



# ALBERTA SECTION

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minutes; secretary-treasurer, W. F. Wilkinson; directors: H. M. Quebec, M. Drysdale, A. Clark, A. Gillies, J. A. Davies.

W. F. WILKINSON, Sec'y.  
Clover Bar, Alta.

The annual meeting of the Ghost Pine Union was held on December 16, and the following officers were elected: President, J. E. Huxley; vice-president, Lee Abram; secretary-treasurer, W. G. Ferry. Directors, W. Johnson, J. J. Johnson, A. J. Cameron.

A. J. CAMERON, Sec'y.  
Ghost Pine, Alta.

The farmers of the Sheerness and Richdale districts have organized a new union of the U. F. A. and have already secured 21 members, which fact goes to show that we are very much in earnest. The work is new to all of us, but we will be heard from, and right at the start would like all the information available on the subject of co-operation.

J. E. HUNTER, Sec'y.  
Sheerness, Alta.

A new union has been organized at Sedalia and there is every prospect of a good active membership. The temporary secretary is Edward Groat, of Sedalia, Alta.

Kasimir Union has a membership of 46, and is doing good work in the district. At the last meeting we unanimously passed resolutions in favor of Direct Legislation and the Saskatchewan system of public owned elevators.

L. L. CUTTER, Sec'y.  
Sundial, Alta.

Hardisty Union has resolved: "That this union place itself on record as favoring the co-operative plan of handling elevators as adopted in Saskatchewan."

J. G. TURGEON, Sec'y.  
Hardisty, Alta.

The annual meeting of Beaver Creek Union was held on December 23, when the following officers were elected: President, L. Magean; vice-president, J. Duroche; secretary-treasurer, Emile Magean; directors, L. Anderson, J. Croy, J. Dumais; Auditors: A. G. Bowie, S. C. Shepard.

E. MAGEAN, Sec'y.  
Therian, Alta.

The annual meeting of Namaka Union was held on December 30. Mr. J. H. Shouldice, in the absence of the president, occupied the chair. The secretary submitted the balance sheet, which showed a credit balance of \$21.05. The election of officers for 1912 resulted as follows: President, D. McBean; vice-president, J. H. Shouldice; secretary-treasurer, J. P. Laurie.

Mr. S. Ball proposed that we start the New Year with a social dance on somewhat the same lines as the one held last year and the meeting appointed a committee consisting of the officers and Messrs. Bell and Hedge to carry out the arrangements for the evening of January 12.

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

The annual meeting of Brunetta Union was held on December 23, when the following were elected to office for 1912: President, H. Nagle; vice-president, D. Williams; secretary-treasurer, W. H. Smith. It was decided to elect directors at the next meeting. We are sending one delegate to the annual convention, and we start the New Year with a membership of sixty.

W. H. SMITH, Sec'y.  
Brunetta, Alta.

### SEED GRAIN

There is a general impression that a large quantity of seed grain will be required for distribution throughout this province in the spring, and as the season is rapidly advancing and the time for seeding will soon be upon us, I have received instructions from a special committee appointed by this association to consider the whole question, to request that every farmer who will be in need of seed grain to write at once to the Central office of the United Farmers of Alberta, 608 Leeson and Lincham Block, Calgary, stating the quantity of seed grain required, whether wheat, oats, barley or flax, and such further information as to the location of the homestead, amount of land under cultivation, etc., which may be of assistance in securing full data as to the conditions now existing and the amount of grain required. As the time for action is short, will all who are interested kindly write at once so that full data can be secured.

We have already been informed that assistance will be forthcoming in some districts where homesteaders have not yet secured their patent, this upon the authority of the commissioner of immigration, but this assistance will not be sufficient for many districts, and further than this the trouble in the past has been that this information has become known at such a late date that many farmers requiring grain have either been unable to secure same or it has arrived at such a late date that it was practically useless. For this reason we have decided to offer our services in securing all information possible on the subject so that no delay may arise in the securing of applications and distribution of grain.

We would ask for your co-operation and prompt attention to this matter. If you do not require grain yourself you may know of a neighbor who does and a word from you might prevent considerable delay. This is a matter where all can help and for the advancement of our province all are requested to do so. Please consider this question seriously and let us hear from you at an early date.

All letters received will be promptly acknowledged and further information will be supplied by the undersigned.

EDWARD J. FREAM,  
Secretary, U.F.A.

Stainsleigh Union held a meeting on January 6, at which the following officers were elected: President, A. Riseley; vice-president, Harold Mallough; secretary-treasurer, Earle Mallough. The retiring secretary-treasurer, E. H. Tweddle, was appointed delegate to the convention. Addresses on the financial benefit to be derived from one dollar invested in fees to the U. F. A. were given by B. H. Tweddle and J. H. Mallough. After these addresses one could have no doubts of the investment being a very profitable one. At the next meeting Mr. Larson will lead a discussion on the improvement of live stock for the farm.

