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perform the duties of that station. In the absence of both president and vice-president, a chairman may be chosen by the members present.

26. The secretaries of the association and the unions shall keep a correct record of all proceedings and a complete and correct membership roll showing date of joining, etc., an account with each member showing dues and when paid, and everything necessary to keep a record of each member's standing. They shall keep all books necessary to the proper discharge of their duties and shall conduct all official correspondence. They shall collect all fees from members, keeping a correct account thereof and paying same over to the treasurer. They shall be the custodians of all books, papers, etc., and shall promptly turn over the same to their successors in office. They shall make all reports required and shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be required.

27. The treasurers shall have custody of and safely keep all moneys belonging to the association or unions, keeping a careful account thereof, and in the case of the unions they shall pay out no money except on order of the union attested by warrant signed by the president and secretary. They shall make a complete and itemized report at the close of their term of office and at any other time when required to do so, and shall promptly turn over all moneys, books, etc., to their duly qualified successors in office. Any union may require the treasurer to give good and sufficient bonds in such sum as may be fixed by vote of the said union.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

28. At least two weeks' notice shall be given of each annual or special meeting of the union, naming time and place of meeting. Notice shall be given through the mail to each member of the union.

29. Four weeks notice for all annual and special conventions of the association shall be given by mailing notice thereof to the secretary-treasurer of each union.

30. At least ten days' notice shall be given for all meetings of the board of directors or executive committee of the Association, provided that an emergency meeting may be held at any time upon waiver of notice being given by all members of the directors or executive.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

31. Any member may, by sending in his name and address with the sum of twelve dollars to the central office of the association, become a life member but without convention privileges, unless duly elected a delegate by a union, and such life member shall pay one-half the annual membership fee to the union to which he belongs in order to have standing in that union. Two dollars of this membership fee shall go to the general revenue of the association and the balance may be used for organization purposes or by investing same as a reserve fund, or for both, as the annual convention or board of directors may determine, so that the proceeds thereof would make for the permanent establishment of the association.

FRAMING BY-LAWS

32. The board of directors shall frame such by-laws and regulations for its own and the association's government as are in its judgment for the best interest of the association and not inconsistent with this constitution.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

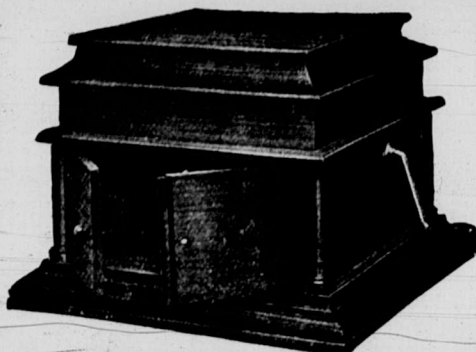
33. Any member desiring to introduce any addition or amendment to the Constitution shall submit a draft thereto to the secretary at least sixty days prior to the date of the regular annual meeting and the secretary shall forthwith communicate the same to each union by circular letter.

(2) Any amendment offered by a union to such proposed addition or amendment to the constitution may be submitted to the convention by being sent in writing, signed by the president and secretary of such union, to the secretary of the association before the opening of the convention and after being approved by the resolution committee.

(3) Any addition or amendment to the constitution shall require a three-fifths vote of the members present at the annual meeting to pass.

Presented on behalf of the revising committee, Edward J. Fream, Secretary. Other amendments to the Constitution

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have been received as follows and due notice is hereby given thereof:—

Notice of motion by Cornucopia Union No. 231.

"That section 23 of the Constitution be struck out and the following substituted therefor:—

(a) "Any person wishing to become a member of a union must first place his name with the membership committee who shall present his application for membership to the union for acceptance or rejection.

(b) "When the membership committee present an application it shall be the duty of the chairman to call on the union: "Does any member know of any reason why said applicant should not become a member? after which the chairman shall demand a vote by uplifting hand of all members present. The chairman shall, after counting the vote, declare the applicant accepted or rejected as the vote may indicate.

(c) "Every applicant must receive a two-thirds vote of the members present for acceptance.

(d) "Every application for membership must be accompanied by the annual membership fee of two dollars, unless charter members where union is organized by organizer of not less than one dollar, charter not to be open more than four months, half of which shall belong to the funds of the association, such funds to be forwarded quarterly to the secretary-treasurer of the association."

