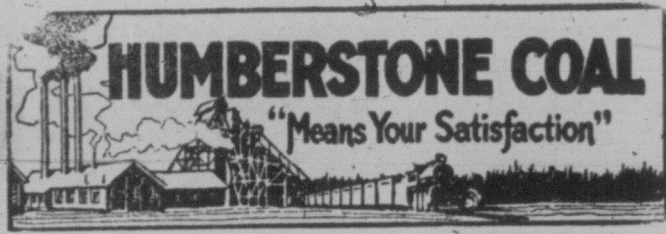


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NO ORGANIZATION TAKING INTEREST IN ALBERTA OIL

Saskatoon Board of Trade Drafts Resolution Favoring Government Action

Apart from the Alberta Oil Producers' Association there is no western organization which is taking any steps to directly call the attention of the Dominion authorities to the western oil field, with the exception of the Saskatchewan board of trade. In April, 1918, the board urged on the government the development of the oil resources of the west as an economic war measure and the following month were advised that the matter had been referred to the reconstruction and development committee, but since that time there has been no further sign of life. At a recent meeting of the Saskatchewan board of trade Prof. MacLaurin drafted the following resolution which was approved by the board and forwarded to Ottawa: "As four months of 1919 have expired and no evidence is forthcoming of Government action to retain in Canada millions of dollars now sent abroad for petroleum and its by-products, and as Canada does not appear in the countries named in press announcements of Imperial Government activities for securing petroleum supplies, with great consequent prejudice to those Canadians trying in interest capital in Western Canada's developments, therefore, this board requests to be informed whether or not this important subject has escaped the attention of the government, and if not when the Government's proposed action will be made known." Market Examiner.

SOME THOUGHTS FOR U.F.A. SUNDAY

For efficient democracy the primary requisite is intelligent mentality and true morality in the character of the individual.
The present day citizen must recognize personal responsibility for existing conditions and personal obligation to improve them.
Progress is always associated with organized and purposeful effort. "No man liveth unto himself." "Who would be free, themselves must strike the blow."
Publicity like sunshine is a remedy for many evils, and free and frequent discussion of public questions in the local community is essential to effective citizenship.

U.F.A. Aim
We aim at stimulating individual activity in social service, believing that citizenship implies duties even more than it does rights. We seek to inspire each of our members to being a real servant of the community for the good of all.
We aim at organized democracy, believing that people must "get together"; in the order to know and serve each other. Working with others is the only way to develop the team spirit and to generate the co-operative temper which is the essence of the democratic ideal.

We aim at economic justice, believing that "special privilege" is the root of a large proportion of our present day evils. Hence we carry on consistently a propaganda, looking toward the acceptance of our principles and their ultimate translation into established conditions.
In all this work we believe we are seeking practically to inaugurate the Kingdom of God and its righteousness, and we confidently appeal to all who are moving in that direction, for sympathy and help.

U.F.A. Pledge
Since the strength of the nation lies very largely in the character of its citizens, in the integrity and happiness of its homes and in the social and economic efficiency of its local communities. And since the course of our development as an organization has opened to us unique opportunity for influencing and moulding rural life. We, the members of the United Farmers of Alberta accept loyally the moral obligation with which such conditions confront us, that we should set ourselves with purposeful endeavor to the development and expansion of the life amid which we move, in order that the people who live and labor on the land may take a larger and worthier place in the life of the nation. To this end all our officers and members are urged to take counsel among themselves as to how best we may:
1st. Unify and inspire the local community for its fullest self-consciousness and its most efficient activity.
2nd. Enlist the sympathetic co-operation of all the best elements, the finest moral spirit, the best trained intellect in the community for the cause.
3rd. Promote the education of the people, and especially the youth, in the principles and the spirit of democratic principles and the spirit of democratic citizenship.
4th. Encourage the development of effective community workers and leaders.

NATIONAL LIVE STOCK COUNCIL NEW ORGANIZATION

The Canadian National Live Stock Council, an amalgamation of the Eastern and Western Live Stock Unions, was formed at a meeting of the executive committees of the above Unions held at Ottawa recently. The organization will really be a linking up of all live-stock organizations in Canada. It is the desire of the Council to obtain the services of a permanent secretary who can devote his entire time to the work of the organization, the members believing that such an officer can be of almost untold value to the live stock interests of Canada.

CULTIVATED AND NATIVE PASTURES ARE COMPARED

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GRAIN MIXTURES FOR PIGS
Cultivated Lands Stand More Grazing Than the Native Pastures

Where the demand for labor on the farms is as great as it is in Alberta there is a natural tendency to hold a considerable area on each farm in native pasture. This pasture is a highly valuable kind in many respects. It contains a great variety of grasses and plants of other kinds. It is this variety that produces such well-balanced development in beef cattle as we have in Alberta. Our beef cattle that are raised on native pasture are strong boned as well as heavily fleshed. This kind of pasture is excellent likewise for dairy cows. The milk and butter produced from this kind of pasture is of fine flavor.

