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# Alberta

This Section of The Guide is conducted officially for the United Farmers of Alberta by P. P. Woodbridge, Secretary, Calgary, Alberta

### BE ON YOUR GUARD

You know the old saying: "You can fool all the people some of the time, and some of the people all the time, but not all the people all the time." That has been heralded to such an extent that one would think even the most thick-headed man who could be secured for any purpose would know that it is useless to put up the fancy line of talk all the time, as he is bound to be found out.

After such an introduction it is as well to come down to brass tacks, which in this particular instance consist of a letter which has been received from a reliable farmer in one of the outlying districts of Alberta. He states, in part:

"As secretary of our local I am instructed to write you notifying you of the action of certain local implement dealers, who, as a means of combatting the new machine law, and to prevent the operation of same, are going around among the farmers with petitions appealing against the application of the Act. It has been represented to us that the implement dealers are using the indebtedness of the farmers as a lever for forcing signatures to their petitions and are obtaining large numbers of signatures by these means."

A little over two years ago, another body in the so-called effort to help the farmer, circulated petitions requesting the government to abolish the car distribution clauses of the Canada Grain Act and they nearly succeeded too, for the farmers signed these petitions by the thousand, and they were used to try and defeat the efforts of the representatives of the organized farmers at that time. Although the petitions referred to here have originated at another source and deal with a provincial matter only, still the same insidious method is being adopted and it behooves the farmers to be very watchful and to be on their guard when petitions are handed to them for signature. Instead of signing, how would it be to get hold of a copy of the petition and send it in to the Central office, when it could be printed in The Guide and the whole plan exposed?

The machinery legislation passed at the last session of the legislature is necessary, and if the farmers watch their own interests no effort will be made to change the Act, unless, indeed, it be made more stringent, until such time as the machine companies come through with a contract which can be accepted by all sides as a fair and reasonable one. Then, perhaps, it will be as well to have the present legislation on the statute books of the province, even after that, as a guarantee of good faith. In the meantime, please do not sign any petition dealing with this matter as the chances are if the agents succeed in their plans, these petitions will be used to the detriment of the farmers of Alberta.

Acme Union sends in a very interesting report and, what is even better, a cheque for \$42, being part of the membership dues collected to date. \$12 also has been sent in from this union for one life member, which makes the second that has been received at this office this year. The secretary, in his report, states that the Acme Union has had thirteen cars of cedar posts, one car of flour and has two cars of wire on order. The union had also arranged for a big delegation of some 50 members to attend the District Convention at Carbon, and doubtless many went, in spite of the severe weather which prevailed at that time.

E. H. F. GENGE, Secretary.

### LAKESIDE UNION PICNIC

On June 3 a very successful picnic was held by the Lakeside Union No. 421 two miles east of Lacombe. The following excellent program had been drawn up for the day. A large crowd were in attendance and everyone agreed that the first picnic of the Lakeside Union was a great success. The program was as follows:

Addresses: 10.30 a.m.—P. P. Woodbridge, Prov. Sec., U. F. A., Calgary;

11.30 a.m.—Prof. G. H. Hutton, Lacombe Experimental Station. Dinner.

Sports of all kinds, for which events suitable purses were given to the winners in the juvenile classes.

Music, other amusements and refreshments to add to a jolly outing.

One or two additional items were inserted into the program. The married ladies engaged in a tug of war with the single ones, which resulted in a tie, as both sides kept up the tug until the limit allowed for the event was reached, neither side having gained so much as a single inch. The pie-eating contests, etc., also provoked much fun.

C. R. ABBOTT, Sec. Treas.

### ANNUAL PICNIC EDWELL UNION No. 53

This annual event was celebrated with great eclat on June 11 last, at the old Heppell place, kindly lent by Mr. Comer. Although the weather looked threatening, by one o'clock it turned into an ideal Alberta summer day. Members and their friends arrived in force, numbering about 300, amongst whom were noticed F. W. Archer, member for Innisfail, Dr. McEwen and other lesser celebrities. The competitors in the races were very numerous and enthusiastic (in one race no less than 18 competed) which testified to the popularity of the Edwell U. F. A. sports. The whole affair was carried out without a hitch, thanks to the able management and energy of the Sports Committee, consisting of Messrs. H. F. Day, H. Crocker, A. Gulliver, W. Pixley and A. Smith. The refreshment stalls carried on a roaring business and the supper table was loaded with good things contributed by members and others attending, and judging from the condition of the tables when quitting time came, appear to have been fully appreciated.

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The principal winners of the races were as under: 50 yards, boys under six, J. Richards; 50 yards, boys over six, J. Day; 100 yards boys' handicap, J. Thurston; 100 yards girls' handicap, E. Richards; 100 yards open, men's, C. Quinton; 100 yards ladies', B. Pye; quarter mile (married men), S. Wyndham; sack race, W. Towers; broad jump, Ted Day; pony race, F. Cragg; horse race, open to all, F. Cragg.

Then followed the football match between Edwell and Horn Hill, the latter winning the football given for this match. The baseball game was won by Edwell after an exciting time. It was late when the gathering broke up, everyone declaring that they had had a good time and that it had been the most successful picnic that the Edwell Union had ever given, and so say all of us. More power to the boys of Edwell U. F. A. Union.

F. J. POWELL, Secretary.

### LAKE THELMA PICNIC

Everybody came with a true picnic spirit to the basket picnic given by the U.F.A. at Lake Thelma, June 20. About 500 people from the surrounding country and towns were present to enjoy the races and sports in the afternoon, and in the evening merry folk of all ages enjoyed the music and dancing.

ROSE H. SHOWLER, Sec. Treas.

### Blasted Hopes

"Never mind," said the cheerful idiot to a friend who was down on his luck, "remember there's always one place where you can find money and sympathy."

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