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Joshua Fletcher, of Ellerslie, is pre

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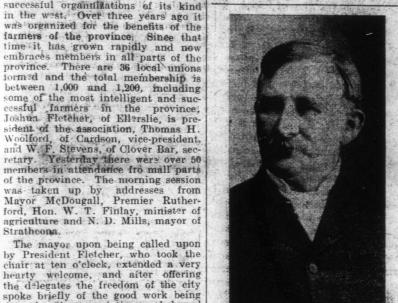
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PACKING PLANT

In connection with the poultry fattening undertaken by the government Mr. Finlay said it had proved very sunccessful. The dairy schools also had proved very sunccessful and had resulted in much valuable instruction being imparted to the farmers are not so enthusiastic.

In connection with the poultry fattening undertaken by the government constitution relating to immigration. This is a very important there. When the migrant coming to our country and settling, but just at present we would meet.

Secretary Stevens proposed that Beef Commission they recommend the **ENDORSE PORK**



MR. T. H. WOOLFORD, Cardston

The minister promised that the government would do everything possible to assist the farmers in the marlieved they would reap great results from this organization, and hoped that they would work harmoniously with the provincial and Dominion deketing of pork. A packing plant night be established in the province in the future by the government. beef canning plant at Medicine Hat was proving a success, he thought, and would be a great boon to the sure these departments were workarmers all through the west.

ers. He strongly urged upon the farmers present the necessity of or-ganization. It had been proved con-clusively in Denmark and elsewhere Strathcona's Mayor. Mayor N. D. Mills. of Strathcona, tated that he started out in life as a arm r. It had been said that farmthat co-operation among the farmers armer. It had been said that farm-was very beneficial, and he hoped to us were the hardest working class in see it carried out to a greater extent than in the past in Alberta. The resstul farmer had to work hard, but premier referred to the work of the le thought every successful man in department of agriculture in the pro-vince in establishing creameries, brough hard work. He was glad to department of agriculture in the pro-vince in establishing creameries. hrough hard work. He was glad to. These creameries were making good see that the farmers were occupying butter, but he did not think the farm-ers were supporting them as they ore, and he thought it was their due. should. Efforts were also being made to give the farmers instructions in dairying, and he thought it would prove very beneficial. If the farmers would give the department greater, support they would doubtless be bentween they would do better work and they would doubtless be bentween they would do ers were supporring them as they

was being looked into and as soon as lose corporation. considered feasible such would be Some Discussion Considerable discussion followed Another important question was the securing of good seed grain. While the question of the operation of government creameries. the government could not devote as Mr. Woolford, of Cardston, then much money as they would wish for noved that the sympathy of the as this purpose they would assist as ociation be extended to Geo. Rando much as they could. He hoped the oi Olds, who had fallen the previous A. F. A. would do all possible to have night, injuring himself so that he was the farmers secure good seed in order that the results of next year's crop

and Jno. Palmer, were appointed to wait on Mr. Rando. Minister of Agriculture.

Hon. Mr. Finlay thought fall wheat should be grown more extensively in Alberta in order that there would be less danger of the grain being frozen by the early fall frosts. Much of the grain had been damaged by frosts last full and it was very important that the control of the grain had been damaged by frosts last full and it was very important that the control of the grain had been damaged by frosts last full and it was very important that fall and it was very important that the farmers should sow good seed this year. The provincial department of Speakman, Olds.

