

are allowed, and whereas a great number of settlers who were unfortunate enough to adjoin school lands in these districts are left to make a living as best they can on one quarter section, and do not enjoy the privilege of obtaining a half section of land, as do their more fortunate neighbors, although being otherwise fully entitled to this privilege. This union is therefore of opinion that some provision should be made for those who are adjoining school lands and have no pre-emptions, and we would suggest that the government throw open said school lands for pre-emption by those adjoining same, and that a district be set aside en bloc by the government in some unsettled part of the country to take the place of said school lands thus distributed and this union is of the opinion that any lands thus set aside by the government would in a very short time become as valuable and marketable as those that would be opened up for the benefit of the farmers who have no pre-emptions because they are adjoining school lands, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the other unions and they be requested to take this matter up with their different parliamentary representatives to allay the discontent existing among the unfortunate who have no redress, except by our members in the west taking up the matter on their behalf."

For instance, take the C.P.R. irrigation lands directly south of the Knee Hill district, the school sections in that particular block were transferred north of the north line of township 28, making, in some instances, as many as four and five school sections in one township. This we consider is very unfair and think the state of affairs should be remedied.

ROBERT S. SHAW, Sec.

A HAIL INSURANCE RESOLUTION

At the last meeting of Clover Bar Union the following resolution was adopted and it was decided to forward same to the executive committee, to be considered by them when framing the hail insurance resolution to be submitted to the government.

"Resolved, that we, the Clover Bar Union, re-affirm our former resolution in support of resolution No. 8.

"And be it further resolved that we prefer optional in preference to compulsory hail insurance and we believe that seventy per cent. of an average crop should be the maximum insurance, and we would further suggest that four dollars be the maximum when the farmer retains the crop. But providing the insurance exceeds four dollars the government shall then take possession of said crop until about ten days before time of harvest, when they shall sell said crop by public auction to the highest bidder and the proceeds shall be used to re-imburse the premium fund, but the party insured shall protect the said crop from damages by stock, and the purchaser shall have permission to harvest, thresh and remove said crop from the land within a reasonable time. And be it further provided that if in the judgment of the adjuster the crop has not been up to the average, or injured from any other cause, the same shall be taken into account at time of settlement and we further believe that no insurance should exceed eight dollars per acre."

E. KEITH, Sec.

CUMBERLAND SECURING CONTRACTS

The members of Cumberland Union have the pork packing agreements distributed among the neighbors and expect them to be returned on the eighteenth of May, when they will be forwarded to the general secretary immediately. In the meantime, four contracts, aggregating forty hogs per annum, have been completed and forwarded to the live stock commissioner.

SHOULD JOIN TOGETHER

In discussing the binder twine question at the last meeting of Lowden Lake Union, it was thought that a better price could be procured on same if all the unions in the province joined together and purchased the twine required direct from the manufacturers. We would like the matter to be taken in time for another year and see if some such arrangement could not be arrived at.

J. H. BRADLEY, Sec.

WILL FORM CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY

At the regular meeting of Robert Kerr Union, held on April 23rd, the following resolutions were adopted:

"That the pork packing agreement be laid over till the next meeting.

"That all hail insurance plans be submitted to the executive and let them say what further steps shall be taken.

"That the labor question be held over for one month.

"That we endorse the action of the executive in regard to the private hail insurance companies.

"That we endorse the action of Rose View Union on the Hudson Bay railway question.

"That all members subscribe for the Guide."

A movement has been started to form a co-operative company and 65 farmers have already signed the provisional agreement, which is as follows:

"We, the undersigned, hereby endorse the scheme of the company that is about to be formed for the purpose of handling our hay, finding markets, shipping, warehousing, sorting and collecting for same, and agree to sign the proper papers incorporating such company when presented to us. This company to be formed shall be for the mutual benefit of the shareholders as outlined above, and also enable the shareholders to buy their provisions, lumber or any other article that the directors may see fit, at wholesale prices. The intention of the company is for each farmer to take one share only, the amount of the share to be determined at a general meeting which will be held at Pincher Creek at an early date.

