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## Hail Insurance in Alberta

At the last annual convention of the United Farmers of Alberta the question of hail insurance came in for considerable discussion. The result of same was, first, by a small majority, the passing of a resolution in favor of compulsory hail insurance, and then the next day the passage by an overwhelming majority of a proposal which meant a system of co-operative hail insurance which should be managed by the rural municipalities, and where the ratepayers themselves would have the option of deciding whether the provisions of the insurance should be placed in force or not.

Following up the recommendations of the convention, the Directors at their meeting at the close of the convention appointed a Hail Insurance committee consisting of Messrs. Sly, Bevington and Sorensen, with the President an ex-officio member, to work out the plan which had been accepted by the convention.

This committee quickly discovered that it was the intention of the government to abandon the hail insurance business entirely and to leave the field open to private companies, so the committee got busy, elected Mr. Bevington as Chairman of the Committee and requested him to get in communication with the government.

### Premier Somewhat Obstinate

Mr. Bevington waited upon Premier Sifton on January 27 and requested him to nominate three members of the legislature to act with the U.F.A. committee in working out a definite scheme. This request Mr. Sifton refused to accede to, on the ground that the members were all busy with other work and would not have time to attend to the matter. The Premier also told Mr. Bevington to see the Minister of Agriculture and arrange any other details with him.

A request was also made of the Premier that the reading of the Bill allowing private companies to do business in the province should be withheld until the views of the U.F.A. could be presented, but he answered that the bill was now

on the order sheet and would likely come up for second reading on January 29.

The result of this interview was then communicated to the President by telephone, with the result that on Monday morning, the 29th, a committee consisting of the President, Messrs. Bevington and Sorensen were on hand to watch proceedings.

The interview with Mr. Marshall resulted in the information being gained that the private companies bill was now in print and he was asked for a copy of same, the answer being received that it could not be forthcoming until Monday morning.

### Waiting in the Cold

At ten o'clock on Monday morning the full committee waited upon Mr. Marshall, who appeared surprised at the way it had been reinforced since the last meeting. Mr. Marshall informed the committee that the bill was not yet out of the printer's hands but that he would try and find a typewritten copy somewhere in the office. He then left the committee alone for the best part of an hour and then returned with a copy of the Bill, a copy of which was supplied to each member of the committee.

It was then decided in order to get our demands before the notice of the House that it would be necessary to protest against the admission of private companies into the province and also to protest against the bill which had been introduced. This was done by placing on each member's desk, before the legislature opened the following protest:—

"We, the hail insurance committee appointed by the United Farmers of Alberta, having considered the proposed Act respecting Hail Insurance in the Province of Alberta, and paying due regard to the resolutions passed by the convention held in Edmonton, January 16, 17, 18, 1912, copies of which resolutions have been placed in your hands, do unanimously protest against the proposed act and have this day passed the following resolution

and respectfully recommend its adoption:—

"Whereas this Hail Insurance Bill is a matter concerning farmers alone:

"Whereas the United Farmers of Alberta are entirely opposed to granting monopolies to corporations or combines in this Province;

"Whereas the spirit of the Hail Insurance Scheme embodied in the resolutions of the United Farmers of Alberta would provide the means whereby farmers not possessing the ready money might become insured:

"Therefore be it resolved that a Hail Insurance Bill be incorporated in the new Rural Municipalities Act providing for Hail Insurance as recommended by the resolutions now in your hands, and until this Act becomes law that the government continue the present system of Hail Insurance with the

following amendment,—that the government give credit on premiums, securing themselves on the land.

(Signed) W. J. Tregillus, G. Bevington, H. Sorensen.

### Farmers' Committee Busy

The result of this protest was that the Hon. Duncan Marshall came to the committee immediately after the House opened and asked them to meet the agricultural committee at 10 a.m. on January 30. This was agreed to, the meeting taking place on the floor of the House and there being some 32 members of the legislature in attendance. The committee went into the question very fully, there being in the course of the discussion seventy different speeches, by actual count.

The result of this interview was that  
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