Wednesday Afternoon's Session.
The convention was reconvened a alture had taken up this question with the Dominion government, and arrangements would be made so that 2.30 Wednesday afternoon. The Alberta farmers could secure good ing address was delivered by the president. Joshua Fletcher, of Ellerslie Speaking on the work of the beef accomplished by the Alberta Farme Association, and gave a forecast commission in this province, Mr. Association, and gave a force what remained to be done in sion had been published in Alberta

"We have been up against it during norder that the people might know the past year," he said. "Not only did we have an extremely bad winter what the results were. In Manitoba this report was not published until it was laid before parliament, but he and late spring last year, but a chang able summer as well. Then again thought the people ought to know the results of this investigation at once. we have had besides our short crop the opposition of land speculation The report would be discussed by par-There was much property held toda by land speculators which, if held He touched briefly on the question by farmers, would have relieved some what the present hard times. of the government creameries, and the proposed establishment of the pork packing factory. In connection with "In our efforts to forge ahead wave discovered who are our friend

the creameries he complained that those operated by the government and who our enemies are. learned to rely on the were not being properly supported by the farmers. The decrease in the supent, the railroads, the me chants and ply of cream during the past year had the banks. True we have not alway been great, the farmers selling their got what we asked for, for they hav all just as hard a proposition to fac as ourselves. At the same time, w ing to keep us back they are only to glad to see us go ahead. But then ed of extra charges and alleged slow payment of cheques. again, there are a few individua Hon. Mr. Finlay promised to look lies who have, in furthering the erford pointed out that the whole amount of money due the farmers who dian Manufacturers' Association an supplied the government creameries with cream was not paid at the end of each month because the butter was kept in cold storage until a good price could be obtained for it. The butter was shipped to Japan, the Yukon, United States and elsewhere. If the borta Farmers' Association and the Winnipeg stock exchange in legilation. If it had not been for it C.P.R. it would have been impossible to Pat Burns, Gordon Ironsides and the Winnipeg Stock Exchange to rought the States and elsewhere. If the borta Farmers' Association and the Winnipeg stock exchange in legilation. If it had not been for it was shipped to Japan, the Yukon, United States and elsewhere. If the farrers wished this butter to be sold beef commission acted, and they come the province the full cheque could victed Pat Burns on his own e be remarked to the farmer at the end of the month. They had be n careful in the past not to interiere in any or did their best to control, the mea

way with the work of the private creameries. It was decided to discuss the question more fully at a later "It is your duty as a body, redate during the convention.

Hon. Mr. Finlay, continuing his address, cited cases in Denmark and Ireland where the quality of butter, such actions as will be of the greates. Ireland where the quality of butter such actions as will be of the greates made was greatly improved by government supervision of butter making. Canadian butter ranked high items of debate I might mention languard the Canadian exhibit at the Dubatton and hall insurance. These two things are very important. There

systematic organization. We cannot ask the governments, either Dominion provincial, or in fact any large body, to deal with a little one horse organization. We must have a large, strong body, one with some weight. If we have that, nearly every

Report on Legislation. The first routine business was the rending of the minutes of the previous eting, which were approved ive committee was called for. W. F. Stevens, Clover Bar, secretary of the association, and a member of this committee, was asked to furnish in-formation. He explained that at the ime the committee met Premier autherford, President Fletcher was way and now at this meeting. M Varner, who was the third member of committee, was not present. herefore devolved on himself to give report. The provincial governmen ad adopted the recommendation; of ie committee in reference to the elecion of councillors. The questions of eforestation and irrigation had been eferred to the Dominion government, and action had been postponed for the resent. Regarding irrigation, it was probable the government would refer he fixed bounty on coyotes of two lollars a head only applied to some

ne gophers. In the district where the anty applied the coyotes were con-Regarding the establishment of pork packing plant, in 1906, when the proposition was brought up, the ashat the idea was impracticable. norning's session had shown that was not so, for had the association not been given to understand that one

Organization Work Impeded. A report of the organization comnittee was then called for, Vice-Pres. littee, stated that owing to the se the to travel by sleigh or train, branches of stock raising as well.

