

## THE VETO BILL

London, Feb. 16.—In the house of commons to-day after a nine hour debate, Premier Asquith's motion appointing the whole time of the house until Easter to the veto bill in order to get it through before the coronation was carried under closure 196 to 118. During the debate the prime minister said he expected that the veto bill would be sent to the house of lords early in May and that the lords would give their decision thereon before the coronation. This optimism on the part of Mr. Asquith is interpreted in some quarters as indicating the possibility of a compromise being arrived at, as it is contended that otherwise it would be vain to hope that the bill could be disposed of so quickly. Thus far, however, the Unionists give no sign of relenting.

## OFFICERS AT OTTAWA

The Canadian Council of Agriculture have decided to make every possible effort at Ottawa to secure legislation granting the demands made upon the government on December 16 last. James Bower, president of the United Farmers of Alberta and recently elected president of the Canadian Council of Agriculture, left Winnipeg for Ottawa on February 17.

On his way he will be joined by E. C. Drury of Barrie, Ontario, secretary of the Canadian Council of Agriculture. R. McKenzie, secretary of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association and also a member of the Canadian Council of Agriculture left for Ottawa on February 21. It is expected that a representative from Saskatchewan will also join the council officials in insisting upon government operation of the terminal elevators and on an increase in the British Preference to 50 per cent. of the general tariff, and that agricultural implements be placed upon the free list. The other demands of the farmers will also be dealt with but it is felt that special attention should be given to these matters immediately as they are now under discussion in parliament.

## SANGUINE STILL

The first annual meeting of the Star City local association was held on Jan. 21. In spite of the rigorous and unfavorable weather there was a good attendance of members which gave evidence of the continued interest which is being taken in the objects of the association. The report of the secretary-treasurer showed a small balance on hand. The membership roll at the end of the year numbered seventy, and at this meeting several new members were enrolled. It is expected that the greater number of last year's members will rejoin, and we are sanguine that a strong and steady increase of membership will be shown during the current year. J. N. Fitzpatrick, our Ottawa delegate, gave a comprehensive account of his visit to the convention, which greatly interested the members present. The meeting accorded Mr. Fitzpatrick its hearty thanks for his good services in representing our association at the Farmers' convention. After preliminary business, a selection of officers was made. Following this, the president in making a few remarks gave arguments in favor of association work. He made an appeal to the executive and members to lend him all assistance possible for the furthering of this co-operative movement. In pointing out the principles and advantages of union, he pointed out that only by working together and in a body could success be assured. Mr. Edgington was appointed delegate to Regina convention.

W. T. COUPAR, Sec'y.  
Star City, Sask.

## LLOYD-GEORGE PRAISES AGREEMENT

London, Feb. 17.—Lloyd-George, in denying a statement published in a Paris paper that he was antagonistic to the Canadian agreement, says: "I rejoice that it has been negotiated, and heartily trust it will be carried to a successful conclusion. I regard it as a great triumph of common sense, and an immense stride in the cause of free trade. It is an incalculable step toward the fraternity and co-operation of the English speaking family."

## JAPAN RENOUNCES CONVENTION

London, Feb. 19.—Japan has renounced the Anglo-Japanese convention of 1906, regulating the commercial relations between Canada and Japan. The convention will thus expire in July.

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## SEED ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—The Canadian Seed Growers' association, which was in session here on Thursday and Friday, elected Dr. J. W. Robertson, president. John Mooney, of Regina, was elected a vice-president. John Bracken, Saskatoon; Wm. R. Motherwell, Regina; George Harcourt, deputy minister of agriculture, Alberta; Prof. W. J. Black, and George Batho, Winnipeg, were elected to the executive.

## "BANISH THE BAR" MOVEMENT

On Feb. 15, a large delegation presented a petition signed by 13,000 electors of the province to Premier Roblin, asking that a Referendum vote on the liquor question be taken. The premier gave the delegation some encouragement.

## THE CHINESE PLAGUE

Cable reports say that over a million Chinese have died in the plague now sweeping sections of that nation. There is as yet no indication that the disease is being checked.

## VARIOUS MATTERS DEALT WITH

Wilhelmina Union held its first regular meeting of February 6th, with an attendance of all officers and only one absent member. We dealt with various matters concerning the welfare of the district, such as organization of school district, pound law, local improvement district, etc. We also passed a motion which we wish to have discussed by the board of directors and the other unions, viz.: "Whereas it is a hardship for a veteran or his substitute who has exercised his privilege of taking a homestead and pre-emption to have to build two houses (one on each half section) and move his residence twice in one year; and whereas, the cost of such second residence, viz.: \$300 could be utilized to greater advantage in making other improvements of the land, therefore be it resolved, that the government be asked to amend the law relating to the duties of a veteran or his substitute, exercising his right to a homestead and pre-emption; such duties to call for only one \$300 house to obtain patent on both half sections, provided each scrip is located in the vicinity of the homestead."

J. STOKOE, Sec'y.

Wilhelmina, Alta.

## VULCAN IN LINE

A meeting for the purpose of organizing a local union at Vulcan was held on Jan. 20th last, when ten men expressed their intentions of becoming members, and signed to that effect. Prospects are good for quite a large membership, and quite an active union. A president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer were elected, and we now await further instructions as to how to proceed, and hereby make application for all necessary literature.

O. L. McPHERSON, Sec'y.  
Vulcan, Alta.

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