

the next day, by Mr. Wilson, to the Buffalo Green district, northwest of Elbow. A storm was blowing that afternoon and the number in attendance was not what was anticipated, but a session was held. The meeting was held in the evening and officers were elected to carry on the work. The following day, Mr. Wilson was of Elbow and saw the people turned out in great style. A new windmill has been built and there is every prospect of the local at Elbow being a success. The first meeting of the district was held on the night of the 1st. Mr. Wilson was the speaker and was taken to Mount Valley and spent Sunday with J. Ross and at Mr. Ross's Monday he was at H. Smith's, in the Bonanza country, and there made arrangements for a series of meetings which will cover this district with local success at an early date.

RECORD OF PROGRESS

Clareholm Free-Male Union started the year 1911 with a membership of 113 and has now increased to 140 members. The first meeting of the year was held on January 1, when there was a good attendance, the main business being to receive the report of the Ottawa delegate. The Free-Male union, one year ago, was an increased membership and transportation in buying flour, grain and coal, which has enabled the members to save about 10 to 15 per cent, on the purchase price of the above mentioned goods. Even the union has completed arrangements with a local sugar company, whereby all members can secure their coal from that company at a rate about 12 per cent, cheaper than they formerly had to pay. There is considerable talk now of building and maintaining a co-operative store in Clareholm this fall, this store to handle everything in the line of a general store. It is proposed to make it a joint stock concern and the members will do their own shopping. On February 18 the union held a literary program and dance in Clareholm. The object of this was purely social and a small sum, sufficient to cover expenses, was made. It was the intention of the committee to get all the members and their families out at this meeting and get them acquainted, thereby creating an interest in each other and in the union's cause. While all the members did not respond, there was a goodly number present and all enjoyed the time and were benefited by the singing and by the more fact of becoming better acquainted with the aims and objects of the union, which was demonstrated in a paper read by Mr. Wilson. The entertainment was a success financially for after paying all expenses there was \$10.00 left over for the treasury. At our meeting on February 18 it was agreed that we have more literary work in connection with the meetings and a committee was appointed to draw up and present at our next meeting a plan of more effective organization. Two of our members arrived and were taken out by members at \$1.00 per ton. The subject of Direct Legislation was the theme for discussion at our last meeting, many members taking part in the debate.

H. G. AHERN, Sec'y.

Clareholm, Alta.

BUSINESS EXTENDING

The regular monthly meeting of Cowley Union was held on February 25. A large number of members, despite the heavy travelling, got in an appearance and took an active part in the proceedings. The committee appointed to enquire about tender time for the union reported that there seemed to be great difficulty in getting quotations, that the committee had not yet settled their prices and were apparently waiting for someone to make a price. The matter was laid over. As the Local Improvement Committee were likely to get together previous for the district, the committee on that matter reported they thought it better to lay this question over till the next meeting. The president stated that he had a letter from John Heron, M.P., asking if the farmers of this district had expressed an opinion on the reciprocity question before the House. In response, it was moved, seconded and carried: "That this union is in favor of the reciprocity treaty being adopted."

A member reported that the cattle guards on the railway crossings here were all taken up owing to the snow, no doubt, but he asked if the C. P. R. was allowed to take them up and leave no protection whatever. A member reported two stray animals in his district and the description of same has been forwarded for insertion in the regular circular.

J. KEMMIS, Sec'y.

Cowley, Alta.

HAWKEE ORGANIZED

One of the latest unions being organized in the vicinity of Carleton has taken the name of Hawkees. The work was undertaken by E. M. Robinson, and at the organization meeting twelve members were secured and several have joined since then. The first officers elected are: President, T. H. Budd, Carleton; secretary-treasurer, A. S. Gough, Carleton.

FARMERS' ELEVATOR CONSIDERED

At the last regular meeting of Loughheed Union the question of a farmer-owned elevator was under discussion. The project was dropped last year for want of support. Two elevators have been erected in Loughheed to handle last season's crop, but to use them is to sacrifice up to eight cents per bushel, and most people who have been able to do so have loaded over the platform. This has strengthened the desire for a farmers' elevator and it looks as if the project could be carried out now. We would be pleased to have farmers' elevator companies already in operation as to the best plan of procedure as we would like to be guided by their experience in the formation of a new enterprise.

A. B. GRIEVE, Sec'y.

Loughheed, Alta.

SUCCESSFUL BANQUET

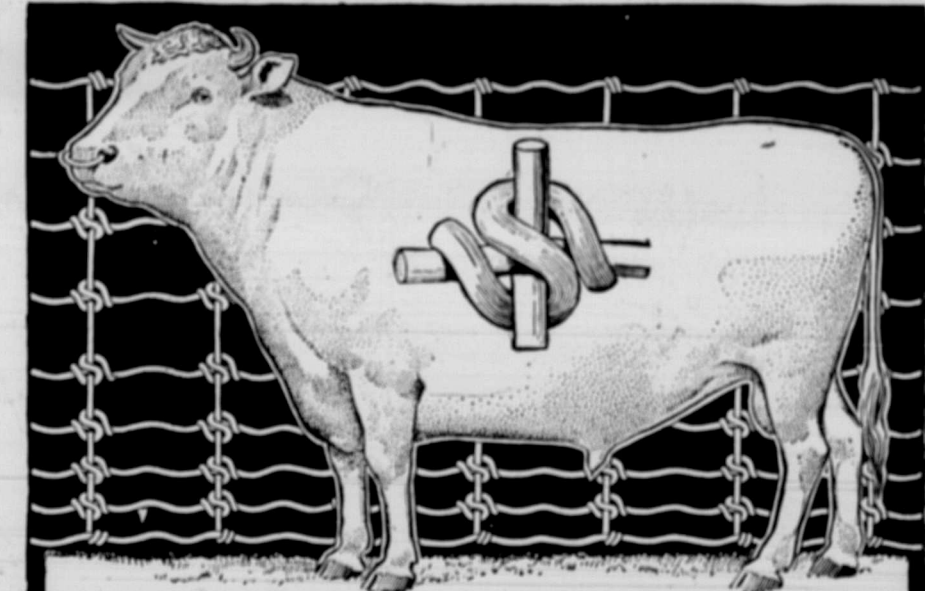
Strathmore Local Union had a most successful farmers' banquet on March 3, and the hall was crowded. Long tables had been arranged the length of the hall and spread by the ladies of the society who provided a splendid supper.

M. EUGENE SLY, Sec'y.

Strathmore, Alta.

FRENCH LITERATURE NECESSARY

At the last meeting of Les 80 Vincent Union both the president and vice-president were absent so the chair was taken by Léonard Poirier. It was decided to appoint Mr. C. J. Farmer a director and our retiring president, Mr. John B. Favara, was appointed honorary president. Six new members joined at this meeting. A suggestion to assist



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In the organization work was then adopted, this being that as it is the duty of the members to assist in organizing the country that help should be asked from our three French papers that the last two reports should be sent to the papers for

publication and that an organization committee should be appointed. The secretary received full instructions to act on the resolution and to appoint the committee. The secretary then read and translated the U.F.A. convention report.

which took the remainder of the evening. This has assisted materially in raising the enthusiasm of our members.

R. D. BARRE, Sec'y.

Les St. Vincent, Alta.