Just here I think I might make he subject, the organization commithrown in their lot with the Society Equity. However, a branch would et be organized there. The associarganizing at the present time for ble to meet the expenses at least, Henry Jamieson, of Olds, told how e and Secretary Stevens either anwered a call or sent some other capible person. In one instance, they

ad gone to an organization meeting when the thermometer was at 56 de rees below zero. "But," he said, "the organization reeds money. The farmers will join ur association if they only know bout it. But we must have an orranization with a salaried organize he farmers are the greatest grafters n the world. They want some one o do the work, and then get the beneit of it without an outlay. But i

stocking." Secretary Stevens said the plan has Iways been to have an organizer, but is yet the association was hardly selfostaining. The Saskatchewan ciation met with the same difficulty. They were not able to keep a proper son that they could not pay him. and, Kitscoty. Strathcona. Penhold, eamstown. Willowdale. Millet, Lavoy; Vermilion, Vegreville, Tofield and in Spruce Grove. In one case, fair sample of organizing, the trop ost \$20, while the receipts were \$2.50. "he association will not get rich quick

Mr. Woolford in speaking on this vould be established.

et out and hustle more for new mem- ly the Canadian dealer is either de offers of the association somewhat. G. McDonald, of Olds, declared the ne association by large contributions. come in from the benefits derived by of packing and canning shows up.
being a member of the association.
"It is the belief of the stock grow being a member of the association. hip. President Fletcher, in answering and anxious to co operate with quietly submit to it. I have it from ing the question, said that some had the A. F. A. in their endeavors along some prominent members of the Stock een approached, but with little suc- this line. ess. They do not like to see English-



MR. W. F. STEVENS, Clover E Secretary-Treasurer

gic lantern., Some money might be raised in this way, it was liourned

The Evening Session. his to a commission. The resolution this to a commission. The resolution of the desired to order at 8.20 o'clock, and introducain rates had been forwarded to the ed J. Bower, the delegate from the ominion government, and a rate of Central Alberta Stock Growers' asso-

Mr. Bower, in opening his address. assured the A. F. A. of the friendly the value of their productions on the istricts. In others the coyote was considered a blessing for destroying feeling of his association, and its willingness to cooperate with the farmers in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the farmer and stock-

raiser in general. "We know," he said, "that the same problems that confront the rancher loom quite as large in the way of the

"Originating as it has in the ranching districts; where the members were more particularly interested in cattle would be erected on the recommendation of the beef commission.

and horse raising, these branches of the industry have been brought more prominently forward. But with the opening up of the country, and the necessity of bringing their holdings Woolford, of Cardston, one of the com- under cultivation, the stock raisers fully realize that their best interests vere winter, no work was done outside will be served by joining forces with those who are engaged in the other

writing and forwarding literature on comparison of the aims and objects of the two associations. The greatest tee was informed that they had problem that has confronted the stoc raiser has been the difficulty of ol taining a sufficient price for his productions. Difficulties and obstruc ion was not in a position to do any tions have beset his path at every turn. In the first place the buyers he reason that it could not pay the have been few and far between as re expenses of organizers. It must be gards their numbers, but apparently very close in touch with each other After doing our best in the way

in regard to the adjustment of prices mproving our stock, paying high prices for pure-bred animals for breeding purposes, we are told by men who set themselves up as authorities on the subject, that only 10 per cent. of the progeny are fit for export. When some of the more enterprising individuals have attempted to ship out their stock, they have incurred the resent ment of the powers that be and have

been made to pay dearly for their pre-A New Era Has Dawned Things have certainly looked dark, but thanks to the organization of the his case they must dig into the old ock Raisers' association and the A. F. A. a new era is being ushered n, and daylight is beginning to dawn. Among the stock growers are capable men who have demonstrated to a point and proven beyond a doubt that the claims of those self-interested parorganizer in the field for the simple ties who disparage the quality of our cattle, are entirely false. That instead "This past year" said Secretary of only 10 per cent. being fit for export 3tevens, "meetings have been held at 30 per cent. is nearer the mark. They have also shown that the dealers excuses of high freight rates are equally false. The rates from Alberta shipping points to the seaboard are actu ally lower than from Montana points. They have proven that two steers of equal weight and quality, leaving one Canadian dealer, and going by way of Winnipeg, the other sold to an ubject suggested a circular letter be American dealer and going by way of ent to every settlement in the pro- Chicago, that the one going by Chivince by the secretary. In this way cago will cost the American exporter he association could get in touch with in higher prices and duty, from \$18 nanv new districts and new branches to \$24 more than the one in charge of the Canadian exporter going by Jas. Speakman, president of the Winnipeg. Yet these two steers me branch at Innisfail, advised that the ing again at Liverpool, are sold on presidents of the different branches the same market, showing conclusive

