

STRATHCONA UNION NO. 1

The regular meeting of Strathcona Union No. 1 was held in the Balaam Block, Strathcona, and most of the districts around were represented. The President took the chair at 3 p.m. and the afternoon proved too short to get through all the business on hand. The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted, after which the roll of 104 names were called, and the members present recorded.

Tenders from local and other dealers for the supply of binder twine and formalin were opened. J. J. McKenzie was awarded the binder twine order for 15,000 lbs. of Plymouth twine at 9½c. per lb., and J. W. Morris got the formalin order at 25c. per lb. Any farmers in the Strathcona district wishing to take advantage of prices on twine, or in fact to share in any of the many benefits of the U.F.A., may do so by sending in their names and the membership fee of one dollar to the Secretary, Richard Sheppard.

It is requested that all farmers having grain of any kind for sale will notify the Secretary at once, as the exporters are enquiring for supplies at good prices.

Letters were read dealing with pork packing plant, hail insurance, terminal and line elevators, entertainment, etc., and laid over till the next meeting.

RED DEER UNION NO. 82

President Bower presided at the last meeting and owing to the farmers being busy with seeding operations, there was a small attendance.

The President said he had interviewed Mr. Strong, Manager of the Alberta Pacific Elevator Co. regarding the question of gristing for farmers at the mill at Red Deer. Mr. Strong at first absolutely refused to entertain the proposition, but afterwards, when he understood it was only for local grinding, consented to consider the question. He was greatly pleased with the business at the present time, and if he could get a miller who could do gristing and at the same time attend to the other branches of the business he might do it. He would positively do nothing but custom work, but would do this work as well as a custom mill could do it. Mr. Strong would do gristing as cheap as other mills but the farmers must show interest in the scheme before the company would take it up.

On motion of Messrs. Hargrave and Jenkins the Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Strong assuring him of the support of the Union in the event of his company introducing gristing machinery in their mill at Red Deer.

Mr. McBlain spoke of his steers which he had just sold. They were four years old, averaged 1460 pounds and brought 4½ cents a pound. Thus he got \$65.70 each for his steers, which ought to satisfy any farmer.

The President said he had been offered 40 cents a bushel for his oats. He also drew attention to the draft agreement sent out by the Live Stock Commissioner for farmers to sign as a guarantee for the packing plant. He thought the agreement should be modified as in the proposed form it was too strong to suit the farmer.

Mr. Jamieson and Mr. McKinnon also opposed the signing of the agreement and moved a resolution that in the opinion of the Red Deer Union the U.F.A. guarantee, which the members have signed, meets the reasonable assurance of hogs asked for in the report of the Pork Commission, but believe also that the provincial executive of the U.F.A. should wait upon the Government to draft an agreement between the Government and the farmers which should be satisfactory to the executive and the Department of Agriculture.

STETTLER UNION NO. 89

There was a small attendance at the last regular meeting of Stettler Union. Mr. W. F. Stevens, Live Stock Commissioner, was expected to be present, but as he did not arrive the President, Mr. T. H. Adair, addressed the meeting as follows:

"As Mr. Stevens has failed to arrive, we will have to conduct this meeting without him, but we regret very much his inability to be present as we feel he would have been able to give us some very valuable information on the subjects on which we are to deal. There is one thing I wish to bring before the meeting today; that is, the opening of the bids for twine."

After some lively discussion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Sheaser, McKinney and Adair was appointed to go before the local men, examine their twine and prices and bring in a full report at the next meeting.

The following resolution was drafted and ordered to be forwarded to the Telephone Department of the Government:

The Stettler branch of the U.F.A. desires to express their appreciation of the prompt action you have taken in granting the petitions for the farmers' telephone line to Red Willow and Wall Lake, and we trust the Department will continue to extend these lines as fast as the farmers and country demands.

It was decided to request the editor of the Stettler Independent to have a representative present at the meetings of the Union so that same will be fully reported.

After some discussion relative to the advisability of having two or more members of the U.F.A. as members of the Board of Trade to represent the farming districts of the country, Dr. Staples, President of the Board of Trade, addressed the meeting and stated the Board would be only too glad to have the U.F.A. represented. He recommended the appointment of same.

It was decided that the President appoint three members of the U.F.A., one from the East, one from the South, and one from the North of town, to represent the farmers on the Board of Trade.

It was decided to take up with the Warehouse Commissioner the question of remodelling and enlarging the loading platform at the depot so that it can be utilized by farmers wishing to load or unload cars.

The question of a Fall Fair was discussed at some length and it was decided that it was time to get busy and make arrangements for same. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for a picnic, the proceeds to go towards premiums for the fair.

A prominent United States Senator, when challenged by a colleague as to a vote recently given on the tariff question, if scores of his constituents had not written him requesting him to support the changes in the tariff, naively replied, "Yes," but the writers of those letters had never attended a primary of the party.

J. I. Case Plow Company After Canadian Business

The J. I. Case Plow Company of Racine, Wis., have just arranged with the Harmer Implement Co., of Winnipeg, to handle their line of plows, harrows, and other tillage implements in Western Canada. These goods are well and favorably known in this territory, having been handled for a number of years by the Balfour Implement Co. prior to that company going into liquidation in 1907. Mr. R. C. Anderson, Secretary of the J. I. Case Plow Co., was in the city for a few days recently arranging the new agency.