

# Alberta

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## Official Circular No. 6

To the officers and members of  
Local Union No. ....  
Ladies and Gentlemen.

You will be interested in the following announcement which our Vice-President, E. Carswell, manager of the Livestock Department and Chairman of the Pork Packing Committee, has authorized me to make thru the medium of this circular. Our Pork Packing committee have followed the instructions given them at the last convention and adopted a system for the handling of the hog proposition as nearly as possible the same as that which has been operated so successfully in Red Deer for several years past, using the Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator company as the medium thru which to do the work. In the four months which have elapsed since Mr. Carswell came to Calgary from Red Deer to take charge of the Livestock Department, that department has handled considerably over 200 carloads, totalling altogether over 16,000 hogs, in addition to several carloads of sheep and cattle. This means that the hogs have been coming thru at an average rate of over 1,000 per week, or more than 50,000 per year. As a matter of fact the business is increasing all the time and it is practically certain that the end of the first year's work will show that this number has been easily passed. It will be remembered that 50,000 hogs per annum was the number that the farmer was asked to guarantee under the terms of the old Pork Packing Plant proposition, which proposition was accepted by the government several years ago on condition that the guarantee was forthcoming. The Pork Packing committee hope that thru our Livestock Department even better results will be achieved. However, the whole situation has changed considerably in the last few years and we ask for every local to heartily support the committee by joining together and shipping their hogs thru our Livestock Department. Mr. Carswell will gladly send a buyer to any point where arrangements can be made for the shipping of a carload, if advised of same a reasonable time in advance of the date of shipment.

It might be added that the Livestock Department has established its own commission man on the Calgary market, which will permit of those desiring to handle the hogs themselves, simply consigning the shipment direct to the representative of their own company.

### Sale of Hay

Mr. Carswell has further taken up the hay proposition in connection with his Livestock Department. Our unions in the North particularly would do well to note that this year conditions are different to what they have been for several years past. The Southern portions of this province, also Saskatchewan, are, in many places, practically destitute of feed of any kind and a considerable quantity will be required for shipment into these parts. We should be glad to hear at this office from any of our locals (or any individual farmers if necessary, tho we prefer to handle our business thru the secretaries of the local unions) in regard to hay for sale in quantities of not less than a carload, giving the approximate amount available, also the quality. We hope that this proposition will be well supported, as we believe we shall be able to handle it in such a way that both seller and purchaser will reap the benefit. Information may be sent to the secretary or direct to Mr. Carswell at this office.

### Apples

We expect to complete arrangements within the next few days for this fall's supply of apples from British Columbia. We anticipate being in a particularly good position so far as price and variety, etc., are concerned. Our unions would do well to take this matter up at once and find out approximately what quantity they will require and send us this information at the earliest possible moment.

This does not mean that you will be placing your order when sending in that information, but we have no doubt that we will be able to please you and immediately definite prices are available they will be sent to you. On receipt of the price list you can either confirm your order, increase or cancel it, as you wish. The object of asking for this information at this time is to give us some idea of about what will be required. If we have that information, it will help to avoid any delay or disappointment in delivery. In former years there has always been some disappointment thru the matter being put off till too late in the season. All deliveries of apples should be in before freeze-up, and we hope that if you want apples you will help us to see that you get them before there is any danger of damage by frost.

### Women's Auxiliaries

We shall soon be thinking seriously about our 1915 convention and we want one of the features of this convention to be a women's convention which will amount to something. Last year only a few turned out and while there was plenty of talent on hand, no results were achieved. The ladies came to no definite decision and the convention broke up without even having decided on a secretary to look after their correspondence, should they have any, or who might be responsible for the calling together of a better convention in 1915. It will, therefore, devolve on "mere man" again to look after the arrangements this year and to assist us in doing that and insuring success at Edmonton, I would greatly appreciate it if anyone interested in this Women's Organization end of the business will give me the name and address of some lady in each of the districts where our unions exist, who will do her best to see that the news and details of the women's convention to be held in Edmonton the third week in January, 1915, is spread around and that a representative to that convention is on hand when the men come up to our regular U. F. A. convention.

### Harvest Arrangements

We regret that our hopes in regard to harvest arrangements seem likely to fall thru. A considerable number of letters have reached us from members in the dry districts anxious to assist in the harvest this fall, many of them with teams available if necessary. Unfortunately there has been no direct request as yet from districts where there are crops to harvest. We understand that labor is plentiful all over the province. The probability is that there will be little chance of arranging for mutual assistance as proposed.

