



# ALBERTA SECTION

This Section of The Guide is conducted officially for the United Farmers of Alberta, by Edward J. Fream, Secretary, Calgary, Alta.

## FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Permit me to express a few words re an article that appeared in The Guide of June 21 under "For the Good of the Order," and dealing with what members ought to be admitted to the union. The question has come up several times in our local union, and often caused expression of diverse opinions, some holding the strictly conservative or more literary interpretation of the United Farmers of Alberta—as being a union only, and solely for the farmers—while others again put a more liberal or broader interpretation on the name, and amongst these I wish to class myself. To me it appeals as a union for the better advancement of equity in farming industry and for the betterment of conditions between consumers and producers, and as such should be open to all who are in sympathy with the movement, whether they be farmers, laborers, business or professional men, providing the personal character of the applicants and their moral standing compares favorably.

Class distinction is bad always, and in social movements very bad policy indeed, as it of necessity raises antagonistic sentiments where otherwise sympathy with the social reforms wished for might be expected.

Personally I think it would be wise to admit any good citizen, provided a local has no doubt as to his motive of joining. By this I mean that the applicant should wish to join because he wishes to see equity enforced and not because of any private reason of catching trade or other similar advantages. The latter should, I think, be most certainly barred, as should those who might be thought to join with the intention of acting as spies for the manufacturing interests or other interests avowedly in opposition to our unions.

So many questions are involved in our forward movement that it seems a pity to exclude any one who is interested, and if we can gain for members such as have been fortunate enough to have had the advantage of more liberal education than many who are following farming as an occupation, it seems to me bad policy not to take advantage of the opportunity.

Our union in its executive, practice both the initiative and the referendum in its administrative capacity at the convention, so that no serious or even any danger should be occasioned by allowing all who are worthy to become members.

N. H. NATHORST.

(This letter follows up the subject of qualification of membership, and should result in a good discussion on this most important subject. I hope that others will not be backward in expressing their views.—E.J.F.)

## WHAT THE UNIONS ARE DOING

There was a well attended meeting of Red Willow Union, Saturday, June 10. The twine question was disposed of by accepting the offer of a local dealer to supply from 10,000 from 12,000 pounds to the members at reduced prices, with no obligations in case of crop failure. In view of the visit of Mr. Borden to Alberta, the following resolution was passed without a dissenting vote: "Be it resolved that we, the members of Red Willow Union heartily endorse the reciprocity pact now before the House of Parliament at Ottawa, and further that we endorse in its entirety the platform as laid down at the Ottawa convention, and ratified by the associations affiliated with the Canadian Council of Agriculture. Arrangements were also made for a number of our members to go to Lacombe and meet Mr. Borden on behalf of the members of the U.F.A. in this district.

T. C. BARRETT, Sec'y, Red Willow, Alta.

At the last regular meeting of Stettler Union the following resolution was adopted and forwarded to Mr. R. L.

Borden: We, the members of the Stettler branch of the U.F.A., are heartily in accord with the platform laid down by the delegation at the Ottawa convention on December 16, 1910, and do further reaffirm all the principles laid down by that delegation, and will meet Mr. Borden at the polls on these questions. In regard to the suggestion for U.F.A. calendars, we approve of same, and will take a supply if they are ordered. We purpose holding a picnic this year, and invite all neighboring unions to cooperate with us and should be glad to receive from them suggestions as to the most suitable time and place.

H. A. STEELE, Sec'y.

Stettler, Alta.

The last meeting of Altavado Union was a huge success. W. S. Henry, of Fertile Plains Union, was present, and gave a splendid address on the work of the association, and besides this a short programme and refreshments were furnished. The result of the meeting was an addition of twenty-eight new mem-

## PROMINENT U.F.A. MEMBERS



S. STEVENSON

S. Stevenson, of Lilloo, Alta., is secretary-treasurer of Wolf Creek Union of the U.F.A. Mr. Stevenson was born on a farm in the province of Quebec. Later he taught school for a time and then kept a general store in his native village. For a number of years he was employed by the N.Y., N.H. & H. and L.S. & M.S. Railway systems as agent and operator at responsible points. The lure of the West caught him and his wife when on a Ticket Agents' Association trip to the West in 1907. His family are with him in the West.

bers to our list, making fifty-two in all to date. We also had a discussion in regard to the Local Improvement Act, but by mutual consent this was laid over till the next meeting. It was decided that we should make out a report of all the land under cultivation within an area of about twenty townships and send same to Mr. Magrath, M.P. We purpose ordering fence posts in carload lots at the next meeting.

H. McKENZIE, Sec'y, Altavado, Alta.

Owing to the inclement weather the important business which should have been transacted at the May meeting of Three Hills Union was laid over till the next meeting. Co-operation germs are getting in the work at Three Hills and I venture to state that when we get railway facilities much will be done along that line. The question of securing a car of binder twine was brought up and a committee appointed to secure orders. This committee was also instructed to canvass the district for hogs for the pork packing plant. The membership contest, which was inaugurated in April, closed with a total of 72 applicants. R. J. Rollis piloted the Blues to victory. The plan adopted in our membership contest is that of choosing two of the most energetic members as captains of the teams, which are designated

as the Reds and Blues, Neversweats and Busters, or any such appropriate names. The members are numbered on the roll as received, and the secretary attends to this part of the work. The one captain takes the odd numbers and the other the even, and then each side strives to obtain the greater number of applications, the losing side furnishing an entertainment of some description for the whole union. In our first contest the losers decided as their payment a large picnic, and this will be held on July 15 next.

