

The tariff question is known to all. We are strongly committed to the present reciprocity pact, believing that while it is not what we asked for still it is one short step towards securing a square deal for the people. On this ground we have accepted the pact as presented, and we should do all possible to secure the passing into law of this pact and at the same time secure a promise from Mr. Borden, if possible, that the further demands made by the farmers shall be considered and adopted, and that the present burden shall be taken from the shoulders of the producers and consumers and borne by all people resident in Canada alike. We should have it known that the day when the different interests decide who shall pay the piper is passed and that Equity shall reign over all. On this point let us bear in mind the motto which is presented to us every week: "But crown her Queen and Equity shall usher in, for those who build, and those who spin, and those the grain who garner in, A Brighter Day." Let us therefore keep this in mind when asking Mr. Borden what he intends to do on the tariff question.

This, then, is the position of affairs at the present time. The farmers of Canada made history when they marched on to Ottawa last December. Let them keep on making history and let the visit of Mr. Borden to Alberta be an epoch-making event in the life of the United Farmers of Alberta. We can do it, but every man must turn in and help. Are you prepared to do your share? I shall be pleased to supply you with any further information and any letters bearing upon this circular will have precedence over all other business, and will therefore be promptly attended to. There is not much time to lose and the time for action is now. It was intended that the next circular should deal with the proposal for the establishment of rural municipalities in Alberta, but this subject, important as it is, will have to wait over till next month. Thanking you, on behalf of the executive, for your co-operation in this matter, and trusting we shall have a successful series of meetings at the places named.

Your obedient servant,

EDWARD J. FREEM, Sec'y.

Calgary, May 25.

SOMETHING ABOUT WARNER

About December 10 last, a handful of farmers met in the office of Rains & Halmavet pursuant to a call to consider the advisability of erecting a flour mill. After an interesting discussion of the milling proposition, the elevator question found its way in for a share of consideration. It was a lively little meeting and much interest was shown. Before the close of the meeting the farmers began to talk organization, with the result that literature was secured and a meeting called on February 15, at Grady's Hall. I. F. Rowland presided during the discussion of the organization and its benefits. A recess was taken for securing names to the organization with the result that 32 of our best farmers were right there with their pencil and dollar. Having again been called to order by the chair, the following members were chosen as officers: J. M. Conner, president; H. Hatz, vice-president; Geo. B. Snapp, treasurer; W. L. Misensohl, secretary; S. G. Barrows, F. Whittle, E. E. Gibson, M. L. Hanger, E. H. Rains and Jas. Hale, directors. By this time it was growing late and it was decided that we adjourn till March 4. The general expression and feeling after this meeting was that a step had been taken in the right direction, for the mutual benefit not only of this local but for all farmers in general. We have had four meetings to date and look forward to the next one to be the best yet, as we are expecting a visit from J. Quinsey, and we feel sure that he will give us much needed information on the loading platform and elevator proposition. Our local has also taken considerable interest in the reciprocity pact, and framed a resolution to Sir Wilfrid Laurier favoring same. We were very proud to learn that the resolution reached its destination as we received the acknowledgement of its reception. There are many and great benefits to be derived from the U. F. A., as for instance—our local shipped in a car of seed oats purchased through the Grain Growers' Grain Company, of Calgary, thereby making a saving of thirteen cents per bushel on elevator charges. Our local is thinking strongly of putting up an elevator and any information from any local or organization of farmers upon this elevator question would be most gratefully received.

In conclusion, I wish to state that our membership has now reached fifty-five and the prospects are now good for double that number. We also wish to thank the officers of the central for the interest they have taken in us in our childhood days, and look forward to the time when we may be a greater power and force to the central U. F. A.

W. L. MISENSOHL, Sec'y.
Warner, Alta.

WHAT UNIONS ARE DOING

At a meeting of Ellismere Union held recently it was decided that as we could not have our present secretary-treasurer, Fred Archambler, with us during the summer, Harry Davis should fill the vacancy during his absence. It was also decided to request the central to use their influence to have the bridge which is to be built over the Belly River, at Diamond City, moved further down the river to Warren's Crossing, or failing that to have free ferry installed, as the present charge is considered excessive.

HARRY DAVIS, Sec'y.
Rosemead, Alta.

The regular meetings of Namaka Union are stopped at the present time owing to the busy season, but they will soon start up again now. The more important business transacted at the last meeting consisted of a lecture by P. H. Hiebert, who discussed some of the methods of dry farming based on the Campbell system. His observations evoked a good discussion and a vote of thanks was cordially given the speaker. One of our usual highly successful social meetings was held in the school room, when a large gathering of members' families and friends enjoyed a happy time. Lunch was served and the afternoon given over to song and sentiment. We have decided to support the Strathmore hail insurance resolution. A considerable quantity of gopher poison was secured from Gleichen Union and readily sold to the members. The circular letter on pork packing plant has been circulated among the interested members.

JOHN P. LAURIE, Sec'y.
Namaka, Alta.

A very successful box social was held recently by Ethelwyn, the proceeds being to aid the local union. The average price realized for the boxes was over four dollars and over one hundred dollars was raised. Ethelwyn Union has had a very successful winter, holding debates on topics of interest to the farmer and as we are now entering upon the spring and summer work we do so with a feeling that this has been a winter well spent.

H. A. L. MACDONALD, Sec'y.
Ethelwyn, Alta.

The resolution presented by Strathmore Union on the hail insurance question has the support of the members of Millersdale Union and we trust the matter will be pressed forward.

