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#### RE-INSTATED

The following unions which were sus-  
pended have recently been re-instated  
on receipt of the necessary dues at this  
office:

Iron Springs, No. 172; Whitla, No.  
338; Buffalo Bird, No. 534; Ferry  
Point, No. 495; Drumheller, No. 483;  
Munson, No. 448, and Vegreville, No. 4.  
The name of Colholme Union, No.  
508, which was announced in a para-  
graph published subsequent to the ap-  
pearance of the suspended list as prop-  
erly belonging to that list, has also been  
re-instated on receipt of \$5 membership  
dues.

#### THE RELIEF FUNDS

The War Relief Funds opened at this  
office some time ago to donations by  
the unions are steadily increasing, al-  
tho there is considerable room for still  
further donations. It is a matter of  
comment that the Belgian Relief Fund  
seems to furnish the strongest appeal  
to our local unions, the first donation  
to the Red Cross Fund having been re-  
ceived this week. This donation, the  
amount of which was \$31.15, was re-  
ceived from the Women's Auxiliary of  
the Acme Union, No. 63. For the Bel-  
gian Relief Fund, the receipt of the  
following amounts is hereby acknowl-  
edged:—

Previously acknowledged..... \$106.00  
Willow Hollow Union, No. 332 ..... 40.00  
Hawkeye Union, No. 245 ..... 32.60

Total ..... \$178.60

#### FERRY POINT GROWING

Ferry Point Union, No. 493, has sub-  
stantially increased its membership over  
last year's, the secretary having recent-  
ly remitted to this office for forty  
members.

#### JOINED OTHER UNIONS

Notice has recently reached us from  
E. L. Ketcheson, Secretary of Buffalo  
Bird Union, No. 534, that that organ-  
ization is now "hors de combat." This  
announcement accompanied a remit-  
tance of \$9.50 to put the union in good  
standing after being included on our  
suspended list, as the former members,  
most of whom have amalgamated with  
the surrounding unions, did not wish  
the union to cease existence as a sus-  
pended union. Mr. Ketcheson writes  
that altho they did not relish the idea  
of giving up the old organization, that  
there is, nevertheless, a certain satis-  
faction afforded by the thought that no  
less than three new locals are practi-  
cally off-shoots of the Buffalo Bird Lo-  
cal Union.

#### SUMMERVIEW ACTIVITIES

The following report of the activities  
of Summerview Union, No. 147, has  
been received from N. H. Nathorst,  
Secretary: During the past year the  
Summerview Local has met regularly  
every month, and the membership at-  
tendance, with the exception of once or  
twice during the very busy season, has  
been on an average, fair. Dominion  
Day, being by resolution the day set  
for our annual picnic, was again cele-  
brated in the prescribed way. The pic-  
nic proved more than usually success-  
ful, owing to extra pains being taken  
by some of our members in preparing  
the ground, as well as furnishing an  
excellent program of sports. Our Presi-  
dents, first and second, as well as the  
Directors are to be congratulated on  
the way it went off. An added pleas-  
ure at the time was the presence of  
James Speakman, whose genial ways  
and strong, sensible address were much  
appreciated.

In co-operative activity this Local  
may be said to be in its initiative state,  
owing mostly to the hard times that  
have prevailed here during the last few  
years; still, by sending to Winnipeg to  
a firm whose advertisement appears in  
The Grain Growers' Guide, we have  
been able in a small way to obtain plow-  
shares, binder canvas, waggon tongues,

reaches, etc., etc., at a considerably re-  
duced price; in fact, at almost half-  
price to what was asked by implement  
agents. Very good coal oil has been  
sold to members at 26 cents per gallon.  
In conjunction with the Pincher Creek  
Local our members have been able to  
secure flour, as well as apples at whole-  
sale prices. The last step in the co-  
operative move was taken at the last  
meeting, when orders for two carloads  
of coal were secured.

We expect during the coming winter  
months to enliven the monthly meetings  
by debates for our further education as  
well as enjoyment. For a start to soci-  
ability, we intend to give a social con-  
cert on the 11th of December, the funds  
derived therefrom to be devoted to the  
Red Cross Society. An exceptionally  
good time and a big crowd is antici-  
pated.

#### TOO BUSY (?)

R. Lindsay, Secretary of Drumheller  
Union, No. 483, in reporting to this  
office, says that there has been no meet-  
ing at the above union for some little  
time, most of the farmers in that vicin-  
ity having been busy. The union hopes  
to be able to resume business again at  
an early date and will try to send at  
least one representative to the Edmon-  
ton Convention.

