

per hundred pounds, per 300 feet, and \$10.25 for 600 feet. A discussion on the advisability of ordering twine resulted in the secretary being instructed to write several firms for special quotations. Vice-president Echford tendered his resignation, which was accepted. Secretary-treasurer Gustarth tendered his resignation, which was accepted. The election to fill the vacancies resulted in Mr. Ed. M. Mattheit being proposed as vice-president, and Mr. Arthur E. T. Echford being proposed as secretary-treasurer, and both were declared duly elected to these respective positions.

The vice-president moved that a picnic be held in the near future, with the object of socially strengthening the union, and a committee was appointed to carry out the arrangements. This being the first meeting since the death of our late respected king, Mr. R. Breynersalde proposed that mention be made in the minutes of the sad event and recording the feeling of loss sustained by the members and all British subjects. The vote was passed in silence. The meeting then adjourned till the last Friday in July, at 8 p.m. in Eckville school house.

ARTHUR E. T. ECKFORD, Sec.
Eckville.

DEMAND GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP

The usual monthly meeting of Blackfoot Union No. 76 took place at Jarratt's on June 23. Despite the very wet weather there was quite a good attendance and I am pleased to report that a real interest seems to be taken in affairs. The bulk of circular No. 5 was read and resolutions were adopted regarding same. The Tofield resolution and part two of the Fishburn resolution in regard to terminal elevators was adopted.

It was moved by F. Sulman and L. Tinscott, that no territory be reserved for ranching, owing to possible and very probable graft. It was generally felt that things should be left to shape themselves in regard to the cattle trade, and that there is not much danger of the extinction of the cattle raising business. Methods will only have to be altered to meet new conditions just the same as they have in other countries where ranchers have been crowded out. Keen interest is being shown in co-operation. Most of us here have seen it work in the old country, and many would have been far and away ahead today in all things if co-operation had been in existence in Canada.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted on the terminal elevator question: "Whereas, the scandals recently exposed at the terminal elevators with convictions at Winnipeg show a state of things which cannot be tolerated and which would not have been tolerated if known by the public, this union most emphatically calls for government ownership and demands legislation for same to be passed at the earliest possible moment."

Enquiries were made on the C. P. R. taxation case which is to be decided by the privy council and we hope all the information in regard to same will be forthcoming. The Canadian Northern have put up gates at the farm complained of, but the cattle guards are not yet put in place at the public crossings. All arrangements are made for the annual picnic and everything promises for a good time, a good program of sports being arranged for the afternoon and supper to be served at six o'clock.

JAS. STONE, Sec.
Blackfoot.

FOR FREE TRADE

Millet Union, though young, is getting down to solid work, and at the last meeting the members were kept busy discussing the different questions of interest. Among other work done the following came in for its full share of discussion:

"Resolved, that we, the United Farmers of Alberta are unalterably in favor of not only the reduction in the tariff but of the total abolition of the tariff for the following reasons:

"We must compete with European markets, not American, in the disposal of our grain. It matters not to us if other

INCREASE OUR CIRCULATION

The following resolution was unanimously adopted at the last regular meeting of Tofield Union: "Resolved, that we, the members of Tofield Union, do heartily endorse the plan adopted by THE GUIDE to increase its circulation, that is, that of offering to new subscribers a trial subscription at a nominal rate. We believe the great secret of success of the organized farmers' movement depends largely upon the circulation of a good official organ, for only in that way can the people be reached. And as each member of the farmers' association is a co-partner in THE GUIDE, we move that every member of the organized farmers of Western Canada, if not already a subscriber, avail himself forthwith of the offer made by THE GUIDE through the secretary of his local; and also that secretaries of all locals of the organized farmers do canvas their respective districts for subscribers; also that the name of the local which heads the list shall be published each week in THE GUIDE. In this way we will increase the circulation to such enormous magnitude that the government will have to sit up and take notice of the demands of the organized farmers of Western Canada."

Kingman.

JAMES FLETCHER, Sec.

nations tax our goods upon entering their country. The consumer there must pay the tax.

"Likewise, we farmers must pay the bill if foreigners pay a tax on goods coming to Canada. Not only is this so but we must pay the advanced price, made possible by duty tax on foreign goods, of our local manufacturers. We are in need of manufactured articles, machinery, etc., and do not propose to pay enormous prices to our home manufacturers for the same when they can be manufactured for very much less than half the retail price. We are the producers fundamentally of all wealth, without our products all other products are worthless, hence we should be provided with the means of production at a minimum cost, that we in turn may be able to produce more and sell at the minimum cost.

"We do not propose to build up in Canada several strong capitalistic monopolies which can say again, as one firm advertised at the Chicago World's Fair, "The largest manufacturers of farm-implements under the British flag," and as our government policy is supposed to be the greatest good to the greatest number, therefore, as the farmers of Canada greatly outnumber all other classes of workmen we demand our rights, and that the tariff be abolished.