pers, and that an entrance fee to the frauding the producer of his just due, pecially those that more directly esseciation be fixed to thus swell the or else he is not getting the real value feet the A. F. A. and the Stock Grow of that steer on the British market. While these lights are being thrown cal conclusion. That is the bringing armers would have to convince them-elves that it was necessary to finance the heart of the stock grower of getting better prices for his exporters. was a case in which the farmer yet he is not satisfied with the proshould not look only at the money pect in view for his other cattle not going out, but also at what would fit for export. This is where the need which I would like to draw your at-T. Baalim, of Vegreville, wanted to ers that it is the duty of the govern- and the law regarding the killing of thow why the foreigners among the ment to take this up in connection cattle on the railway, which, as it is armers had not solicited for member- with pork packing, and they are will- is a disgrace to the farmers if they

No Definite Plan Yet. nen directing their societies, and at the donot know that they have he same time it is extremely difficult worked out any special formula whereo explain the aims of the association by they think the government should in this matter, but as it ly say that you can depend on the Rice Sheppard, of Strathcona, ex- has been suggested that the govern- Stock Growers as being open hearted, Clover Bar (20 members plained how difficult it would be for ment packing houses should be con- liberal men, who will not hesitate to kinson, J. O. Parmentur.

At this juncture the discussion was the face of the privately owned pack discontinued, and the meeting ad- ing plants being built at Medicine Hat and Edmonton, showing plainly that the cattlemen have not much con-



ome market, but to secure a fair r

t would be unlike our government they gave bonuses and special favors a few rich monopolists, and then listen to their fabrications about vest ed interests. They close their ears to he cry of the home builders of this ountry, when the means of home nilding and that which is their just right, is ruthlessly taken from them We want to be a loyal people, is not conducive to loyalty to know that we are having to submit to a be, from which the government could protect us. It is humbling to the oride of the British-born subject to beg as it were, admission to the markets of the Republic to the south of us, and humiliating to know that there is no good reason why the farm-er across the line should get more for stock than we can get The commissioners say that the witnesses heard have grievances in that they cannot dispose of the class of stock to good advantage, an hat if their wishes were carried cut y the government, there would be great improvement in the condition of affairs. While the matter of the caning plant was not presented to them by very many witnesses, yet these witesses were prominent, clear-headed en, and their evidence partook of a very definite character, which goes to how plainly that their evidence is worthy of being accepted and acte The fact that these witnesse the great distances to be travelled

he fear of others of being beycotte by the present huvers Urged to Follow Up Report. nto consideration the full report an findings of the Beef Commission, es ers, and follow them up to their logineed of immediate action, and the bringing into working order these much needed institutions.

"There are some other questions to tention, such as the law regarding strays, which appears to be a failure Growers that they are willing to have a test case so as to find out our real

resulted in much valuable instruction being imparted to the farmers association Passes

Alberta Farmers' Association Passes

Resolution in Favor of Proposed Government Institution.

The speaker touched brifely on the lectures given in the province on dry farming. Many farmers in Southern alberta had put this idea into practice, and it was proving very successful organification in the course of erection of a pork packing plant, but for the province on dry farming methods, had raised 80 bushels per acre of ones, where formerly he only raised the sme treatment of the sociation is one of the most successful organifications of its kind in the west. Over three years ago it was organized for the benefits of the farmers of the province of the farmers association. We cannot satisfactory and the emigrant coming to our country at three, a two or any that his pocket would meet.

