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WHAT THE LOCALS ARE DOING

Queenstown Union has contributed ten dollars to the campaign fund, being the proceeds of the entertainment held on May 24. A very successful meeting of the union was held on that date. Prizes were given to the two boys who brought in the largest number of gopher tails. The first prize, \$5.00, was given for 480 tails, and the second prize, \$3.00, for 300 tails. A communication from the Lethbridge Trades and Labor Council, inviting the farmers' locals to take part in a conference to be held on June 14, was dealt with by deciding to send a delegate. A committee was appointed to arrange for our annual picnic and the secretary received instructions to correspond with dealers of twine and fence wire and secure prices. The meeting was brought to a close by a very successful dance.

J. GLAMBECK, Sec'y.

Milo, Alta.

Holden Union held a very interesting meeting on May 25. There was a good attendance and Mr. D. W. Warner, vice-president of the Central, was on hand to deliver an address. Six new members were secured and several old members were regenerated. The Saskatchewan elevator system and law came in for a lot of discussion, with the result that most of the members concluded that a similar law would be good enough for us in Alberta or at least a very great improvement on our present conditions. Direct Legislation was decided on as the most feasible and speedy means of obtaining the needed reforms. The meeting was opened by the chairman, who called on the secretary to read from the last annual report of the U.F.A., the report of the Elevator Committee, in which the Saskatchewan plan was recommended. Then after a few remarks by the secretary in support of the scheme the president called on Dr. Goodwin, of Vegreville, a prospective candidate for the local House to fill Mr. Holden's position in that constituency, who had been invited to attend the meeting and state his position. Dr. Goodwin, in a short talk, demonstrated that he knew what he was talking about and he committed himself to being very much in favor of the elevator scheme under discussion. He also looked upon Direct Legislation as a means by which the people would be able to control the politicians as well as govern themselves, and obtain their wishes in the way of laws. Then the chairman said he would take pleasure in introducing Mr. Warner, and did so as one of the Central officers. It seemed to take everyone by surprise, because they had not received his letter in time to announce that he would be in attendance and the expressions of surprise and pleasure were many, and Mr. Warner soon got his audience stirred up and enthusiastic by going fully into the elevator scheme and Direct Legislation, showing them how the latter would free their representative from the political machine and permit him to represent them instead of having to toe the mark to the political bosses, and the point would seem to be that if we would go at things all over the province in the same way that the Holden men did, and have both party candidates come out and pledge themselves to our views, or refuse to do so either by saying so or staying away we will have the whole bunch scared to death or corralled where they can do nothing else but give in.

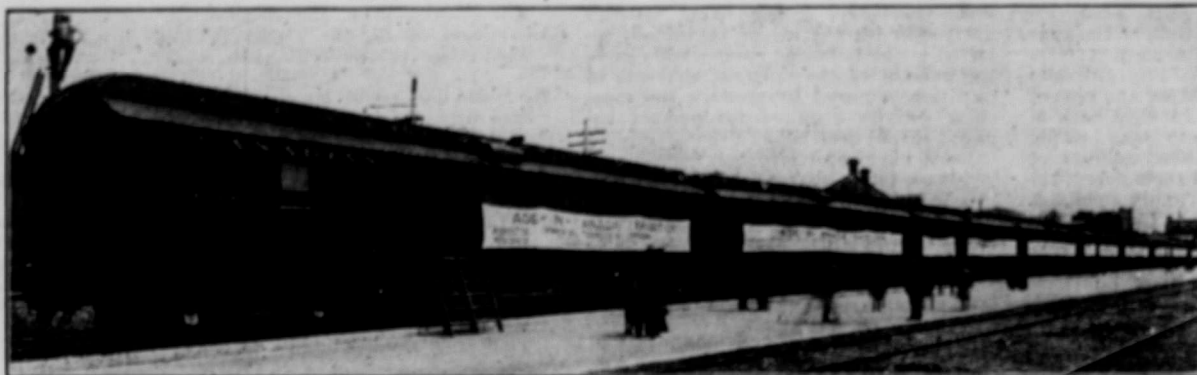
The following resolution was passed at the last meeting of Carnforth Union:

"That we request our executive to confer with the Provincial Department of Agriculture with a view to securing more weed inspectors for this district and adjoining territory, as the weeds are becoming a danger and a menace to the whole community and the country is too large for one man to cover it. We wish to arouse the interest of the Minister of Agriculture to the danger.

