investigate this matter, the members selected for this office being D. Buckingham, A. Sheaser and R. Price and they will endeavor to have their report ready for the next meeting.

In regard to the U. F. A. picnic, no reply having been received from President Bower as to whether he could conveniently be present to speak, it was decided on motion of A. Sheaser and R. Ward that the secretary again write to that gentleman and also to E. J. Fream, the secretary of the central organization, to ascertain whether it would not be possible to get both of them to address the gathering which it is intended to make a monster one. The matter will be fully dealt with at the next meeting, Saturday, June 4.

Quite a number of labor bureau forms were distributed, and any member wishing to secure help for haying or harvest should get his application in early. Forms can be had from the secretary. The formaldehyde supply was referred to and the secretary instructed to write A. Cochrane asking him to arrange full details as to how the matter stood for the next meeting. A resolution forwarded by Roseview Union, touching the Hudson Bay railway, was tabled on motion of D. Buckingham and B. Ward. An interesting description of the working of the Candyke plow which is being manufactured in Red Deer, was given by Mr. Buckingham, and the president stated he was aware of about six or eight different farmers who would certainly take one of these plows if they could be assured that the implement would do all that was claimed for it. He suggested that the secretary should communicate with the company to see whether they would be willing to send an expert to Stettler with one of the plows, and give a practical demonstration of its working.

The amount of twine ordered at the meeting was in the neighborhood of 18,000 pounds, but as this only represented a small proportion of the members it is hoped that the balance will place their orders with the secretary without delay, as it is necessary for the contractors to know the total quantity required so that they can make their arrangements accordingly. The president, before closing the meeting, made a very strong and eloquent appeal to all members of the U. F. A. to support the Stettler District Agricultural Society by becoming members. The fee is one dollar for the year and entitles each member, with his family, to free admission to the fair ground on fair days. He further stated that the contract for the erection of the buildings on the fair grounds had that day been let, and if the farmers would give the society the support it deserves our fair this year will be a gigantic success. The prize lists are out and the premiums offered are larger than last year and he felt it was the duty of each and every farmer to not only become a member but to make up his mind to have some exhibits at the fair. It is to be regretted that owing to the lateness of the hour the meeting had dwindled to a very small number, but almost every member present joined the society.

H. A. STEELE, Sec.

Stettler.

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A SUCCESSFUL MEETING

A meeting of the farmers of the Pincher Creek district was held in the Opera House on Saturday afternoon, May 21st, the hall being well filled to meet W. J. Tregillus, vice-president of the U. F. A., and T. Swift, the Calgary manager of the Grain Growers' Grain Company. The object of this special meeting of Pincher Creek Union was to increase the number of its members and to show the farmers the benefits of organization and co-operation.

W. J. Tregillus was the first speaker and pointed out the fact that the farmers were the most important members of society because they provided the food for the balance who were only consumers. They were the foundation and mainspring of all industrial activity, the keystone of Alberta's prosperity, the very heartbeat of our future destiny. Their calling was most ancient. The first man, Adam, was a farmer. It was the most honest, most honorable, most healthy and most important of professions. Mother Earth was the greatest store house of all things, she has enclosed within her crested walls the raw material for everything within the imagination of the human mind. The man who tills the soil is the man through whom the national loaf flows from the soil to the consumer. If the farmer was to cease business everything would have to stop, every other industry depended upon the farmer yet no individual was so exploited as the farmer, and the only way to solve the problems confronting them was by organization and by co-operation. The organized moneyed interests working against the farmers could not be fought single handed. In olden times men fought single handed, that would be useless now. Later in clans and tribes, that also would be useless in our day. Now every civilized nation has a perfectly organized and trained army that works with the same precision as the mechanism of a watch, and that is the kind of organization we want if we are to get what belongs to us. Mr. Tregillus went on to show what had been and what could be accomplished by co-operation, and exhorted every farmer present to join the union and after joining to pay the greatest possible attention to three things, to the business end of his calling, to the educational part and to the social, giving illustrations to show what could be accomplished.