Another question to be discussed to discussed the farmers and another issue of secretary Stevens proposed that the spectratory to discussed the farmers and representative and the spectra of the province on the foreign element be impressed which the association, and form members to be discussed to the theoretic form members to not recommend the erection of a pork packing plant, but the benefits derived from members to not recommend the erection of a pork packing plant, but the benefits derived from members to not only a successful or a successful or an interpretation of the same trouble. Should our plant the same trouble. Should our plugges be appointed or elected. That is the question. Lastly, and all the west, over three years ago it was province. Since that the same trouble of strong systematic organization. We cannot all the foreign element be impressed which the secretion of a pork packing plant, but the benefits derived from members derived from members to the secretion of a pork packing plant, but the the secretion of the would meet.

In small as in the report of the beef commission.

In the emigrant comits to discussed in the foreign element

the actual condition of things as they are in the farming and ranching districts of Central Alberta, if he is not totally blinded by self interest or some other equally baneful influence. ance." that the business which should be under natural healthy conditions, the greatest source of wealth to the province, is now not only endangered, but is already suffering. I think I can safely say that as a body the Stock Growers are so far from being satisfied with the present conditions of the cattle trade, that unless the government restores confidence by taking up the packing and canning question, the breeding of cattle on the ranges will almost entirely cease. It has been shown that there are less than 50 per cent, of the cattle in the country now than there were a year ago. This can be attributed partly to the hard winter of last year, and partly to the fact that producers are becom- raisers must have confidence that they ing non-producers. Heiters are being spayed and high-priced bulls are be ing put out of the way, and that in

fidence in these institutions, "These are the men who are asking, some call it clamoring, for protection from the government, not the kind of protection to crowd out private enterprise, or to unduly enhance



MR. JOSHUA FLETCHER, Ellerslie

nuneration for their work and invest purposes." The motion was caried unanimously. 'Whereas a joint convention Want Spotting Stopped.

this is done, but I have heard so." Baskatchewan, but be leaders, not fol reach the commission, and partly to

A motion was then put and earried adjourn till 10 a.m. this morning. The following is a list of the List of delegates present: Strathcona (56 members); T. Daly, R. Penhold (30 members): A. Herves, J. Cardston (81 members): T. H. Woolford

Jelliffe, .WH. Brown, 5 proxies. Ross, Capt. Keast, H. Jamieson. Innisfail (29 members): J. Speakman . J. Fream, one proxy. Stream Town (28 members): J. Campb-Il, 2 proxies. Olds (70 members): G. Rands, G. Mc-

Donald, 5 proxies. Lavoy (11 members): M. McNeil.

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A round of applause greeted the finish of Mr. Bowers speech. . Pork Packing and Canning Plant. A resolution asking the government to establish a pork, beef curing and canning plant was placed before the convention, having been-drawn from the following petition, which wa

largely signed "To the Honorable the Minister

of Agriculture, Edmonton. "We the farmers and stock grower of Alberta believing that before the live stock industry of the province can assume the importance and propositions which our natural reso make possible, the farmers and stoc will at all times be able to disposi of their products at a fair price, and believing that the trend of the meat trade is to avoid paying the farmer and stock raisers any more than necessary to keep them from going out of the stock growing business, and be ing convinced that it is the practice of those engaged in the meat industry to eliminate competition as far as possible, and believing that the easiest, cheapest and most effective way of nsuring competition in the meat trade, when private companies agree not to compete is for the government

and canning plant. That it operate ficial organ of the association, the same upon a basis as near to that of the creamery system as possible. A lengthy discussion arose as whether the motion should read "t erect at their own expense," instead of "establish." It was finally decided to hold to the motion as framed. The uestion being put, it was carried

nanimously. Mr. Bower read a letter from the Red Deer Board of Trade congratulating the A. F. A. on their work, and stating their willingness to co operate with them in any way.

