

Financial Committee's Report

The matter of financing the Central office was discussed at the annual convention of the U.F.A. and a committee, consisting of Messrs. H. A. Murphy, Rice Sheppard, E. Carswell, R. Henderson and A. O. Alexander, was appointed to prepare a report and recommendations. The committee later presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee feel that we cannot be too insistent in our recommendations as to the selection of local officers; that the same should not be chosen from the ranks of business men, or those whose personal interests may be contrary to those of the farmers, since such officers will not further the interests of the farmers, even if they do not actually oppose. Many a local has been wrecked by such officers.

To build up and increase the interest of your locals, we feel that the first requisite is sociability, and we cannot too strongly commend the remarks of our editor, Mr. Chipman, "that our wives and daughters be given equal place with ourselves in all the affairs of the local union, business as well as social and educational." Nothing is more attractive than lunching and supping together. A cup of coffee followed by a program arranged for at previous meetings and consisting of songs, solos, quartettes, readings, recitations, and papers presented on farm work by the members, either ladies or gentlemen, or both, with the fullest possible discussion following each address. Debates often stimulate great interest. Contests for membership will increase the local and provincial funds.

With the buying of formaline, flour, coal oil, etc., in bulk, you also show the practical side of the U.F.A. work, so it is not hard to obtain a large paid up membership, but we must seek to educate by use of local talent so often lying dormant in all communities. This is better than importing outside talent, though this should also be done. Dances are often held to increase funds, but these lack the educational features already mentioned, and which are very much to be desired.

And when once public interest is aroused in the U.F.A. meetings, funds will be easily raised for any legitimate purpose.

We recommend that a letter be sent

from the Central office to each local secretary requesting that a committee be formed for the purpose of collecting the fees due, and visiting all the farmers in the district with a view to getting them to become members of the respective locals, also that all our local unions be asked to discuss fully the Life Membership Plan, and to obtain as many life members as possible, since this will also augment the organizers' fund.

We recommend that any district applying to the Central office for an organizer shall be required to at least secure twelve paid up members, and a fee of at least \$5.00 be forwarded to the Central office to assist in defraying the expense of the organizer, same to be credited to the branch on membership fees.

We recommend that any union applying to the Central body for a speaker shall agree to provide at the same time some special entertainment for the district, and at same a special collection be taken for organizing purposes and such funds obtained be forwarded to the Central office for same.

We further recommend that should the system now recommended be adopted, and it is considered that sufficient funds have been received to warrant, a special organizer be put in the field to cover at least the picnic season, and the different locals be asked to co-operate with the Central body, and in order to make this plan a success to arrange for their picnic with the organizer, so that he can organize a route to cover the ground at the least possible expense.

And that the organizer be under directions of the board of directors.

TEN MILLIONS FOR AGRICULTURE

Ottawa, Jan. 24.—In the House of Commons tonight Hon. Martin Burrell, minister of agriculture, introduced his bill to provide for the expenditure during the next 10 years of \$10,000,000 in aid of agriculture.

Mr. Burrell said that the problem confronting Canada today was the ever-increasing cost of living and the increase of urban as against rural population. In the past ten years the urban population had increased by 43.3 per cent., and the rural population only by 1.6 per cent. In Western Canada the urban population increased 227 per cent. and the rural by 149 per cent. "If this goes on indefinitely, where will it land us?" queried Mr. Burrell.

"It is proposed by the bill to strengthen all lines of instructional and educational work. The scientific researches of the past half century have revolutionized agriculture, but the full benefit of those researches have not reached the great multitude who today till the fields of Canada. Too often the spectacle is witnessed, pathetic and pitiful, of ceaseless, honest, laborious toil bringing distress of mind and body, and, even after long years bringing no reward, solely and simply from lack of knowledge and misdirected energy.

How Work Is To Be Done

"The particular form such assistance may take may vary with the special needs and conditions in each province. It will embrace the increasing of efficiency and equipment of our agricultural colleges; the establishment of agricultural schools, of dairying and horticultural schools, of short courses in agriculture; the initiation of agricultural teaching in the public schools and work by travelling or located qualified instructors. It might well include the valuable educational work carried on by means of demonstration trains, training of teachers in nature study and the invaluable work of domestic science concerned with the women and girls of our communities, whose influence will always constitute one of the most potent forces in solving the problems we are considering.