Mr. T. L. Swift, of the Grain Growers' Grain Company, was the next speaker, and spoke on the shipping of grain, describing fully how wheat was graded into and out of the terminal elevators, showing that although a large proportion of low grade wheat was graded into the privately owned terminal yet by some double barrelled miracle they were able to have graded out of the terminals (according to the warehouse commissioner's report) 606,000 more bushels of No. 1 Northern wheat than was put into it, while a corresponding quantity of low grade wheat was spirited away. Mr. Swift pointed out the great benefit and protection to the grain producers of the West which would be derived by a system of government owned elevators, where the operators would have no interest in the grades or weights but would take in and forward the farmers' grain, and preserve the identity of the grain so that it would reach the world's market in a proper condition and have a fair chance in competition with the products of the grain growing countries of the world. He also stated that for a long time the Grain Growers had suspected that a system of mixing had been carried on at the terminals. Now, Mr. Castle's report confirmed this, and as it is strictly contrary to the Manitoba Grain Act we are now waiting to see what action the department will take.

Mr. Swift then reviewed in minute detail the particulars of the fining of elevators by Police Magistrate Daly at Winnipeg, when a penalty of $5,550.00 was imposed, explaining that this amount, which was considered large, was in reality but a trifle, and the mixing of one lot would easily make that up and leave a nice little balance to buy smokes for the boys besides. Mr. Swift then showed the benefits of organization by explaining what had been accomplished by the Grain Growers of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and later what the Grain Growers' Grain Company had done towards the marketing of grain, when the receipt of grain had doubled each year since the company started, and the season just now about closed shows sixteen million bushels handled by the company. A record such as that shows that a farmers' company has made good, that it enjoys the confidence not only of the members of the company but also of the grain producers generally. The fight has been a hard one and is not by any means over. He enjoined those present to get into the firing line, and swell the ranks of the U. F. A. who were putting up a good fight, and that it would be difficult to estimate what may be accomplished (towards the improving of the condition) when the farmers realize their power in that new strength which can only be brought about by organization and co-operation.

Mr. Swift concluded by telling a few good stories to illustrate the benefit of serious thought and consistency on the part of the members of the U. F. A.

Mr. John Herron, M.P., also addressed the meeting, stating that as a farmer his sympathies were naturally with agriculture and he was anxious to do whatever laid in his power to further the agricultural interests of the province. The meeting was then thrown open for discussion which became general, and as a result of the meeting the membership of Pincher Creek Union was more than doubled, which was most encouraging to the officers present, Mr. A. Pelletier, president, and Mr. R. Henderson, secretary.

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INFORMATION WANTED

I have received a request for information relating to "July" or "Sixty Day" oats. If any reader of THE GUIDE has raised these oats I should take it as a favor if he would kindly give me the result of his experiment, giving the yield per acre, and the length of time these oats take to ripen.

E. J. FREAM.

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OKOTOKS RAPIDLY ADVANCING

Over fifty farmers attended the second organization meeting of Okotoks Union held on May 14th and twenty-five new members joined the union, making a total membership to start out with of fifty. It was unanimously decided to proceed with the election of permanent officers for the Union, the result being as follows:

President, Harold Banister, Davisburg; vice-president, Albert Snider, Aldersyde; secretary-treasurer, P. P. Woodbridge, Okotoks. Ten directors were also elected. Much discussion ensued in regard to markets, hail insurance, pork packing plant, etc., and the full discussion of same was postponed till the next meeting.

A resolution supporting the action of the Central Association in protesting against private companies soliciting hail insurance was carried unanimously.

P. P. WOODBRIDGE, Sec.

Okotoks.

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COMBINE IS AT WORK

The regular meeting of Innisfree Union was held on May 14th, and after the minutes of the previous two meetings has been adopted the president read a letter which he had received from our member at Ottawa, W. H. White. Our member stated he had supported the co-operative bills in the house as we had asked him to do in our letters to him. Chas. Johnson, of Ranfurly Union, was present and extended to us a cordial invitation to be present at the Ranfurly picnic to be held in July.