### Re Conditions in S.E. Alberta

We learn from outside sources that owing to the drought and consequent lack of feed in some sections of the country, farmers generally are selling off all kinds of stock considerably below value and in some cases actually giving it away. We do not believe that there is any necessity for this sort of thing if the farmers will make use of the organization which they have built up during the past few years. We regret that, from the information received, a considerable amount of livestock has already been disposed of in this way, but immediately the news reached this office, steps were at once taken to see what could be done. A number of conferences were held between ourselves, representatives of the Co-operative Elevator Company, the Provincial Government, Dominion Government and Canadian Pacific Railway Company. We are not, as yet, in a position to make any definite statement as to what will be done, but as soon as that is possible, full details will be conveyed to you thru the medium of a special circular dealing with that subject. Sufficient to say at the present time that the arrangements which we hope to make will provide for the trans-

portation of feed of all kinds into districts where it is needed, at special rates, and that arrangements will be made where necessary for the gathering together of livestock from farmers who are forced to sell, and its transportation to parts where there are farmers who are in a position and willing to pay a fair price for that produce. There is no necessity to give your stuff away if you will keep your organization posted in regard to conditions in your district and what is going on in the neighborhood. Times are likely to be hard enough this winter without giving your livestock away for next to nothing. Give your own organization a chance to see what they can do to help you instead of continuing to deal with those people whom you and I know from past experience are never so happy as when they can get the farmer into a corner and force him to sell to them at any price they choose to set.

### Grain Growers' Guide

I am glad to note that since our last reference to the necessity of giving special attention to our official paper, The Grain Growers' Guide, that there has been an appreciable increase of interest shown. I think we should make a special effort during the coming winter to give our province the largest circulation of any. There are several reasons for this. First of all, as I have remarked before, it is for us to make our own paper what we want it. We have asked for a full page for the Alberta section all the year round and this has been granted. We have been promised an additional amount as soon as circumstances will permit of them being put in. We should show our appreciation of the evident desire on the part of The Guide management to give us everything that it is reasonably possible for them to do.

Secondly, a good friend of our Association, who has every year for the last three or four years, shown his appreciation of our work in some tangible form, has donated the sum of \$500 to be distributed in cash prizes among those obtaining the largest number of new subscriptions before the end of the year. These prizes are for competition in Alberta only. These prizes are well worth going after, there being twelve in all, ranging from \$100 downwards. While the gentleman who has been good enough to donate this sum of money makes no conditions, he would doubtless very much appreciate the fact if there were real competition to win such valuable cash prizes, and that the number of subscriptions turned in by the prize winners should be in proportion to the value of the prizes given. I understand that every agent taking part in these contests will be entitled to his regular commission also.

As you are doubtless aware, The Guide has recently decided also to offer a special rate to bona fide new subscribers. At this rate it will be 25 cents for The Guide from now on for the balance of the year. Subscriptions on this basis will also, I presume, count in the prize competition. With all these extra inducements, the circulation of The Guide should be easily increased by at least 50 per cent, and it is hoped that our unions will take the matter up in real earnest. If you have not already done so, write for full particulars to the Circulation Manager, Grain Growers' Guide, Winnipeg, and he will be only too pleased to send you information in detail.

P. P. WOODBRIDGE, Sec.

### EDUCATION NEEDED

Lonebutte Union No. 643, was organized by O. E. Payne, of Hanna, on June 2, J. Higginbottom being appointed secretary. The number of members joining at the opening meeting was seventeen, but we understand that this has since been increased to nearly fifty. This union hold their meetings in a number of schoolhouses, as they are a considerable distance from a railway town. The secretary remarks on the truly extraordinary circumstances under which they work, whereby they find that all the schoolhouses in the district can be obtained, free of charge with the exception of Lonebutte schoolhouse where the union first came into existence. That meeting was called for the Lonebutte schoolhouse, but the farmers, on arriving, were obliged to hold their meeting out of doors on the lee side of the school. We understand that the school board in that particular district have passed a cast iron resolution, which apparently cannot be res-

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## OLD BASING JERSEYS

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cinded, repealed or amended in any way to permit of the farmers using the schoolhouse free of charge. It is respectfully suggested that this particular school might be used to educate the trustees as well as the children, a suggestion in which we heartily concur. When a board of trustees cannot see its way clear to fall in with the reasonable demands of a union as large as Lonebutte, barring extenuating circumstances, that board would certainly seem to need education in regard to the present day spirit if nothing else. If there are any farmers in this particular district who consider the advisability of organizing a third political party in order to remedy political conditions under the present system of government, they would do well to ponder on the action of these trustees, whom we presume have been elected ostensibly to do the will of the farmers in that particular district. One hates to draw attention to it, but the moral obviously is that the farmer, once elected and in power is just as much inclined to go his own sweet way, without considering the wishes of the majority, as the other fellow, and that before we really get any better off from a political point of view we will have to change the entire elective system.

### SCHULER ORGANIZED

Schuler Union No. 649 was organized on June 3, with twenty-one members signed on the roll. E. N. White is secretary.