D. JAMES, Sec.

JOHN KNOX ENDORSES RESOLUTIONS

At the regular meeting of John Knox Union the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Moved by Messrs. Peterson and Krause, "We most strongly recommend that the legislature do not give any individual company the privilege of doing hail insurance business in Alberta."

Moved by Messrs. Lahl and Kladihm, "That we adopt the resolution of Rose View Union, and that all unions of the U. F. A. join in protesting that no more land grants or subsidies be granted to any schemes by private companies or individuals, but that in the future all railroads be constructed and owned by the government."

OTTO SCHOENING, Sec.

PROTECT THE BEAVER

The regular meeting of Lake View Union was held on April 23, there being a good attendance of members.

On motion of Messrs. Quinlan and McNeice a resolution was adopted strongly protesting against the destruction of the Beaver dam on Pine Creek, and the secretary was instructed to correspond with the game guardian for the district and also with the R. N. W. M. P. on the matter. Any party that can furnish information on the matter is requested to communicate with the secretary, and same will be thankfully received.

The pork packing agreement was discussed and the secretary instructed to correspond with the general secretary, pointing out that this union considers that the clause binding the farmer to supply all the hogs he raises, over and above the number he guarantees, is too binding, and the union is of the opinion that there would be no trouble in getting the 50,000 hogs necessary for the establishment of the plant if the farmer had to supply the number he guaranteed only, and no more except at his own option. A great many farmers would sign for a specified number but would not bind themselves to deliver all they raised. It was thought that most of the farmers would sign for from 10 to 20 hogs each to get the plant started.

The tenders for binder twine was laid over until the next meeting.

It was decided that the regular meetings of the union should be held on the first Saturday in each month.

A. R. STEWART, Sec.

WILL SECURE SIGNATURES

East Lynn Union held its regular meeting on April 21st, there being a good attendance of members. Official Circular No. 3, was discussed and the action of

the executive in the matter of hail insurance was endorsed.

The pork packing plant came up for discussion, with the result that the secretary received instructions to write for fifty agreement forms, and East Lynne Union will endeavor to get every one of them filled in.

JAMES KENNEDY, Sec.

ARRANGING FOR PICNIC

We contemplate holding a monster U.F.A. picnic about the latter part of June, in which the unions in the neighborhood of Stettler will take part, and we hope to secure the assistance of some outside speakers to make the picnic more successful. Fuller details will be given later.

Thirteen pork packing agreements were forwarded to the general secretary, guaranteeing the supply of 153 hogs per annum.

H. A. STEELE, Sec.

CELEBRATE EMPIRE DAY

The regular monthly meeting of Valley District Union was held on April 30th, there being a good attendance. Seven new members joined and this brings our membership up to 27 and there are still a good number that we expect to bring in.

With regard to the question of hail insurance, this union is in favor of the whole matter being left to the executive for them to try and draw up some plan which will be acceptable to the majority.

Our union also desires to endorse the action of the executive in protesting against legislation allowing private companies to solicit hail insurance in the province.

I was instructed to write the minister of railways in support of the resolution of Rose View Union in regard to the construction of the Hudson Bay railway.

Our union would very much like to make up a big order for binder twine and will try to get the other unions in this vicinity to co-operate with us to make up a carload order at least.

We are arranging to hold a picnic on May 24. A good committee was appointed to make arrangements and everything looks good for a splendid time.

A. E. BUMPUS, Sec.

CO-OPERATE

The regular meeting of the local Union No. 158 (South Mannville) was held on April 16, with the president in the chair.

After the disposal of routine business the following matters were taken up and resolutions passed.

It was resolved that Mr. Sutherland be asked to parade his horse for the inspection of members before any arrangements are made with him.