The purchase of binder twine was taken up, and prices were quoted from The Farmers' Binder Twine Co., of Brantford, the T. Eaton Co., of Winnipeg, and our local merchants. In the middle of the discussion A. Barber came in and informed the meeting that George East, agent for the International, had just told him that if we were going to get twine we had better get enough, **as those who got twine from the Farmers' Company would get none from him.** After a lot of discussion no definite arrangement could be arrived at and John Newberry moved, seconded by E. Swift, that each man buy his own twine to the best advantage. This was amended by L. T. Nobes and seconded by Barber, that the binder twine business be laid on the table indefinitely. The amendment was carried. John Newberry gave us an interesting talk on the hired help problem. It is with many feelings of regret that we report the illness of F. J. Marshall, our local lumber merchant, and one of our members. At present he is in the Edmonton hospital where we understand he has undergone a surgical operation. We all hope for his speedy recovery.

There has been a good soaking rain in this district, not hard, but steady, and the crops have just jumped.

LEONARD T. NOBES, Sec.

Innisfree.

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TOO GOOD A MARKET AT PRESENT

The meeting of Cumberland Union held on May 18th was not quite so successful as was expected. It was raining the biggest part of the day and that evidently kept the members at home. James McKay was appointed chairman, and there were a number of things up for discussion. First of all was the pork packing plant, an offer of binder twine received from Red Deer, and whether it was advisable to get a cream tester or not for the members. Nothing definite was decided and we left the matter over till our next meeting to which we are agreed that we will get all our members and some more out, if possible. Four new members were added to the force, Messrs. George Lund, Leon Lepers, C. M. Guynup. Several more promised to join and we hope to have them at our next meeting. As regards the pork packing plant it seems to be a hard job to secure signatures. It seems to be an unsuitable time at present, as the demand is larger than the supply, and therefore, some seem to think it would be better not to commit themselves at present. I hope to have quite a few contracts signed up before the next meeting.

K. EM. SWALLING, Sec.

Gaetz Valley.

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MEMBERSHIP INCREASING

The Queenstown Local Union held a very well attended meeting in the Pioneer school house on Saturday evening, May 7. Several new members were added and our membership roll now contains 27 names. All members were instructed to bring their estimate for binder twine needed to the next meeting, and an effort will then be made to purchase twine as cheaply as possible. It was decided to hold a picnic at the Bow River, near the ferry, on July 4, and the secretary was instructed to write Mr. W. J. Tregillus or to get some other prominent speaker to address the meeting. The Gleichen Union will also be invited to participate and a great effort will be made to increase the membership of this union.

J. GLAINBECK, Sec.

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ENDORSES THE EXECUTIVE

At the regular meeting of Grainland Union, held on May 14, it was decided to hold the regular meeting of the union monthly during the busy season, instead of fortnightly as in the past, and the second Saturday of the month was chosen for the meeting day. A resolution was passed endorsing the stand of the executive in protesting against private insurance companies being granted power to transact a hail insurance business. A resolution was also passed protesting against the government subsidising schemes of private companies or individuals to build railroads, but that all railroads should be constructed and owned by the government.

Messrs. F. E. Mitchell, James Hill and P. T. Sharpe were appointed a committee to undertake organization work in this vicinity.

W. E. HASKELL, Sec.

Grainland.

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ANOTHER UNION ORGANIZED

A strong Union of the U. F. A. has been organized at Sundial, under the name of Kasimir Union, with D. R. Easter, of Rosemead, as president, and W. E. Pate, of Rosemead, as secretary-treasurer. The Union was organized by Mr. Wm. Isaac, of Keho Union, one of the enthusiastic members of the U. F. A. in Southern Alberta. Kasimir Union starts out with a membership of eleven. This would have been considerably increased but for the fact that the organization meeting was held on a very stormy day and many were of the idea that Mr. Isaac would be unable to attend. But, braving the elements, he was there and found those waiting for him greatly interested in the work and enthusiastic for the future.

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PORK PACKING PLANT DISCUSSED

At the last regular meeting of the Red Deer Union the discussion on the pork packing plant was rather heated, the members fearing that this question was being sidetracked. A letter was read from H. Jamieson, who was unable to be present, suggesting organizing and holding a series of meetings for the purpose of bringing the question before the farmers, and circulating the agreements for signature. The following resolution was carried unanimously:

Moved by Jas. Speirs, seconded by Capt. Keast: "That, whereas, it has been brought to the notice of this union that very little headway has been made in the canvass of the province for hogs for the pork packing plant and that very few of the districts where hogs have been

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