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out of the capitalist's book. They, he said, make use of either party at both parties to get their ends. Mr. Austin concluded by saying the men who find themselves in this great new country are fortunate and he believes that we are here to show what can be done in this highly favored part of the Dominion. He advised everyone to make the best showing possible in every way as a farmer, a citizen and a man, thereby making this province what it should be, the best in the Dominion.

District Convention

Mr. Linton explained the object of the meetings and then apologized for the absence of Mr. Fream, who had been announced. He explained that Mr. Fream had been prevented by some "hang-up" in moving his office to Calgary and promised that he would try and arrange for another series of meetings and get Mr. Fream along to address them. He also explained the success of the Stettler convention and said that every meeting so far attended by us expressed the desire to hold a district convention. He promised to arrange one at an early date at some central town to be decided on, so that the greatest possible number could be induced to attend. The objects of the proposed convention would be to divide the district into parts and appoint organizers to get the whole district covered. Mr. Linton is a great worker and I am quite sure stimulated those whom he addressed. He was a great help in the meetings.

I believe the whole series of meetings will result in much good to all. I am sure they will be of great benefit to those of us who took part in them. We were able, as Mr. Farrell put it, to make the discovery that we had two good men whose talents had been hid in a napkin. I am sure we shall hear from both Mr. Austin and Mr. Linton in the future and that they can be depended on to do good work.

We had the best evidence of the fact that the U.F.A. is very much alive. People all through were willing to take their teams and give their time to transfer us from place to place, open their homes to us and give us of their best, in fact could not do or give enough. I wish to acknowledge with heartfelt gratitude all that was done for us and all who came many miles over the prairies to make the meetings so successful.

One is constantly meeting surprises on these trips. My first was at Stratheona when I saw Mr. Rice Sheppard's whole-hearted interest in the success of the U.F.A. He is a genuine U.F.A. man and nothing is a sacrifice too great for him to make for its development and success.

My stay with our old time director, Geo. Long, showed me his value in the high esteem in which he is held in his district. He is a great worker, although he does not care to do much speaking. He is one of our strong men, possessing excellent judgment.

At Mr. Rogers' home we arrived late at night and saw one daughter and one son. The next day we found seven daughters. Here we found a home with the real home life on the prairie.

The gentleman to whom we were indebted for bringing us from Oxville to Mr. Rogers' surprised us after supper by giving us some lovely instrumental pieces on the American organ. He had been an organist in London, England, but preferred the free life, the room, sunshine and health of the prairies to city life. I regret I lost some memoranda I had on a piece of paper containing the names of my kind friends, and this was one whose name I cannot remember.

On arriving at the home of Mr. Heathcote and his son we found Mr. Heathcote, senior, to be a gentleman full of enthusiasm, of wide experience. He had been on a lecturing tour in England for the Dominion government and better qualified than I to address the local meeting.

I shall not forget the many lessons learned, the splendid characters met and the kindnesses received from everyone we came in contact with on this enjoyable but strenuous trip, and sincerely trust that the association will be benefited by this effort.

FREAK LEGISLATION BY STATE LEGISLATURES

J. Francis Burr, writing in the New York Independent, says that one of the state legislatures of the union actually attempted the passage of a law making ground hog day a legal holiday. A new member of another, in his desire to accommodate a constituent, introduced and introduced, apparently without endorsing, a bill to improve the alimentary canal. Among bills now pending is one to compel a man to take out a license before buying a drink, just as he has to take out a license to fish and a license to hunt. Another makes it a penal offense for a doctor to perform an operation for appendicitis if it afterward appears that it was not absolutely necessary. Another makes it a penal offense for a man to put his feet on his desk while dictating to a young lady stenographer. Another taxes barbers between the ages of twenty-five and forty-five. Another compels single men to give up the title of Master, and wear one equivalent to the title of Miss, to prevent single women from flirting with married men, supposing them to be single. There is another to punish with imprisonment profanity over the telephone. Another compels hotels to furnish bed sheets not less than nine feet long. Another punishes railway ticket agents who fail to answer any question put to them by curious travelers. Another is to compel couples desiring to marry to furnish physicians' certificates as to their physical conditions.

Bills have recently found their way into Congress to regulate the washing and ironing of shirts and collars; for the regulation of women's hats; making it a penal offense for a man to exhibit a clock in front of his place of business which is either fast or slow. A bill recently forwarded to a prominent member of Congress authorized its promoter to run a battery on condition that from the conduct of it he agreed to pay off the national debt.

A natural result of the conflicts arising out of our multitude of laws was brought to light recently in the case of the farmer whose children were chased by a bear on the way to school. The law made it a penal offense to kill the bears, but it also punished the farmer for not sending his children to school, and the school board was obliged to take the matter up and grant him dispensation until the bear shooting season opened and he could kill the animals.

DAIRYMEN ON RECIPROCITY

J. R. Anderson, treasurer of the Eastern Ontario Dairymen's Association, in an interview with the Globe, says that the township of Ameliasburg, if divided along party lines, would give a Conservative majority of 160. Still, nine out of ten farmers in his neighborhood favor reciprocity. Mr. Anderson himself, although a Conservative, has been working for it consistently from the beginning, and was one of the principal members of the deputation to Ottawa.

Dr. Charlie Puhlow, also in an interview with the Globe, says that while the British market will not warrant a higher price than 11½¢ for Canadian cheese, the best grades of cheese on the New York Exchange are bringing 14½¢ to 15¢. The Borden Condensed Milk Co., of New York state, Dr. Puhlow adds, has made contracts for milk from April to September. The lowest price (for June) is \$1.10, the next lowest (for May) \$1.25, and the highest is for September, \$1.55. "How do these prices," asks Dr. Puhlow, "compare with 85¢ per cwt. paid in Prince Edward county last year?"

Wm. Parkinson, Haldimand county, makes over 100 tons of butter every year. Last year he shipped some butter to the United States, even in the face of a duty of 6¢ per lb. The proportion of good butter in Canada is, he says, much higher than in the United States, and with free access to the American market, Canadian butter-makers would do very much better than they are doing now.—Toronto Sun.

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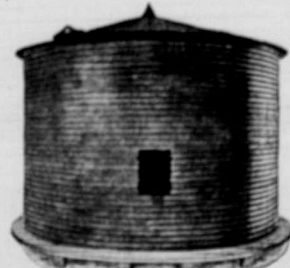


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