

## In Union There is Strength

### Quebec Farmers Organize

INTEREST is growing rapidly in the recently organized United Farmers of Quebec. Mr. T. D. Bouchard, of St. Hyacinthe, Que., has been at work organizing for some time and reports that the work is going splendidly. He finds the farmers are anxious to join the association and expects soon to have a few thousand members.

At three meetings held recently, excellent results were obtained. In the first meeting, 40 farmers joined. At a second meeting, after a half hour meeting, Mr. Bouchard, 60 farmers joined, and in St. Charles, a small parish, 40 members were obtained.

Circulars and by-laws are being printed and will be sent into practically every municipality in the western part of the province, with the object of organizing small branches at as many points as possible. Mr. Bouchard has received requests from six different counties to conduct meetings and intends to undertake the work after the harvest season.

### Council of Agriculture

In addition to the important matters already mentioned in Farm and Dairy that were dealt with at the last meeting of the Canadian Council of Agriculture in Winnipeg, at which only the Western farmers' associations were represented, a number of other issues of interest to Eastern farmers were dealt with.

Owing to the failure of the grain crop in southern Alberta it was decided to ask the Board of Grain Supervisors to place an embargo on all grains from the Province of Alberta, and districts of Saskatchewan where conditions were similar, and to control the movement of grain by permits.

The Council went on record as being in favor of a fixed price on oats and barley, and as being entirely opposed to the principle of setting a maximum price on any grain that does not at the same time carry a guaranteed minimum.

A committee was appointed to consider the question of a federal tax on land values (not land) and to meet with the members of the Single Tax League and the Great War Veterans' Association of Winnipeg, in connection with this matter.

#### Income Tax.

The following resolution bearing on the income tax was adopted:

"That in the opinion of the Canadian Council of Agriculture, the principle of a direct tax on incomes adopted in Canada, should be permanently established and developed; and, whereas this method of taxation has been applied in Canada only recently for the first time, it is very necessary that full information and instructions concerning the operation of the income tax should be prepared by the Government and circulated widely throughout the Dominion, as has been done through the medium of booklets by the Government of the United States regarding the application of the income tax in that country; and, whereas the forms for income tax returns issued by the Government have been so inadequate in the matter of instructing the farmer as well as other classes in the community, in the making of such returns, the Government take steps immediately to recast the forms with such amplification and explanations as are necessary to make their meaning and purpose perfectly clear; and to issue literature explaining the scope and purpose of the income tax in Canada." Arrangements were made for a conference between a committee of the Council and a committee of the Western Bankers' Association, on the

subject of credits for Western farmers.

#### Live Stock Problems.

The following two resolutions on live stock production were adopted: "That in view of the serious conditions in the meat trade in Canada, in regard to the consuming public, this Council recommends that the Dominion Government take action to consider the advisability of government control and supervision of the stock yards and public utilities in the meat trade similar to the government control and supervision which has been decided upon in the United States."

"That as the producers of hogs have responded generously to the call for an increased output during the present year, many of them at such cost, that in view of the apparent over-production, they are now threatened with serious loss."

"Therefore, be it resolved that the

Government take steps to exercise a controlling influence on the hog market in Canada during the next few months."

#### Farmers' Incomes.

A committee was appointed to deal with income taxation, with special reference to the schedule required from farmers. The committee was authorized to obtain expert advice in their efforts to improve the schedule.

The Council went on record as being opposed to a proposal that had been made by a government official to fix an arbitrary value per capita for produce consumed on the farm in statements of the farmers' income. Instead, the Council favored accepting the statements made by farmers, as is done in the case of other questions asked on the government form.

### A Successful Picnic

A SUCCESSFUL farmers' picnic was held on September 14th in Dulmage's Grove, about five miles from Prescott, in Ontario. Mr. Jas. Small, the local manager of the

branch creamery of the T. Eaton Co., was largely instrumental in organizing and carrying through this picnic, which may, therefore, be properly called a creamery picnic.

Mr. A. A. Powers, of the United Farmers of Ontario, was the first speaker. He spoke of the economic position of the farmer and commended the U.F.O. to its audience. Miss Powell, a representative of the Women's Institutes of Ontario, dwelt hopefully on the physical, moral and spiritual development of the people in the last quarter of a century. Frank Yeigh, of the War Lecture Bureau, spoke of the war in its varying aspects, and predicted an early success for the allied arms. Several other speakers added to the enjoyment of the afternoon.

This picnic was really a substitute for the Prescott Fair, which will not be held this year, and the managers of the event were everywhere congratulated upon the success of their enterprise and the hope was generally expressed that the picnic would be made an annual event.



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### Sweet Clover

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light, and with some feet high, the seed is in length. The stem red clover was inches, that of the sweet clover small yellow sweet and the bismarck from 12 to 14

marked uniformly in each of the. Of the 22 plants as originally saved over 18 inches in height in every variety reduced the same. The great variation in strains in time so marked, and in uniformity with in very striking. That this clover will of very great value for purposes as well as hay and on should be first discovery, develop on."