#### LAKESIDE UNION

George S. Weger, President of Lake-  
side Union, No. 421, writes as follows:  
We wish to take this method of thank-  
ing Mr. Speakman thru your office for  
his presence at our meeting on the even-  
ing of the 5th instant, and for the  
masterly and instructive address. The  
night was exceptionally stormy, but  
our meeting place was well filled with  
an appreciative audience. We are con-  
fident that Mr. Speakman's mission here  
was not in vain, and that many of us  
see the U.F.A. in a much more favor-  
able light than before. It gives us a  
decided feeling of self-confidence to be  
part and parcel of an organization  
which is doing so much and accomplish-  
ing big results without ostentation. We  
hope to bring our membership up to  
the quota it is deserving of.

We regret very much the death of  
President Tregillus, and the Union of  
Farmers will feel his loss quite keenly.

#### AN ENTHUSIASTIC WORKER

One of our most enthusiastic U.F.A.  
workers is Thos. Toreson, of Wetaski-  
win, secretary of Lone Ridge Union, No.  
627. Mr. Toreson writes: During the  
busy season our union attended meet-  
ings very regularly, altho we had two  
special meetings since I reported last,  
the particular business at these meet-  
ings being to take orders for apples  
from members of our union. We bought  
34 barrels of Nova Scotia apples thru  
the Ponoka District Association. After  
paying local freight from Ponoka to  
Wetaskiwin, they cost us \$4.20 per bar-  
rel for No. 1 Winter apples.

Mr. Toreson further reports that a  
regular meeting of the Local was held  
on the 5th instant at which there was  
a good turn-out considering the inclem-  
ent weather. The Local gave its first  
annual ball and supper in the Lone  
Ridge Hall on Thursday evening, Nov.  
26. Mr. Toreson has also secured four-  
teen subscriptions to The Guide in the  
last few days in addition to organizing  
the Falun Union, with eleven charter  
members, thus showing that although  
he believes in charity beginning at  
home, he by no means coincides with  
the view that it should for ever after  
remain there.

#### LANGDON UNION

Although we have had no report from  
Langdon Union, No. 199, for some time  
past, a letter recently received from the  
Secretary, E. B. Welshimer, furnishes  
ample assurance that the Union is by no  
means lacking in activity. Mr. Welsh-  
imer remits for thirty-three members  
and states that the farmers in the vicin-

ity of Langdon have only begun to re-  
alize the value of our Association and  
are therefore taking hold with a much  
firmer grasp than ever before. The  
Union handled its flour and wire busi-  
ness thru the Alberta Farmers' Co-  
operative Elevator Co., and handled two  
carloads of lumber co-operatively thru  
a local dealer, and on one car alone,  
claim to have saved \$160. An arrange-  
ment was made with a wholesale hard-  
ware firm, whereby hardware in lots  
amounting to \$25 or more could be ob-  
tained at wholesale prices. It is claimed  
that the union has saved over one-half  
on paint, and on other articles of hard-  
ware about 25 per cent. This is a very  
good illustration of what can be ac-  
complished by co-operation. Owing to  
previous poor attendance at meetings,  
Langdon Union will soon discuss the  
advisability of dividing the Union into  
eastern and western divisions and re-  
moving the place of meeting from the  
town itself to various houses in the  
country.

#### CO-OPERATIVE FINANCING

W. D. Trego, Director for the Medi-  
cine Hat constituency, assisted this  
week in the organization of a local  
union near Balzac Siding, a few miles  
north of Calgary. Mr. Trego states that  
we may look for some good work from  
this Union as they are an unusually live  
group of farmers and have selected good  
men for their officers. They have al-  
ready appointed a committee to arrange  
with one of the Calgary banks for a  
line of credit for use in co-operative  
buying, their method of financing same  
being similar to that in use in the  
Gleichen Union, viz., all members to  
sign a guarantee with the bank for  
\$1,000, for which all are jointly re-  
sponsible, so as to have approximately  
that amount of credit to furnish funds  
for paying for carload shipments of  
goods on arrival, and by a proper form  
of resolution, authorize the secretary to  
sign notes, drafts or checks up to the  
required amount, the secretary being  
bonded with a guarantee company for  
\$1,000, thus furnishing the members  
with protection. As the goods are de-  
livered, the secretary is to collect the  
cash and pay it back to the bank.

#### EXPERIENCED CROP FAILURE

Roger Jamieson, Secretary of Dowker  
Union, reports that the Local expects  
to resume regular meetings soon. Owing  
to the failure of crops in that vicinity,  
many of the farmers are receiving aid  
from the government.

