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WHAT THE UNIONS ARE DOING

The following resolution was unanimously adopted at the last meeting of Stettler Union, and a copy of same has been submitted to the Board of Railway Commissioners: "Whereas the C.P.R. have signified their intention of closing the Mercer Street crossing, which is the only railway crossing within half a mile of the Stettler elevators, and whereas this crossing is used constantly by both farmers and the general public who will be greatly inconvenienced by said closure, now therefore the U.F.A. unanimously resolve that any such closure is detrimental to the interests of the town of Stettler and to the community in general, and that any such action is most strongly condemned by this Association."

H. A. STEELE, Sec'y.
Stettler, Alta.

The farmers of Bigstone district have organized a local union of the U.F.A., with the assistance of Mr. J. W. Lennox, of Flowerdale. In reporting the organization Mr. Lennox states that in spite of the short notice, less than 24 hours, there was a good attendance at the meeting and all the members are very enthusiastic. The meeting started about eight p.m., and it was after midnight before the adjournment took place. Mr. Lennox explained the work of the Association, The Grain Growers' Grain company and The Guide, and took eight subscriptions for the latter. The members are experiencing some trouble in regard to the coal situation as they are 40 miles from the mine and it is reported that the operators intend to raise the price of the coal at the pit mouth. The following were elected as officers for the ensuing year, President, S. A. Wheelwright; Vice-President, A. A. Dunkley; Secretary,

Treasurer, Robert M. Fee; Directors, J. Byers, George Denwoodie, W. Sagger, J. G. Buchler, J. Lowe, O. Harrington.

Hiawatha Union held a very successful picnic in the latter part of July. There was some demand for a speaker and if possible we would like to be supplied with a speaker from the central office next year. Voting will take place shortly to decide whether we wish to have a rural municipality established in this district or not, and this union has decided to vote solidly against it for these reasons: No one in this district has any idea whatever of how it is going to be worked. No information of any sort having been sent to anyone in this district about the Act and as no one seemed to understand anything about it we thought we might as well buy a pig in a poke as vote for a thing we know nothing about. Again, as far as we know the Bill has not been passed by the Legislature and provided we put ourselves on record as being in favor of it what guarantee have we that some obnoxious clause may not be added to the Bill before it is finally passed?

G. S. SAMSON, Sec'y.
Ridgedclough, Alta.

It is regrettable that some steps were not taken to publish a synopsis of the Rural Municipalities Act, and it is probable, seeing that other public bodies have not seen fit to do so, that the U.F.A. must move in the matter. The Act respecting Rural Municipalities was passed at the last session of the Legislature and received the assent of His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta on February 16, 1912.

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Alberta

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WANTS CO-OPERATIVE STORE

The regular monthly meeting of Downing Union was held on July 27 with a fair attendance of members. We have this year purchased our twine at a big saving and we are negotiating for the purchase of our flour and lumber. Our members are strong for united co-operation and we think that this matter should be printed in The Guide for discussion among its many readers. If each union can save something by purchasing direct it would certainly be a big advantage to have a central co-operative store, say at Calgary, to begin with, where all necessities could be purchased either with our produce or for cash. A five or ten dollar share is not much for each member, but add every member's share together and it makes a big sum, big enough to start any kind of store and it is just such a beginning as is needed. It cannot help but grow and till once we show our people what we can save on the dollar it is not much use talking, for they tell you they want to be shown. Co-operation in Scotland and England had to begin with a great deal less and it has grown till today it is the greatest blessing the laboring man has got. Thousands of cases could be quoted where the laboring man has his own home and it was only through co-operation that they have been able to bring this about. We could do equally well. The members of this union would like to see some encouragement given to this subject by having it kept open for discussion among the unions.

ROBERT JAMIESON, Sec'y.
Trochu, Alta.

Battle Valley Union have reason to congratulate themselves on the result of a picnic, concert and dance held on July 17, and after paying the expenses

District Directors:

Victoria—P. S. Austin, Ranfurly; Edmonton—George Bevington, Spruce Grove; Strathcona—J. R. Pointer, Strona; Red Deer—E. Carwell, Penhold; Calgary—H. Sorensen, Strathmore; Macleod—G. W. Buchanan, Cowley; Medicine Hat, W. S. Henry, Bow Island.

in connection therewith are able to contribute \$7.00 to the campaign fund. One of the features of the picnic was a speech by Mr. D. W. Warner, Vice-President U. F. A., whose able argument on the necessity of co-operation and interchange of ideas in order to get the best results from farming and farm life was listened to with close attention. Two new members were added to our roll at the meeting following the picnic. Circular No. 6 was brought up for discussion and will be talked over again at the next meeting. All of us are agreed the law as regards machinery contracts certainly requires amendment. We have placed our binder twine order with our local factor, having come to a satisfactory agreement with him.

FRED WM. HEARD, Sec'y.
Edgerton, Alta.

OUR CAMPAIGN FUND

Our fund is still growing nicely and we have to acknowledge this week a particularly splendid donation from the members of Fertile Plains Union.

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