Provincial Government Thanked. the action of the Lovencial governnent in its effort to provide the farmrs of the province with good seed,

was moved: "That we are pleased to see our rovincial government is trying to arange with the Dominion Governntn for a supply of the necessary seed grain for the coming season, and we strongly urge the necessity for such in arrangement that will put all on armers in a position to get seed grain whether they have their patents of not. We also urge the provincial gov rnments to take action as quickly as possible. Also that seed grain now

Mr. Stevens gave notice of a motion rain growers from Manitoba and Sas- in the chair. Mr. Speakman, of the catchewan, and the Farmers Associaion of Alberta, is proposed to be held olved that the delegates of this asso. ling. ciation be instructed to advocate government control of the terminal ele- a cultured ex-resident of New Zealvators by securing provincial operation of the line elevators of this pro-

Just before the motion to adjourn, Mr. Stevens said: "We want the pracice of spotting by the big milling that the companies have experts al They see a carload of grain and sample it. When it goes east the companies interchange a car of poor er grade grain for it, and thereby de rive the benefits that ought to accrue o the farmer. I am not positive that H. Jamieson spoke on the subject. and enlarged on the necessity of the farmers owning their own elevators as soon as possible. He explained the penefits that would be derived if the Dominion government owned the terminal elevators, while the farmers through the provincial government, wned and operated the line elevators n conclusion he said: "By all means et us co-operate with Manitoba and

heppard, D. S. Fulton, J. Govenlock, Herbert, G. Balls.

Red Deer (44 members: J. Spear, J.

Willowdale (11 members): J. Hoskins. Vermilion (23 members): J. G. Arthur. Gilpin (33 members): J. Watson, 2 proxies.

Vegreville (101 members): T. Balaam, W. M. Hieff.

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Mannville: A. M Weir Islay (13 members): G. J. Lively.

Spruce Grove: J. G. Wellbourne. Central Alberta Stock Growers' Assoiation: J. Bower Harry Hill and Soda Lake: J. H. Bur-

The Morning's Session. At this morning's session it was decided that the new agricultural weekly, The Alberta Homestead, on which W. F. Stevens of Clover Bar will be to establish a pock and beef curing associate-editor, be adopted as the of-

brought in and carried, that intro-

Some important resolutions



MR. D. W. WARNER, Edmonton.

Past President luced by T. Baalim, of Vegreville district, concerning the education of children in sparsely settled districts. and another introduced by E J Free man, of Innisfail, concerning the details of the association's organization, being the most important.

The meeting opened with Joshua Fletcher, president of the association, resolution committee, read the various resolutions to the assembly, discussion was the order of the morn-Some of those taking part in this were J. G. Arthur, of Vermilion, and, who has appreciated the advantages Alberta has to offer its citizens, Mr. Sheppard of Strathcona district Mr. Woolford, of Cardston, and Mr.

Resolutions Carried. An important resolution brought in T. Baalim, of Vegreville, and caried with a unanimity of feeling by the convention, will be to-morrow presented by a committee to the considnation of the premier. It runs: "Whereas, there are settlements thinly populated because of much land being held by land speculators. and in consequence many children are growing up without means of educa-

"Resolved, that this delegation of farmers representing the Alberta Farmers' association urge that it is the provincial government should make some provision for the education of children in districts where they are not able to comply with the

To Aid Organization A resolution introduced by E J Freeman concerning the mode of procedure in strengthening and widening he organization of the Association

was carried with general approval. It reads: "Resolved, that in addition to the central executive committee the president, vice-president and secretarytreasurer of every local associatio shall be and are hereby appointed official organizers of the association; that they shall have full charge of organand, in order to assist them as far as possible, the central executive shall prepare short papers and addresses explaining the working of the associa ion, its aims and objects, that copies of these be printed and forwarded to very local branch as a guide for the stablishment of new branches; also that every local be requested to endeavor to establish one new local before the next annual convention." In the discussion evoked by this resolution, it was agreed that its pre-

risions would largely belp to decrease the expenses of organization, the literature provided serving in many cases as a substitute for a paid or

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