#### THE APPLE TRADE

One of our unions in the Calgary dis-  
trict had a rather interesting experi-  
ence this fall, which, as the secretary  
who reported the affair remarks, goes  
to show that the U.F.A. is well assured  
of the loyalty of a good share of the  
farmers in that district at least. The  
Union in question ordered a car of  
apples, when orders for only about one-  
half a car had been received by the  
local secretary. At the same time one  
of the local merchants ordered a car of  
apples and immediately started an at-  
tempt to injure the business the union  
was doing along these lines. Different  
farmers were approached in various  
ways. Some were told that the best of  
the apples to be disposed of by the union  
were already sold and that they would  
be obliged to accept second-grade stuff.  
In order to influence others, he attack-  
ed the judgment of the union in order-  
ing the full carload, when orders had  
been received for only one-half of that  
amount. Others were informed that  
the Farmers' Union was killing the  
town and that they would soon have no  
place to sell produce, etc. His argu-  
ment in other cases was in the form of  
a reproach for paying cash for the  
commodities handled by the local union  
when they had formerly come to him  
for credit. This was evidently done  
to intimidate those parties who might  
expect to require credit in the future.

#### District Directors

Victoria—P. S. Austin, Ranfurly; Edmonton  
—F. C. Clare, North Edmonton; Strath-  
cona—W. G. Vicary, Strome; Red Deer—  
D. Buckingham, Stettler; Calgary—H. W.  
Wood, Strathmore; Macleod—J. Quinsey.  
Noble; Medicine Hat—W. D. Trego, Gleichen.

Of course, a few of the more easily in-  
fluenced were persuaded to cancel their  
orders with the union. The upshot of  
the whole affair was that the union  
disposed of the entire carload in less  
than half a day, a large number being  
turned away. Today, that merchant  
has about one-half a carload of apples  
in his store and stored away in various  
cellars. The secretary of the local  
union remarks that it is his opinion  
that the U.F.A. at that point will handle  
the local apple business this coming  
year.

#### REACHED THE CENTURY

A. M. Phillips, secretary of Cereal  
Union reports one hundred members on  
the membership roll of the union, and  
sixty-four members in good standing.  
The annual meeting is to occur on the  
first Saturday in December, and inter-  
esting reports are promised in the near  
future.

#### WILHELMINA ENTHUSIASTIC

Under date November 20, E. L. Riz-  
zier, of Kerriemuir, writes concerning  
Wilhelmina Union No. 609. The union  
has recently resumed activity and has  
installed a union scales at Kerriemuir.  
Four cars of coal have been ordered  
and the membership of the union is up-  
wards of sixty. It is said by all the  
members that the union is going to ac-  
complish more good this year than it  
has this past season.

#### AN ITEMIZED STATEMENT

A letter just received from C. A.  
Fawcett, of Consort, is a model of con-  
ciseness in the manner in which state-  
ment of remittance is made. The re-  
mittance is itemized fully, not only re-  
garding membership dues and supplies,  
but also as to the year for which mem-  
bership dues are paid. The items of  
membership dues paid in are under  
three headings, arrears for 1913, dues  
for 1914, and renewals for 1915. In  
this way no doubt is left as to whether  
the dues received are for 1914 member-  
ship or paid in advance for the coming  
season. Just at this time of the year  
there is often some confusion at this  
office owing to the fact that there is a  
failure to itemize remittances properly,  
but we trust that this season our secre-  
taries will exercise a little more care  
in sending remittances to this office and  
thus enable us to keep a record at this  
office at all times of the paid up mem-  
bership of each union, which will cor-  
respond in detail with the statement on  
the books of the local secretary of that  
union.

#### WILL BUY COAL

In his letter of the 25th instant, R. I.  
Houston, of Partridge Hills Union, No.  
583, reports that there is a slight re-  
vival of interest, and that co-operative  
purchases are being considered in a con-  
siderable variety of commodities, and  
that a car of coal has been purchased  
by the members of the union from their  
local coal dealer. In the absence of  
quotations from the Alberta Farmers'  
Co-operative Elevator Co., arrangements  
are being made with some mine direct,  
as the union expects to handle ten or  
twelve carloads during the winter. At  
its last meeting the Patriotic and Bel-  
gian Relief Funds were discussed, and  
it is thought that the discussion will  
assume a more substantial shape in the  
near future.

#### A SUGGESTION

An extract from a letter from J. J.  
Collins, secretary of Federal Union, No.  
374, reads as follows: "As a matter of  
suggestion, I would think it a good idea  
to have you send out instructions that  
prices issued from the Central Office  
are for U.F.A. members only, and that  
members would not be allowed to club  
their orders with non-members. All  
those advantages are what is going to  
build up the unions and cause men who  
are standing out to join the ranks, and  
that is what we want—something that  
appeals to the man's pocket."