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that a circular letter be sent to all the Unions advocating Herd Law all the year 'round. At a meeting held on August 28, it was unanimously decided to pass a resolution requesting the government to take immediate action to act on the report of their committee on the Pork Packing Plant. At a general meeting held on October 2, a vote of sympathy was accorded to those who had suffered by the disastrous prairie fire and a subscription list was opened on their behalf.

The following by-law was adopted to assist in the local work of the Union. Any member wishing to introduce any amendment or addition to existing by-laws shall submit a draft thereof to the secretary at any general meeting for consideration at the next general meeting. The officers wish to place on record their regret at the resignation of T. G. McPherson, to whose energy and perseverance the Union owes so much, also of Messrs. Shaw and Berridge from the Directors and G. E. Goodall as secretary-treasurer, and wish to express their appreciation of the active help given by these members to the Union, especially the latter.

During the past year this Union held a picnic and sports on July 1, and a dance on December 30, 1909, and both events proved very successful. It is intended to make both annual events. In conclusion it is hoped that every member will constitute himself a committee for the special purpose of enlarging our membership and furthering the interests of the Union and of the whole of the United Farmers of Alberta.

THOS. B. GOODALL, President
CHAS. W. HARRINGTON, Secretary-Treasurer

Report of the Tring Union Harvest Dance held on November 26, 1909. This dance was held at Tring School house and was a great success. It was well attended and everyone had a most enjoyable time.

The net proceeds amounted to \$24.25 and this was handed over to the secretary to be placed to the credit of the Union.

IRVINE SEED FAIR

The second annual Irvine Seed Fair held on January 20, while not so largely attended or so widely supported as had been hoped, was still a decided success. Good crops this year seemed to warrant the opinion of the Board of Directors that the entries would be very numerous, so that a total of fifteen entries was somewhat disappointing. Out of \$180 offered in prizes only about \$80 was awarded. It was the stated opinion of the judges, however, that the lack of quantity was well made up in quality. Notable among the exhibits shown was that of Alexander Wooley, of Medicine Hat, whose grain was of a quality that would be hard to beat at any fair. Mr. Wooley's Turkey Red Winter Wheat was particularly worthy of mention, scoring 95½ points out of a possible 100. Mr. Wooley also had a splendid exhibit of Two-rowed Barley, Red Fife, Russian Spring Wheat, Field Peas, Fall Rye and Tartar King Oats. Other exhibits worthy of mention were those of J. Trekofski in Class 2 Spring

Wheat, K. P. Becker, Red Fife, and J. G. McLeish, Champion of England Garden Peas. It is expected that a number of these will be shown at the Provincial Seed Fair.

The judges provided by the Dominion Seed Branch were all that could be desired and after the judging was concluded about fifty people listened to the able and interesting addresses by these gentlemen. During the addresses Wm. Keefer occupied the chair and discharged the duty in an able manner. Hugh MacKintosh of Macleod spoke on the subject of Noxious Weeds. Thos. H. Woolford, of Cardston, spoke on Seed Selecting and breeding. Alfalfa Culture, The Subpacker and the Cultivation of the Young Crop.

Question Drawer

This department of the Guide is open to all readers, and it is hoped that they will take advantage of it. All questions relating to the problems of the farmer of Western Canada will be answered in this department. Write questions on one side of the paper only, and send only one question on one sheet of paper. Join in making this department of the greatest value.

COMPANY AND ASSOCIATION

Subscriber, Sask.—Are the Grain Growers' Association and the Grain Growers' Grain Company one and the same company? If not, who is at the head of the Grain Growers Grain Company?

Ans.—These are two separate and distinct institutions. The Manitoba Grain Growers Association and the Saskatchewan Grain Growers Association are organizations of the farmers of the provinces for the purpose of securing legislation towards the improvement of conditions and also to improve the social and moral life of Western Canada. The Grain Growers' Grain Company is a farmers' company, in which the stock is held by farmers of the three prairie provinces. The company is a commercial one, handling farmers grain and does not in any way take on the functions

of the association. T. A. Czerar is president of the company.

NO WEATHER DEMURRAGE

F.H.J., Alta.—When a farmer is loading a car and the weather turns stormy so that it is not a fit day to be out, does he have to pay demurrage for that day?

Ans.—The law provides for payment of demurrage after 24 hours. The law makes no provision for foul weather but the railway company might.

KILLING THISTLES

Will some of our readers please tell a subscriber what, in their experience, had been the best method of killing Canadian thistles.

RAILWAYS RESPONSIBLE

H.B., Sask.—We have a set of public scales owned by the Grain Growers. If a car load of grain weighed over these scales, on reaching Winnipeg, was found to weigh less than at time of loading, could owner of grain make railway put up for shortage?

Ans.—Yes, provided the scales are correct and absolute proof can be given of the quantity of grain placed in the car at time of loading.

SHIPPING RING

Can any of our readers tell an enquiring subscriber how to manage a "Shipping Ring?"

We have been asked at times why it is our "Question Drawer" does not deal with matters outside the grain trade. We have stated several times that the Question Drawer is open to all readers of THE GUIDE to ask questions regarding any subject of interest to western farmers. If there are other subjects upon which the readers of THE GUIDE would like information, they should send in their questions.

COLLECTING MACHINERY ACCOUNTS

L.N., Sask.—A farmer in Saskatchewan owing a bill to an implement firm, met the collector of the company in his local town on November 30, and offered to pay \$100 on his account. The collector did not know if his firm would agree to accept that payment, but promised to notify the farmer later on. In the meantime, he secured the farmer's signature to a bill of sale for the \$100, the agent saying that he would give the farmer time to hold his grain until the prices were more favorable. On December 16, the implement company sent notice to the elevator company at the said local town, where the farmer marketed his grain, to make all checks and orders for the farmer's grain payable to them (the implement company). The implement company did not notify the farmer whether they would accept his \$100, but held all his grain and stopped him drawing any money from the elevator company. The farmer has stopped shipping. The bill of sale which the farmer signed, was dated sixty days previous to the day on which he signed it, November 30, 1909. Is such procedure legal, and can the elevator company garnishee grain for implement firms?

Ans.—It does not appear what the farmer conveyed by the bill of sale, but we conclude that the bill of sale was of his grain. The consideration in the bill of sale, we presume, was \$100. We regret that the facts are not more clearly set out. The date when the bill of sale was given is not stated. The fact that it was anti-dated would not invalidate it. It is not shown what extension was given for the payment of the balance of the amount due the company. If no extension was arranged, we presume the full amount was due. The company could not hold the bill of sale and take the benefit of it without acceding to the arrangement of such extension, if any, made by the agent, nor could they hold the proceeds of the grain put into the elevator beyond \$100, without attachment proceedings.



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