F. NORMAN PAYNE, Sec'y.
Streamtown, Alta.

A local union has recently been organized in the Grain Belt district with a membership of sixteen. The officers elected are: President, R. S. Laing; vice-president, I. Lepard; secretary-treasurer, W. L. Anderson; directors, Ole Husted, J. Henderson, K. Hoge, C. A. Florence, C. Johnson, Oscar Hager. This union will be known as the Grain Belt Union, No. 280 of the U.F.A., and will meet the second and last Friday of each month at the Grain Belt school house. At our first meeting we endorsed the reciprocity pact and sent resolutions to that effect to Ottawa.

W. L. ANDERSON, Sec'y.
Clareholm, Alta.

Olds Union has endorsed the Strathmore hail insurance plan and we now have under way a large representative meeting for this district which will be held at an early date. We hope to have several prominent speakers at the meeting and will do all that is possible to make it a success.

JOE STAUFFER, Sec'y.
Olds, Alta.

Dalroy Union has taken up the matter of the pork packing plant, but this is a new district and no one has gone into the hog business yet, so promises are scarce. We expect to have a big picnic and irrigation demonstration here sometime in June and shall be glad to welcome anyone interested.

LEWIS PRATER, Sec'y.
Dalroy, Alta.

PURITY FLOUR

"MAKES MORE BREAD
AND BETTER BREAD"



"ASK FOR IT"



Consign your shipments of wheat to us and we pay highest cash prices.
Give prompt attention to all shipments.

GRAIN DEPARTMENT
WESTERN CANADA FLOUR CO. LIMITED
WINNIPEG

How Cement Merger was Formed

The following interesting extracts are taken from a letter addressed to Senator W. C. Edwards, president of the Canada Cement Co., by Sir Sandford Fleming on May 10, 1910, when Sir Sandford occupied the position of honorary president of the company. They throw a very interesting light on the methods of organizing mergers which are followed in this country and the United States:

"I am sure that as a director of the company I am entitled to claim, as my right, the fullest information. Moreover, the board having been pleased to place me in the position of honorary president of the company, and made public that fact in the newspapers throughout Canada, my right to a full knowledge of the concerns of the company should in no way be lessened thereby. For six weeks since I wrote you last, I have patiently waited without receiving a word in reply to my queries, either from yourself or from any of my co-directors, whom I addressed through you.

"From the facts which I have gathered, it appears that the Canada Cement Company, Limited, was incorporated by Letters Patent of Canada, August 29, 1909.

"The capital stock was to be thirty million dollars (300,000 shares at \$100 each), of which eleven million dollars were to be issued as preference cumulative stock, bearing 7 per cent. The charter named three persons as provisional directors, viz.: Hon. W. C. Edwards, Hon. Robert Mackay and Mr. William Maxwell Aitken.

"It seems that about the time of the incorporation of the Cement Company there was another company called the 'Bond and Share Company' in existence, of which, after some enquiry, I have obtained little or no knowledge except that Mr. William Maxwell Aitken was, and probably still is, the controlling proprietor. The Canada Cement Company was floated on September 10, 1909, at meetings held at No. 35 Royal Insurance Building, Montreal. It is stated by those who were present that there were a series of meetings held in rapid succession, not occupying altogether more than an hour. (One who was present stated that the meetings were over in about 20 minutes).

How It Was Done

"The first was a meeting of the provisional directors named in the act of incorporation. There were present, Senator Mackay and Mr. William Maxwell Aitken; the third, Senator Ed-

wards, was not present, but was represented by proxy. At this meeting, shares were voted to seven clerks who were called in from the adjoining offices of Messrs. Cahan and Aitken, to qualify them as shareholders of the company.

"The second meeting was regarded as a shareholders' meeting. The clerks who were qualified as shareholders at the previous meeting, were present, and there were represented by proxies, Senator W. C. Edwards, Mr. J. R. Booth and Sir Sandford Fleming. Mr. C. A. Barnard was also present, and presented proxies from Mr. R. Forget, Mr. W. M. Aitken and Senator Robert Mackay. It is stated in Mr. Ballantyne's letter to me of March 7, that the agreement which had been previously prepared between the Canada Cement Company, and the Bond and Share Company, was formally ratified at this meeting. It has also been stated that directors were appointed at this meeting.

"The third. The directors' meeting followed. It consisted of gentlemen, above named, for the most part clerks qualified at the first meeting. Mr. Barnard was appointed chairman. At this meeting the agreement of September 10 between the Canada Cement Company and the Bond and Share Company, supposed to have been ratified by the shareholders at the immediately preceding meeting, was at this meeting adopted by the directors.

"By the agreement formally adopted on this occasion in the manner described, certain properties were to pass to the Cement company and securities of that company to nearly double the actual value of these properties were to pass to the control of the Bond and Share Company, the result being an over-issue of the Cement Company's securities amounting in all to not far short of half the whole capital of the company.

Object of Investigation

"In my letter to Mr. Ballantyne of March 21 I mentioned that a legal gentleman, Mr. Gordon Macdonnell, from Montreal, had visited Ottawa, and did me the honor to call upon me and spend some time with me. He introduced himself as the legal advisor of Mr. W. M. Aitken, who he informed me, controlled and is practically the Bond and Share Company mentioned in each of my letters (to Mr. Ballantyne), of March 5, 11 and 15. Mr. Macdonnell argued with skill and endeavored to dissuade me from going any further in

Continued on Page 26