2. That Section 24 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:—

"In every case when a married farmer becomes a member of the U. F. A. his wife and daughters may become honorary members by making application for membership as required by section 23, without paying membership fees, and sons of farmers who are members, if living at home and working on their father's farm, under the age of 21 years, shall be admitted as a member or members on what shall be known as the family ticket at a fee of 50 per cent. of the full membership fee, half of which shall be paid to the central association and half retained by the union."

3. That Section 25 be repealed.

Notice of motion from Tofteld Kingman Union No. 74.

That Section 2 of the Constitution be amended by striking out the following:—"This association is not a political party organization nor does it purpose endorsing the policy of any political party nor the candidature of any politician, and"

Notice of motion by Brunetta Union No. 247.

Whereas the farmers of Alberta have united for the sole purpose of bettering their condition, and especially as it concerns the immense profits of the middlemen; be it resolved that Section 4 of the Constitution be amended to read:—"Local unions shall consist of bona

fide farmers, and no others accepted, etc."

Notice of motion from East Clover Bar Union No. 3.

That Section 17 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:—"The officers of the Association shall consist of a president, vice-president, three directors to be elected by the convention at large and one director from each federal constituency in Alberta. All of these officers must be duly elected delegates from the unions to the annual convention, and shall hold office till their successors are elected. They shall hold such meetings during the year as the president or any three of the board of directors may consider necessary."

Notice of motion by Wheatland Centre Union No. 109.

"That Section 23 of the Constitution be amended by striking out the words 'one dollar' where they appear on the fifth and sixth lines and substituting in place thereof the words 'two dollars'."

Notice of motion by Stretton Union No. 17.

"Whereas, every demand of the U.F.A. is a political issue, and whereas we elect mostly misrepresentatives every four years or thereabouts,

"Be it resolved that the Constitution of the U.F.A. be so amended as to permit the organization to support an independent farmer candidate who pledges himself to the platform of the organized farmers of the West either in the provincial or federal houses of Parliament."

Notice of motion by Three Hills Union No. 213.

"Whereas at various times members may wish to be transferred from one union to another,

"Therefore be it resolved that the following addition be inserted in the Constitution:—"A member will be accepted as a paid-up member for the current year in any union he may designate upon surrender of proper credentials signed by president and secretary of his union."

Notice of motion by Endiang Union No. 264.

"That the Constitution be amended so that no person can become a member of the Association who has not the interests of the farmers entirely at heart, such as lawyers and business men in the cities and towns."

Notice of motion by Sweet Valley Union No. 188.

"Whereas some of the members transferring from one union to another are leaving dues or assessments unpaid and thereby causing disadvantage to the rest of the members, that the Constitution be amended by adding thereto the following section:—

"Any member transferring from one union to another must have a paid up receipt for all dues and assessments, otherwise he cannot be admitted."

Notice of motion from West Lethbridge Union No. 197.

"That the Constitution be amended by adding thereto the following section:—

"Every officer of this association shall be subject to the Initiative, Referendum and Recall."

Notice of motion by Mr. W. S. Henry, of Fertile Plains Union No. 210.

That Section 23 of the Constitution be amended by adding thereto the following words, after the word 'dollar':—

"together with a sum sufficient to pay the member's subscription to the official organ of the association for one year."

Notice of motion by Mr. F. S. Herbert of Strathcona Union No. 1.

"That the Constitution be amended by adding thereto the following section:—

"If any officer of the association during his term of office shall accept any office or employment from any person, business firm or corporation whose interests do or may conflict with the U.F.A., he shall at once resign, and if any such officer shall use his position or influence for the benefit of any person, firm or corporation to the disadvantage of the U.F.A., or if he shall by his actions in any way bring discredit on the U.F.A., the board of directors shall on receiving complaint demand from any such officer an account of such actions, and if the complaint be sustained, such officer shall be suspended from office for the remainder of his term."

GENERAL

The credential cards enclosed herewith will give full instructions to the delegates.

The publicity bureau of the town of Red Deer has undertaken to attend to the accommodation of the delegates, but for the benefit of all concerned it is expedient that the full list of delegates shall be known at an early date. For this reason an early request is made for all secretaries to report the appointment of their delegates as soon as possible.

Don't forget that the railway expenses will be pooled. This should tend to a larger delegation than usual.

This circular contains only the amendments to the Constitution. A further circular containing proposed resolutions for discussion at the convention will be sent out at an early date.

Your obedient servant,

EDWARD J. FREAM, Sec'y.



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