On motion of Messrs. Hind and Veitch, this union strongly endorses the action of the legislative committee in entering a protest against the passing of legislation placing the matter of hail insurance in the hands of private companies, and that the matter of a suitable scheme be left in the hands of the executive to work out.

On motion of Messrs. Fielding and Hind it was decided that while the Hudson Bay road will be a distinct advantage to this district, this union is opposed to its being assisted by land grants and subsidies.

The secretary was instructed to forward subscriptions to THE GUIDE for each member.

In the matter of securing binder twine, it was resolved that prices be secured, and Mannville Union requested to co-operate in making up a large order.

PERCY FIELDING, Sec.

CLARKEVILLE UNION

The regular meeting of Clarkeville Union was held on April 25, all the members and officers being present.

We had the pleasure of enrolling five new members, which brings our total up to seventeen.

After the usual routine business was attended to we had a very enjoyable program, consisting of dialogues, recitations and songs, and everyone present declared to having spent a most enjoyable and profitable evening.

SYDNEY C. JONES, Sec.

BRING RAILROADS TO SETTLERS

A meeting of Belcamp Union was held at Patrick Hurley's residence on April 21st, with President Farrell in the chair.

Four new members were enrolled, making a total of 29 to date. Four subscriptions were taken for THE GUIDE, and five pork packing agreements completed.

A committee of three was appointed to confer with Tring Union regarding the organization of an agricultural society.

A motion was passed supporting the suggestion of the general secretary regarding hail insurance, as contained in Circular No. 3.

A motion was passed supporting the action taken by the executive committee regarding hail insurance legislation, as was another supporting the resolution of Rose View Union in regard to grants to railroads.

The following resolution was passed, and the secretary instructed to forward same to the general secretary for discussion among the unions:

"Whereas, in view of the fact that some of the projected railroads in Alberta are going through country unsettled or very thinly settled and in other cases are going through country already supplied by close railway facilities, and, whereas, there are well settled parts of this province that are greatly in need of railroads, therefore, be it resolved, by this union, that the executive committee be asked to take this matter up with the provincial government and urge that all railroads whose bonds are guaranteed by the provincial government should be located where there is the greatest need of railroads, and that the location of such lines should not be left entirely in the hands of company promoters and speculators."

After considerable discussion on matters of local interest the meeting adjourned at 10.30 p.m.

A. M. CAMPBELL, Sec.

RECRUITING MEMBERS

A meeting of Lac Vincent Union was held on April 23, in St. Armand's school house. Owing to the busy season but fifteen persons were present and very little work was done.

It was moved and seconded by Gratton Brothers that a special meeting be held in the northern part of this settlement, known as Therrien P.O., on May 14th, at 8 p.m. for the purpose of recruiting members.

The meeting then adjourned.

J. E. BERTRAND, Sec.

CO-OPERATION TO THE FRONT

A meeting of Lakeford Union was held on April 30th, when there was a discussion on the advisability of a co-operative store for the benefit and use of the members. A letter was read from Mr. D. C. Humbke, manager of the Farmers' Co-operative Store, Limited, Gwynne, containing much information. Several further enquiries were made and the secretary instructed to secure answers to same from Mr. Humbke.

We agree to the plan to submit all hail insurance propositions to the executive and let them say what further steps shall be taken, but don't fail to give us compulsory hail insurance.

ALFRED GREEP, Sec.

SEND OFFICIAL ORGANIZER

At the last meeting of Tring Union which was well attended, it was decided to write the general secretary, requesting that arrangements be made by the executive for the general organizer to visit Tring on July 1st, at the time of the annual sports. Last year there were over 400 people present, and \$75.00 was expended in prize money.

We are in favor of the plan of hail insurance suggested by the Saskatchewan convention.

It was decided to secure a further supply of the pork packing agreements, as the number left by Mr. Stevens have been used up, and more will be required.

C. W. HARRINGTON, Sec.

Even the man who admits that he caught only one fish can lie about its weight.