

great deal of interest shown, but as many members were absent it was thought advisable to postpone the discussion till the September meeting. T. B. Goodall spoke at some length in regard to the meeting at Kitscoty having reference to the holding of agricultural show in October, and stated that some ninety-five members had already subscribed. He hoped more would hand in their names and that he should be in a better position at the next meeting of the union to give some more particulars, such as the prize list, etc. The meeting then adjourned until Saturday, September 17, at the home of Mr. J. C. Dales.

C. W. HARRINGTON, Sec.

Triag.

A SUCCESSFUL PICNIC

Although the picnic time is over for the present and everyone is down to hard work for a time, still, as no account has yet appeared, the following report of the first annual picnic of Trenville Union of the U.F.A. will be interesting to some. The weather was simply ideal up to about six o'clock, when a heavy thunderstorm put a stop to the proceedings for a time, and many who would otherwise have stopped for the dance were compelled to go home. The energetic committee in charge of the arrangements made a very satisfactory program of sports, including horse races for ladies, girls, boys and men, cowboy race, bucking contest, married ladies', young ladies', children's and men's foot races, and all were well filled and provoked much merriment. Not the least entertaining part of the program was the ring tilting tournament, but unfortunately owing to the lateness of the day this had to be considerably curtailed. There were several competitors for the honors of the field, however, and the valuable prizes offered were all earned. The thanks of the committee are due to the merchants of Red Deer, Content and Trenville, and to several of the gentlemen resident in the district for the many valuable prizes donated by them towards the sports. The refreshments were looked after by F. Green, T. Laver and T. Lefley, and these gentlemen were most ably assisted by Mrs. T. Laver, to whom great thanks is due. The net profits realized from the refreshments were \$17.00. Dancing was held in the U.F.A. hall upon a specially built platform in the evening, and some thirty couples danced till the wee sma' hours of the morning. The opinion of everyone was that they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and that the next picnic would draw an immense crowd. Although the U.F.A. at Trenville is quiet at the present time, still everybody is busy and once the rush of work is over just watch us, that's all.

PREVENT FOREST FIRES

At our last meeting of the Cowley Union, held on Saturday, August 27, much interest was taken in the approaching visit of the prime minister, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, to Lethbridge, and the objects of the U.F.A. deputation that will meet

him there. Our vice-president, J. F. Ross, was appointed delegate and probably many members will accompany him. In addition to supporting the resolutions already presented to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, our delegate was instructed to present the inadequate means provided for the prevention of, and contending with, the disastrous forest fires which have been so prevalent this year. The unfortunate settlers who live in the vicinity of these fires seem to be the sole dependence of the authorities for forest protection. They have to fight the fires and provide food and shelter for all who help. The Forest Fire-Warden seems to have no authority to hire men or to buy provisions, and then, especially in a dry year like this, he has a district to guard large enough for five or six wardens and a staff of men as well. He may work 24 hours a day, and often has this summer, but he cannot cover the ground. The net result is millions of feet of valuable lumber destroyed, thousands of acres of much needed pasture burnt, and a loss of time and money to settlers who can ill afford it, besides having the hardest kind of work put up to them in the middle of their spring work, haying or harvest season.

The matter of holding a district convention was advanced a step by a communication from Fishburn Union recommending the idea and suggesting that as Pincher Creek was the central town that the secretary of the local there be requested to act as secretary for the convention and make arrangements for the meeting. It was with great satisfaction that the local heard the decision of the U.F.A. executive to secure the services of a solicitor in the Lighthart case. A member had a letter from the Claims Agent of the railway company, dated August 20, couched in almost the same terms as that addressed to Mr. Lighthart, so if the law has been changed, as the Hon. Mr. Graham stated, why does the C.P.R. still use that clause to protect itself? It was the opinion of the members that some alteration is necessary in the method by which laws are tinkered with by order-in-council. Some way should be devised so that people interested in any particular legislation, either for or against it, should receive notice with ample time to protest if an order-in-council is contemplated to change an act or a clause in an act, or else the Canadian Council of Farmers will have to retain some one all the time at Ottawa and the provincial legislatures.

JOHN KEMMIS, Sec.

Cowley.

ENDORSES RESOLUTIONS

The members of Spring Ridge Union, at their last regular meeting endorsed the resolution of Tofield Union in regard to internal elevators, and in regard to the terminals requested that the resolution already adopted by the union should be submitted to the proper authorities. Our membership is now twenty-four, and we expect to add several more at an early date.

M. C. DUFFIELD, Sec.

Spring Ridge.

PRESENTING IRRIGATION SCHEME

Iron Springs Union will be represented at Lethbridge by G. W. Pierson, who was appointed a delegate at the last meeting. A resolution had been prepared petitioning for an irrigation ditch through the district, and we will arrange to have an engineer present who will explain the feasibility of the scheme. We hope to secure the assistance of the other unions in this enterprise.

THOS. H. WYMAN, Sec.

Iron Springs.

WOULD LIKE FARMING SUBJECTS

Although Flgstaff Union has not been heard from lately the members are enthusiastic and are sticking together well. We would very much like to see some discussions, leading articles and special articles appear in THE GUIDE on such problems as ploughing vs. discing for second crop on breaking, and other matters of interest to the farmers. This problem is a very much discussed one here and we would like to have the scientific theories for the same, such as effects on preservation of soil moisture, etc., presented.

W. M. FLEMING, Sec.

Flgstaff

PRAIRIE FIRE TROUBLES

At the last meeting of Summerview Union it was resolved that voluntary subscriptions should be received to enable the general secretary to press a law suit to recover damages from the C. P. R. in respect to the grass fire which destroyed much hay on Henderson's land here lately, and, further, for any similar lawsuits where definite illegal damage has been done and a satisfactory seems probable; also that this be published in THE GUIDE and if possible to establish throughout the country the practice of so subscribing. We think it would be undesirable to burden the members with any liability beyond the annual subscription, and, further, to incur the delay involved in making a money call on lodges for this or similar purposes. It is thought that in this particular instance subscriptions of twenty-five cents each would suffice. Our vice-president, H. N. Nathurst, was appointed the delegate to represent Summerview Union at Lethbridge. A resolution was also passed asking for information in detail regarding the Lighthart case, and the probable cost per union if the case is proceeded with.

JOHN M. LIDDELL, Acting Sec.

Pincher.

HIGHLAND ORGANIZED

The farmers of Highland district received a visit from W. J. Tregillus during July and as a result a union of the U. F. A. was organized, with a membership of thirteen and with every prospect of a large addition at an early date. The members are all enthusiastic and the result will be that Highland will be heard from in the future. The first officers are: president, R. S. Parslow; secretary-treasurer, R. L. Elves.

R. L. ELVES, Sec.-Treas.

Loma, P. O.

ROUSING UP INTEREST

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Wednesday, September 17, for the purpose of adding new members to our union, which now numbers 20, and at the same time renew the interest in the work among those who do not join. We would like arrangements to be made for a good speaker to be with us at that time. Delegates were also appointed to present this union at Lethbridge on the occasion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's visit there.

W. E. PATE, Sec.

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