T. G. McKAY, Sec'y, Three Hills, Alta.

At the last meeting of Rose View Union it was decided that the proposal for calendars was a good one and that fifty would be required for the members of this union. A discussion on the pound and herd laws was held and it was decided to get copies of the ordinance so as to get fuller particulars. We are in favor of the plan proposed by Brunetta Union for the eradication of weeds, and we are in favor of the U.F.A. being kept for farmers only. In place of a homesteader having to build two houses if he has taken up any veteran's scrip, we think the duties could be successfully completed if he were compelled to break not less than one hundred acres of land. The action of the Edmonton Board of Trade in regard to the negro immigration problem was heartily endorsed and it was suggested that the central should take some action in the matter. The question of roads was then taken up and it was felt that we had been neglected in the matter. A strong resolution dealing with the subject was adopted and ordered to be sent to the minister of public works and to our local member. We have decided to advertise in The Guide for tenders for binder twine required by our members. A picnic will be held some time in July and the secretary received instructions to invite Rawdonville and Ghost Pine to join us.

L. B. HART, Sec'y, Carbon, Alta.

The second meeting of Glencoe Union was held at Minot school house when, in addition to the twenty-two members received at the first meeting, fifteen more were added to the roll, four of whom were transferred from Castor Union. Our next meeting will be held at Knob Hill school house when we expect to reach a membership of fifty. As discussions on the advantages of the Association have taken up most of the time so far we have not yet got down to real business, but as ninety-five per cent of the farmers present at each of our meetings have become members, no doubt the balance will come into line later. Our president, T. L. Lind, who spent many years in Manitoba, knows from experience the advantages gained there. He is well versed and at each meeting gave the audience many examples of the good work done by the Association in that province.

J. F. KELLY, Sec'y, Lindville, Alta.

Once more the outposts of the province have set the example to the newer settled districts. This time the farmers of Redlow, Grand Prairie, situated in township 72, range 10, west of the sixth meridian, have decided to organize and have become affiliated as a local union of the U. F. A., under the number of 299. The first officers elected are, I. E. Gaudin, president, and D. C. Cranston, secretary, both of Redlow, and this far out union starts with a membership of nineteen.

At the last meeting of Brunetta Union it was decided that as our vice president, G. F. Armstrong, was unable to attend for several consecutive meetings and he would be unable to attend regularly for some time to come, W. H. Smith should be elected vice-president in his place. As our secretary-treasurer, A. C. Galbraith, had to resign on account of taking a position as travelling agent for a machine company, H. E. Hallwright was elected in his place. We are arranging for a big

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picnic and social on July 1, and the energy and enthusiasm with which the members are doing their part augurs well for a successful gathering. We are also framing a resolution endorsing the action taken in barring out the negro population. We have ordered a carload of fence posts and will be sending in another order in a few days. The crops around this part of the country are promising and we are expecting a successful harvest, even if there are no more rains before that time.

Cornucopia Union now has a membership of fifty-two and we have not reached our limit yet. At our meeting held on May 27 we unanimously endorsed the sentiments of the Edmonton Board of Trade in regard to negro immigration, and at the next meeting will go into this matter to a fuller extent.

D. C. MILLER, Sec'y, Leo, Alta.

The monthly meeting of Amisk Valley Union was held on May 27, there being a fair attendance of members of which we now have 59 upon our roll. Not bad for three months' work. We are in favor of the plan to secure association calendars; in fact one of our members had a similar proposition to bring forward. Arrangements are being made for a picnic and sports on July 1st next, and we are now securing estimates of crop, etc., so that if possible we can have a station agent established here.

JOHN DAVIDSON, Sec'y, Amisk, Alta.

At the April meeting of East Clover Bar Union the principle subject discussed was that of negro immigration, which it was strongly felt should be stopped without delay. The action of the Edmonton Board of Trade in taking up the matter with the government was endorsed and a resolution was unanimously adopted and ordered to be sent to the premier and the minister of the interior asking that the further influx of negroes be prevented and that such as are already here be confined to areas from which the white settlers be removed. The scheme of the Strathmore Union for compulsory hail insurance was discussed, but the meeting declined to endorse it.

W. J. JACKMAN, Sec'y, East Clover Bar, Alta.

At the last regular meeting of Stretton Union the resolution of Strathmore Union, relating to hail insurance, was endorsed. The district will be canvassed for the supply of hogs for the pork packing plant. A resolution was also passed in favor of a district convention being held, and that the district director be asked to arrange place and date of convention as early as convenient.

WM. ASHWORTH, Sec'y, Kitscoty, Alta.

At the regular meeting of Lone Star Union, held on June 3, the subjects of pound and herd law were up for discussion and it was decided to suggest that something along the line of the North Dakota herd law be adopted. There every person looks after his own cattle and in case of damage done three appraisers are appointed to decide upon the amount of indemnity which shall be paid. This law worked satisfactorily there.

JOHN B. HURSH, Sec'y, Taber, Alta.

A local union of the U. F. A. has been organized at Ribstone, and there is every prospect of it becoming a good strong branch at an early date.

W. A. BROOKES, Sec'y, Ribstone, Alta.

## Borden at Mo

Previous to which was held evening of the 2 delegation of Grai placed their view those present repi wan Grain Gro Hon. Pres. E. N Maharg, Vice-Pi Mr. H. Dorrell associations sec leader of the Opp of Red Lake G delegation and president to add Hopkins' remark: "Allow me, Mr. Grain Growers of

to you greetings, brief visit among one. I am sorry tary, Mr. Green, to join with us welcome to you, now preparing to memento called "Empire" to His George V., and passed through t our province an product growing bushels of wheat 10 per cent. of cultivation you this emblem is a one. Our assoc political. We a legislatures, and enactments, whi interest of the pr 450 sub-associati parts of the prov ings frequently, problems from th They pass resolu to our conven believe that whe our convention views of the maj ers of the provin tion a number o which our presi submit to you, a that you will gi sideration.

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