"Furthermore, we quite cheerfully agree that all revenue now derived from customs tax directly assessed against all property.

"We wish to remind the Dominion government and its present leader, the

Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, that the same came into power proclaiming the injustice of customs taxes for revenue only and that since then we find a practical unanimity of Liberal and Conservative M. P.'s in a protectionist policy, which is certainly inconsistent with the avowed principles of the premier previous to the success of his party at the polls.

"We, therefore, call upon him to not only grant what he and his party previously promised, but to remove entirely this unjust burden from the most worthy, respectable, industrious and by far the largest class of supposedly free citizens of Canada."

After this resolution had been adopted other matters were taken up and the following resolution also received the unanimous approval of the members present: "That, this meeting strongly condemns the idea of the government setting aside any land for leasing for ranching purposes."

ROBERT C. YOUNG, Sec.

Millet.

STILL ADDING MEMBERS

A very well attended meeting of Queens-town Union was held on June 4th, and eight new members were added to our local. The business before the meeting consisted of estimates for twine and arrangements are being made to secure twine at reduced rates by buying together. A committee was appointed to investigate whether machinery can be purchased in large lots and at a reduced price. Arrangements have now been com-

pleted for the annual picnic on July 4th, and with a speaker furnished from the head office we expect to have a splendid time.

J. GLAINBECK, Sec.

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ONLY MEMBERS TO BENEFIT

We had quite a good show of members and a large number of outsiders present at our last meeting of Clarkville Union. A committee was appointed to obtain binder twine for the members of the union and these gentlemen will get busy right away, in order to be prepared for harvest time. Owing to the fact that some of the farmers had the idea that we were trying to run the local store prices down, it was found necessary to adopt the following by-law: "That any goods bought through the union shall not be sold to outsiders for less than ordinary local store prices." After the business had been completed we adjourned and had a most enjoyable program of songs and recitations.

SIDNEY JONES, Sec.

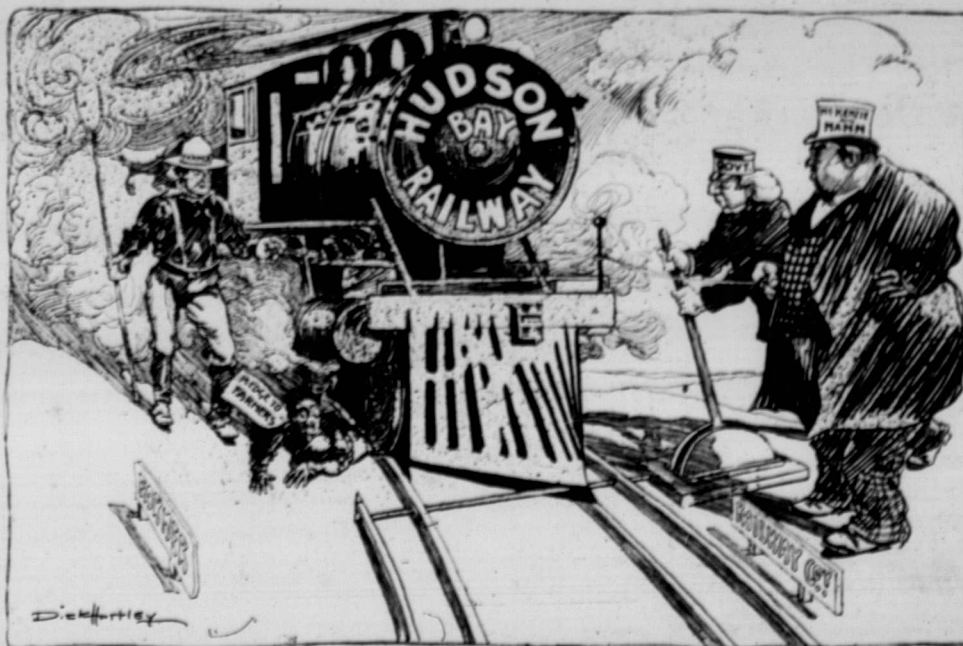
Clarkville.

CUMBERLAND TO THE FRONT

At the last meeting of Cumberland Union the secretary received instructions to thank the general secretary for his visit to the union, the meeting addressed by him being the best attended gathering ever held in our school house. Another pork packing plant agreement form was secured, and as the general secretary secured quite a number while here there are not many left, but anyhow we are still working to get some more. As regards the terminal elevators, a resolution was passed in favor of government ownership, controlled and operated by a non-party commission. This union is strongly in favor of the Tofield resolution in the matter of internal elevators. Everyone was in sympathy with the precautions taken regarding the passage of the co-operative bill at the next session. As the busiest time of the year is now ahead of us the interest in this union will likely be laid aside for a while, but when long evenings start again we shall be on hand and intend to have a debating club in connection with our union.

K. E. SWALLING, Sec.

Gaetz Valley.



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