerts. They have arranged to hold their annual social in the Methodist Church on the evening of January 15 next. Their annual meeting was held on December 16, which resulted in the old officers being re-elected by a unanimous vote as follows:—J. H. Long, President; L. M. Rye, Vice-President, and S. A.

Carson, Secretary-Treasurer. The members decided to make a donation to the Belgian Relief Fund and ten dollars was handed in to the Secretary by those present. Further contributions will be received up to January 15, the date of the social, when same will be forwarded to the Central Office. A considerable amount of co-operative purchasing was done during the year, including a car of apples, one car of coarse and rock salt, one car of woven wire and gates, one car binder twine, part car barb wire, two cars of flour and cereal foods. Arrangements were also made with a local dealer for a reduction on some boxes of apples. The secretary states: "We find co-operative buying the best means of getting new members." The members also wish to express their regret at the death of our late President, W. J. Tregillus.

CO-OPERATION AT GLEICHEN

During the year 1914, Gleichen Union, No. 96, handled about seven car loads of flour and feed, and also two car loads of fence posts, besides the following goods: 298 tons of coal, 2810 lbs. of dried fruit, 759 crates of fresh fruit, 728 boxes and 103 barrels of apples. The secretary states that not only have they been able to make a substantial saving in prices, but on fresh fruits, by dealing direct with the growers, they have been able to get a much better quality than could have been secured thru the regular channels of trade.

A PROMISING RECRUIT

One of our recently organized northern unions, Freshwater Local, No. 672, is making a very satisfactory progress both in the matter of membership and along other lines as well. Regular meetings are held twice each month during the winter. The union is at present busying itself in an attempt to have established another bank in its home town, and in this is seeking the co-operation of two of the neighboring unions. An attempt is also being made to have farmers' scales installed in the town.

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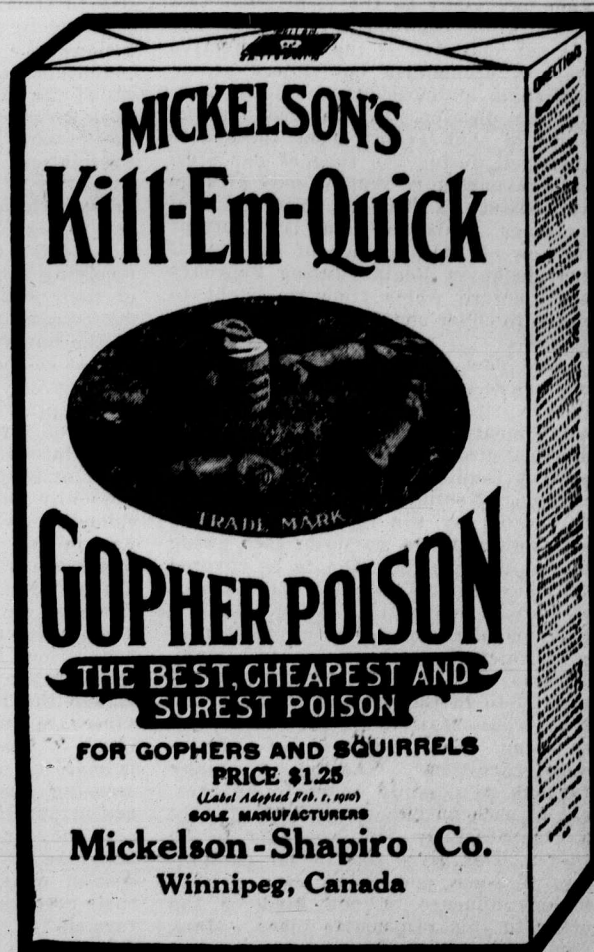
Our trademark has been violated during the past year by manufacturers who unlawfully used this name and imitated our package.

Extracts from judgment (Cassels, J.) in the Exchequer Court of Canada. Mickelson-Shapiro Co. vs. Mickelson Drug and Chemical Co. and Anton Mickelson.

*** in the face of the assignments to the plaintiffs, it was a fraud on the part of Mickelson applying for registration of his trademark*** As I pointed out, the trademark upon which the plaintiffs sue was registered on the 25th of May, 1909. It came direct to them through Mickelson. As far back as May, 1909, the words, Mickelson's Kill-Em-Quick were shown upon the can referred to in the plaintiff's trademark*** It can be utilized in getting rid of the trademark registered by the defendants. I order that this trademark be expunged from the registry.

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