E. H. TWEDDLE, Sec'y.  
Macklin, Sask.

The latest union to join the ranks is Keoma, where on January 6 last W. M. Galloway succeeded in effecting the organization of a local with 17 members. There is every prospect of a big live branch at this point as the district is well settled and the farmers are all active. The first officers elected are: President, T. D. Park; vice-president, P. A. Gunder-son; directors, J. G. Ranby, N. T. Thompson, O. Cox, J. G. Stevens, A. Holweg; secretary-treasurer, W. N. Rintoul, all of Keoma post office.

The first annual meeting of Bowell Union was held on Jan. 6. Satisfactory reports were presented by the retiring officers, the secretary showing a balance on hand of \$49.62. The following officers were elected for 1912: President, Jas. Darraugh; vice-president, Geo. J. Coulthard; secretary-treasurer, L. M. Mansfield.

L. M. MANSFIELD, Sec'y.

The annual meeting of Lake View Union, No. 71, was held on Jan. 3 and was fairly well attended. The new Municipal Act now before the legislature was discussed at length, the general opinion being that the act would tend for the betterment of existing conditions in the rural districts, the clause referring to the single tax system being especially commended. A motion by Messrs. L. McComb and W. J. Moran to this effect was unanimously carried. Officers for 1912 are: President, J. R. Quinlan; vice-president, W. J. Moran; secretary-treasurer, D. Cameron; directors, D. McComb, J. A. McNiece, J. M. Hay, T. Berrington, Sr., and G. Smith.

DONAL CAMERON, Sec'y.

The annual meeting of Hill End Union, No. 137, was held at the home of Mr. Longhurst on Jan. 11 when officers elected for the coming year were: President, T. J. Way; vice-president, J. Coulthwaite; secretary-treasurer, G. W. Healy; directors, A. Baker, E. Snider, A. Goldstrom, E. Baker, R. Niblock and E. Longhurst.

GORDON W. HEALY,  
Sec.-Treas.

Claresholm Five Mile Union ask:—Can you give us a date not far distant for a district convention in Claresholm. We want a farmers' elevator here and our members are ready to go right ahead with or without government assistance. If you could furnish us with a little information on this matter we would be pleased. We want to discuss the co-operative principle and form a company

pleased with the new constitution and we generally agreed with the action of the U. F. A. in disposing of the resolutions. We warmly sympathized with the compulsory hail insurance resolution that came in for so much discussion. I was instructed to write and ask if anything could be done in regard to sending a speaker into this district. We felt that a stranger chosen from the ranks of the U. F. A. would be the means of doing much good. We will make preparations for a big meeting and make it a success. The question of Direct Legislation was brought up at the meeting and with the help of our delegate everyone present was persuaded to sign the petition. We hope to obtain many more signatures in the near future.

A. P. MOAN,  
Sec.-Treas.

The annual meeting of Eight Mile Lake Local Union, No. 307, was held on Jan. 13. F. X. Beingsner was elected president; Guy Voisey, vice-president; and G. A. Fath, secretary-treasurer. It was resolved that each member of the union be taxed 50 cents, such money to be used for the payment of the secretary-treasurer. Strong resolutions were also passed in favor of compulsory hail insurance and the enforcement of reciprocal demurrage. The meeting was also in favor of a system of co-operative gopher poisoning.

G. A. FATH,  
Sec.-Treas.

The annual meeting of Ellesmere Union

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We hope our readers will appreciate our difficulties and be patient with us in this, our great progressive year.

If possible. This winter we have had 17 cars of coal, 3 of flour, and 2 of apples, also 5 tons of prunes. Our apple proposition was very satisfactory and the fruit was in splendid condition. On some barrels the freight cost more than the apples, but even then they were much cheaper than we could get them from British Columbia. We sent a delegation of eight members to the convention this year so were well represented.

R. K. PECK,  
Sec.-Treas.

Gwynne Union held a most enthusiastic meeting on Jan. 20. Our delegate, Mr. John Maynard, gave us an admirable report of the convention. We were much

was held at the schoolhouse in the Rosemead district, but it was unanimously decided to hold all future meetings at Ellesmere. The following officers were elected: President, J. S. McBrayne; vice-president, H. T. Snider; secretary-treasurer, H. Davis. It was decided that the secretary-treasurer be paid a salary of ten dollars per year, and he was instructed to ascertain the rate at which a carload of posts could be purchased by the union and report at the next meeting.

H. DAVIS,  
Sec.-Treas.

Clover Bar Union has a membership of 34, and the officers are: president, Geo. Taylor; vice-president, J. O. Par-