W. J. HOLDING, Sec'y.

Carnforth, Alta.

Holden Union had a very successful meeting on May 25, and the addresses delivered by Dr. Goodwin and Mr. D. W. Warner could not be better. With such men as Mr. Warner on the executive the future of the U.F.A. should be bright. We gained ten new members, making a total of 36 to date. This is the result of two months' efforts, as on March 1 our local was practically non-existent. We have nailed the following flag to our masthead and we vow that down it will never come until our object is achieved: "That all political candidates of either party must pledge themselves to support the position of the U.F.A. on the elevator and Direct Legis-



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lation questions as approved at our convention."

A. DRONEY, Sec'y.

Holden, Alta.

The regular meeting of Downing Union was held on May 24 and as a result we have petitioned our provincial member to do his best in getting cheaper money for the farmers. Already we are combining and clubbing together to procure our supplies and we expect to secure several shipments soon. Our meetings have not been as well attended as we could have wished lately, but we are not discouraged. We mean to stay in the fight for the farmers' rights and till we have secured the eighty per cent. who were so nearly responsible for the loss of the fight over the Grain Bill we will be right on deck. Union No. 33 is young and we hope when we will be able to sell our grain, instead of holding it in the granary; and when we can market our butter and eggs, we will be able to help the Central a little more, but at present we are so far from the railroad it is a hard matter to do anything.

R. JAMIESON, Sec'y.

Trochu, Alta.

JUDGE MABEE'S RULINGS

I regret having to report that the meeting of Edmonton Union, called for May 18, was not a success as far as the U.F.A. work was concerned, as a meeting had been arranged at same time and place for a co-operative store scheme, and this took so much consideration that other work had to be abandoned. However, a resolution was passed and preliminaries made to establish a Farmers' Co-operative store in Edmonton. There were several important matters which had to be laid over; one was a resolution of condolence to the Board of Railway Commissioners at the great loss they and the country at large had sustained by the death of the chairman

of the commission, Judge Mabee. We have just lately had cause to appreciate his recognition of the U.F.A. The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Co. had obtained an order to be allowed to close up a much-used trail, if they made a deviated road, which was very inconvenient, dangerous and longer. The matter was left in the hands of the Local Improvement District Council and the Provincial authorities, who seemed to be unable to make any headway in preventing the closing of this road, although the people were clamoring for it to remain open. At the request of our union, I, some months ago, wrote the Railway Commission on the subject, and in reply had a long letter from Judge Mabee saying my letter was the first intimation the board had had of any serious opposition to the change. He much regretted that he had not received the complaint sooner, but under the circumstances that the railway company had secured permission and had already spent money on the undertaking he did not think it would be fair to withdraw the ruling. However, the matter came up for hearing this spring, in Edmonton, when it was found that

consequence was these crossings were getting very inconvenient and dangerous to farmers with heavy loads. I spoke to the councillor of the Local Improvement District, but he said they had tried and could get nothing done. A resolution was passed at one of our union meetings and was forwarded to the Railway Commission. A reply was received that the complaint had been forwarded the railway companies, and now they send copy of letters in reply from the companies saying they had given instructions for this grading to be done, and what is more the teams are at work. This looks very encouraging.

Charging Additional Freight

I would like to have other members' opinion on the right of the railway company to make charges at the other end when charges are prepaid. I have had occasion to ship seed grain this spring and shipped four consignments to one station. The agent at North Edmonton obtained the rate from Edmonton by telephone. Two of these consignments went all right, but on the other two (both to one man) the

agent at consignee's end took exception to the rate and charged him two or three cents per 100 lbs. more. The amount was not large, but the principle is wrong. I was virtually quoted a rate by an authorized agent of the company and he accepted my consignment as prepaid, the bill of lading being signed as such. For the company to be able to charge consignee with any extra is out of reason and might entail considerable loss and annoyance, besides leaving the servants of the company

perfectly indifferent as to the rate quoted. What is to hinder them quoting a very small percentage of the proper rate if they can make up the difference at the other end? Not only would one be liable to make a pecuniary loss in quoting on a shipment, but also if one is making a present to a friend it is certainly very annoying to feel that the consignee may be called upon to pay additional freight charges. The matter has been placed in the hands of a solicitor to investigate in the name of our union, but I would like to hear if others have had the same trouble and how it was settled.

F. C. CLARE, Sec'y.
North Edmonton, Alta.

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