"We restrict the purposes of the bill to education because by so doing we get at the true base of successful production. As any educational work, to be effective, must be continuous, we propose to make the policy cover a period of ten years.

"From the consolidated revenue fund it is proposed to set apart the sum of \$10,000,000 to be expended over the period mentioned. The sum of \$700,000 will be allotted the first year, and this amount will be increased by \$100,000

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Population Basis

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"In addition to this \$20,000 we propose to allot to each province, regardless of population, the sum of \$20,000. It has been urged—not without some reason—that special consideration should be shown to those provinces whose rural population is of large proportions, whose sources of revenue are limited and whose agricultural development greatly needs stimulation.

How Provinces Fare

"With the exceptions mentioned; the amounts allotted will then be divided in proportion to the population and on the basis of the bill, the provinces will share as follows:

Province	1913	Increase	1917-23
Prince Ed. I.	\$26,529.85	\$1,306	\$31,753.73
New Brunswick	45,509.93	4,902	49,117.87
Alberta	46,094.95	5,219	66,970.91
British Columbia	47,334.75	5,467	69,202.57
Manitoba	51,730.05	6,346	77,114.09
Nova Scotia	54,288.45	6,858	81,719.21
Saskatchewan	54,296.29	6,859	81,733.32
Quebec	159,482.40	27,896	271,068.32
Ontario	195,733.32	35,417	336,319.98

Canadian Farm Life

In concluding, Mr. Burrell said: "On this side of the House and on that are many men who either know by experience the farm life of our country, or whose fathers or forefathers have toiled on the land. It is well for all to keep in vision that solitary figure in the distant furrow, that stooped form tending the hearth of the isolated home—symbols and types of our national necessities, our national virtues and national strength. Here, between these four walls, we sit year by year making the laws of our country. We do it, amidst much strife, sometimes ill, sometimes well, too often attaching importance and permanence to that which is neither permanent nor important. Our laws would be better—there would be less bitterness in our strife—if we were often moved by a sincere desire to lighten the work and brighten the lives of those who, in the silence and solitude of the fields and woods, are doing the foundation work of our common country."

Hon. Frank Oliver endorsed the principles of the bill, and said no one would quarrel over the amount of the grant, but he was forced to think that Mr. Burrell was moved by the idea of making a spectacular play by announcing a grant of \$10,000,000, when, as a matter of fact, only \$700,000 was being spent this year.

The whole duty of the government, said Mr. Oliver, was not discharged by a grant of any sum, even if it were \$7,000,000 a year. If they would secure to the producers of the West the best market, the producers could afford to dispense with this liberal aid. Speaking as one who knew agricultural Canada well, he would like it to be understood that the farmers of Canada did not propose to be carried on the backs of anyone. The agricultural population of Canada was Canada. It was a matter of giving the enterprising farming

population the benefit of what was really their own.

NEW MILKING DEVICE

"If a new milking apparatus, which comes from New Zealand, will do all that is claimed for it, the industry will be revolutionized. It does away with the extensive plant that we have been accustomed to see in connection with the many brands of milking machines in existence, most of which are admitted to be successful in skilled hands. The idea of the new invention is to simply insert a silver tube into the teat and draw away the cow's supply without further ado. Simplicity itself is what may be said of it. The writer saw it at work, and there can be no doubt about the success of it for a trial. But here is the point—Will the constant insertion of a silver tube into the cow's teat eventually set up local inflammation? If so, then the idea is doomed. If not hand-milkers will be passed out of the dairy. This apparatus, which can be put into a man's pocket, consists of small silver tubes or needles two inches long. These tubes are hollow, with blind points, and punctured at the sides. The bases of these fit into aluminum caps, and are attached to short silver tubes, which converge into a larger one to carry the milk into the bucket. The silver tubes are inserted into the cow's teats and are secured by clips which fit firmly around the teats. There is no movement or sound, and the milk from the udder drains away in a constant stream. The idea is not a new one, but the tests made previously on the same principle did not satisfy practical men. At the test held in Sydney recently the cows were milked in from four to seven minutes, and as far as could be judged by the attempts to strip the udders the work was done clean and satisfactorily. One dairyman, who has had the apparatus in use for several weeks now declares it is highly satisfactory, and leaves nothing to be desired from every point of view.—Producers' Review, Australia.



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