On the other hand, the heavy crop of grasses which we find on virgin lands does not stand continuous grazing. It may be two or three feet high when stock is turned on it for the first time. The tramping and close grazing are followed by a shortening of the grass and the binding up of the soil. In the third year it is not usually possible to pasture half the stock on that can be run on it in the first and second years. This means that the capital investment in the wild land of the farm becomes progressively less productive year by year. It is not possible to scatter seed on this land and get a catch of tame grass except, perhaps, in the case of brome grass. Farmers might as well make up their minds that the only way to get good returns from enclosed lands is to break them and use them for tame grasses and other farm crops.

The tame fodders which appear to produce the greatest quantities of feed are such fodders as fall rye, grain mixtures of oats, fall wheat and barley, and rape. These furnish pasture early in the Spring and late in the Fall and large quantities at all times. An important use of the grain mixtures and rape is the raising of pigs. The right use of pasture is the greatest economy in pork-making. An acre of good rape pasture will support a ton of pork on the hoof. A little concentrated feed is necessary along with pasture for pigs.

17,000 ACRES TO BE BROUGHT UNDER IRRIGATION

Seventeen thousand acres will be brought under irrigation in the districts of Taber and Barwell, under an agreement which has been entered into between the farmers and the C.P.R. The company is to construct the works at a cost of \$272,000 and when completed turn it over to a board representing the farmers. Water will be delivered at the head gates from the reservoirs and a charge of 50 cents an acre for water tax will be made. It is expected to have work started in July and water turned on in the spring.

SOME FILING ON OIL LEASES

Some filing on oil leases has been going on during the past week in range 15, west of the 5th. This is in the district just below the Alberta Associated well, on which considerable work has been done.

CANADIAN WOOL MARKET BRISKER

The Canadian wool market is becoming brisker, and the demand is beginning to include all grades of range wool, except the low and coarse. Domestic, fine and medium are active. It would appear now that if wool can be placed on the eastern market early in July before much Australian can arrive, Canadian buyers will take up the bulk of the wool.

One of the biggest pure-bred cattle sales ever pulled off in Wainwright district occurred last week when E. L. Cork sold to W. H. Kint, twenty-five head of registered Shorthorn cattle. Over five thousand dollars was the consideration.

VALUE OF LAND IN ALBERTA IS RAPIDLY RISING

Intrinsic Value is Matter of Opinion—Cannot Be Stated Definitely

The intrinsic value of land in Alberta is, of course, a matter of opinion, and cannot be stated definitely. But it is certainly worth more than the prices it can be bought for at the present time, even to the man who is put to some expense in getting to Canada. On an average the land is richer and more fertile than any area of similar extent on the American continent, where general farming is followed. It will produce more, and produce it with less labor and greater certainty. More grain can be grown to the acre; horses and cattle can be raised with less expense, dairy cows can be fed more cheaply; the market for farm products average somewhat better. Why, then, is the land not worth, at least, as much as the highest priced farm land in Ontario, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, or other places where mixed farming is carried on? Because it is not the productive capacity of land alone that governs its price. The lands in the older districts could be purchased much more cheaply in the earlier stages of their development, although their productive capacity was as great then as it is now. When the same stage of development is reached in Alberta farm lands here will command higher prices than they do today. This stage is rapidly approaching.—Gleichen Call.

EUROPE POULTRY STOCKS DEPLETED

Poultry Conference Discusses Need of Re-Stocking Europe

Edward Brown, F.L.S., president of the International Association of Poultry Inspectors and Investigators, in an address before the conference held recently in London, England, stated that the European countries were utterly depleted of their poultry stocks, and the necessity of re-stocking them without delay was vitally important. It was stated at the conference that 180,000,000 more fowls were needed in Europe.
Mons. Chas. Voittellier, of Paris, stated that 3,000,000 or 4,000,000 fowls were required to bring up the French stocks, and even then it would take three or four years before pre-war figures would be arrived at.
Mr. T. W. Toovey dealt with his various experiments. He announced that they had abandoned dry mash, and he strongly recommended basic slag to disinfect the runs. He also stated that they used 40 per cent. potatoes in the wet mash and got excellent results.

POSSIBILITIES OF HELIUM BEING INVESTIGATED

Professor J. C. McLennan, of Toronto University, who has been adviser of the British admiralty for some years, is at present in Alberta investigating the possibilities of securing helium from the natural gases of the province.

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