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cause it made them more effective. If that was so, why should not the farmers have interlocking directorates, and thus increase their own efficiency?

The amendment was disposed of by a motion to lay it on the table. The question was then vigorously demanded and the resolution was carried by a large majority.

#### BANK OF COMMERCE REPORT

The annual meeting of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, held at Toronto a few days ago, was, as in former years, the occasion of a valuable review of the business situation in Canada by Sir Edmund Walker, the president of that institution. Sir Edmund, while realizing the awful effects of the war, sees reason why the people of Canada should congratulate themselves on the manner in which the country has stood up under the strain. The balance sheet presented to the shareholders is evidence of the sound position of the bank and, of the conservative character of its business. The net profits for the year were \$2,668,233.29. This was a decrease of \$324,717 compared with the previous year, but it was sufficient to pay a dividend of 10 per cent. and a bonus of 2 per cent., amounting to \$1,800,000, beside appropriating \$80,000 for the pension fund, subscribing \$55,000 to the Patriotic Fund and carrying forward to the credit of profit and loss \$1,117,763.27, as against \$384,529.98 a year ago.

#### THE SASKATCHEWAN SURTAX

The Land Values Taxation League, of Winnipeg, at a recent meeting unanimously passed the following resolution: "That this meeting of the Land Values

Taxation League conveys its congratulations to the government of Saskatchewan for having recognized the justice of taxing land monopoly rather than industry, and inasmuch as a tax on idle lands can obviously work no injury to those who desire land for use, trusts that the present agitation by land speculating companies to have the surtax on idle lands removed will result in no change being made except toward a fuller and simpler mode of land value taxation."

#### U.F.A. DIRECTORS MEET

A meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors of the United Farmers of Alberta was held in Edmonton on Friday, January 21, and lasted all day. All of the new officers were present, and the following committees were appointed:

Legislative Committee—H. W. Wood, chairman; Rice Sheppard, D. W. Warner, H. G. Vickery and S. S. Dunham.

Pork Packing Committee—D. Buckingham, chairman; H. G. Vickery, P. S. Austin, Geo. Long and G. W. Buchanan.

Market and Transportation Committee—Rice Sheppard, chairman; E. E. Sparkes, J. A. Bishop, W. D. Trego, P. S. Austin, G. W. Buchanan, D. Buckingham and S. S. Dunham.

Labor Committee—H. W. Wood, chairman; Geo. Long, S. S. Dunham and J. A. Bishop.

Executive and Alberta Section of Canadian Council of Agriculture—Jas. Speakman, chairman; H. W. Wood, S. S. Dunham, Rice Sheppard, W. D. Trego, and P. P. Woodbridge.

The President was made an ex officio member of all committees.

P. P. Woodbridge was re-appointed secretary-treasurer for the ensuing year.

A resolution was passed providing that the Board of Directors meet at least once every three months, and the Executive every month if possible.

An informal meeting of the U.F.A. board was held in the afternoon, at which the majority of the board of the Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Co. were present and arrangements were

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made for the continuation of such meetings with a view to the establishment of a closer understanding between the two organizations.

A committee of the executive was appointed to attend the annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association and the Canadian Council of Agriculture.

After a lengthy discussion on organization each director was given control of and made responsible for the organization work in his own district, with the President as Provincial Organizer in a supervisory capacity.

The various resolutions passed at the convention and referred to the Board of Directors were dealt with, and a committee appointed to stay over and take some of the matters up with the provincial government the following day. The meeting adjourned at 10.30 p.m.

#### ALBERTA WOMEN'S PARLIAMENT

The following were present at the U.F.A. Women's Convention at Edmonton: Mrs. Frank S. James, Ponoka; Mrs. F. J. Bullock, Ponoka; Mrs. Bird R. Headley, Ponoka; Mrs. A. E. Rodgers, Stavely; Mrs. James Kinley, Lacombe; Mrs. Mame Earle, Aeme; Mrs. J. A. Dair, Aeme; Mrs. Dora East, Lea Park; Mrs. E. Ward, Lea Park;

Mrs. A. E. Saunders, St. Albert; Miss Mary Maloney, Miss Anna Flynn, Mrs. H. Michelot, Miss A. Leonard, Mrs. W. L. Veness, Mrs. P. Sinclair, Mrs. W. McCullough, Mrs. Ed. Poirier, Mrs. C. O'Connor, Mrs. A. S. McColgan, Provost; Miss Jean C. Reed, Alix; Mrs. R. W. Barritt, Alix; Mrs. Jno. Nisbit, Enslough; Mrs. C. A. Fawcett, Consort; Mrs. Cecil Rice-Jones, Veteran; Mrs. J. P. Bibby, Consort; Mrs. Wm. Halsall, Killam; Mrs. John Fortune, Hindville; Mrs. Gus E. A. Malchow, Stavely; Mrs. G. Malchow Balfour, Stavely; Mrs. D. W. Warner, Edmonton; Mrs. Th. Reist, Didsbury; Mrs. J. N. Coman, Quebec; Mrs. Edna A. Rossman, Edgerton; Mrs. M. Bloxham, Berstley; Mrs. Jos. A. Zender, Eye Hill; Mrs. H. C. McDaniel, Whitla; Mrs. O. S. Young, Lacombe; Mrs. M. B. Mabee, Carbon; Alice M. Hart, Carbon; Mrs. Sam Swift, Viking; Mrs. Ida L. Swift, Viking; Mrs. G. C. Hobbs, Czar; Miss Bessie Hobbs, Czar; Mrs. A. Betts, Cowley; Mrs. Robert Welsh, Lundbreck; Mrs. J. L. Patton, Lundbreck; Mrs. M. Cleland, Cowley; Mrs. Donald McIvor, Cowley; Mrs. F. H. Buchanan-White, Cowley; Mrs. H. W. Love, Irma; Mrs. J. G. Clark, Clark Manor; Mrs. Fred Sedgwick, Killam; Mrs. J. M. Hobbs, Peckham; Mrs. J. E. Disney, Peckham; Mrs. Chris. White, Red Deer; Mrs. John Hiles, Halkirk; Mrs. Irving, Smithson.

#### U.F.A. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 1915



BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT—GEO. LONG, NAMAQ; J. A. BISHOP, BEDDINGTON; D. BUCKINGHAM, STETTNER. SECOND ROW—G. W. BUCHANAN, COWLEY; E. E. SPARKS, JENNER; P. P. WOODBRIDGE, CALGARY, SECRETARY-TREASURER; P. S. AUSTIN, RANFURLY; H. G. VICKERY, STROME. FRONT ROW—W. D. TREGO, GLEICHEN, FOURTH VICE-PRESIDENT; S. S. DUNHAM, LETHBRIDGE, SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT; D. W. WARNER, EDMONTON, HONORARY PRESIDENT; JAMES SPEAKMAN, PENHOLD, PRESIDENT; H. W. WOOD, CARSTAIRS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT; RICE SHEPPARD, EDMONTON, THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT.