

at our next meeting. The first officers of Rising Sun Union are: President, D. W. McKenzie, Rising Sun; secretary-treasurer, Joseph Fairbrother, Rising Sun.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS

A meeting of the executive committee of the U. F. A. was held at Red Deer on Saturday, October 29, when it was unanimously decided to do everything possible to make the Ottawa delegation a success, and it was decided that strong cases should be prepared on the subjects which are of special interest to Alberta. The secretary received instructions to take up the matter of the local unions appointing delegates at once, and issue a circular letter explaining just what will be required. The president was appointed a special committee to wait upon the government and see what would be done in regard to the pork packing project, and to ascertain the position of affairs at the present time. The secretary was instructed to take up the matter of freight rates on hay and grain shipped from one part of the province to another for local consumption, and also to ascertain what the machine companies intend to do in regard to lien notes falling due this fall in the districts which were affected by the drought. It was decided to request the live stock commissioner to assist in having water provided at some of the stock yards, and several matters of routine were also well attended to, which will be reported later.

#### EXTRACTS FROM OFFICIAL CIRCULAR NO. 11.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the executive committee of the U. F. A., held at Red Deer, recently, it was unanimously decided to do everything possible to make the Ottawa delegation a success.

It has been decided to hold the conference at Ottawa on Friday, December 16, 1910, and to hold a meeting of all the delegations the day previous, so that we shall all be conversant with the resolutions and objects of the conference. This date is, of course, subject to the approval of the other associations interested, but if not found satisfactory you will be immediately notified. This date has been chosen by the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, so there is every prospect of same being acceptable.

It has been decided that the Alberta members of the Canadian Council of Agriculture will officially represent the U. F. A. at Ottawa, but it is as desirable that as large a delegation as possible shall be present and for this reason it is hoped that many members will be appointed to represent their unions at the conference. It is not necessary to confine yourself to the appointment of one delegate; send as many as possible and they will all be made welcome.

The matter which should be kept largely in mind is that it will only be necessary for the delegates to start for the East a few days earlier, and that they will all be in a position to be home for the Christmas holidays and festivities, going by way of Ottawa on their eastward journey. If delegates wish to go east before that time and be on hand at Ottawa on December 13th, this will be just as satisfactory.

Several questions have been asked as to what the expenses will amount to. The winter excursions will start on December 1st, and the price of the return ticket, good for three months, will be advertised all over the country. Added to that must be the cost of accommodation on the railway for four days eastward bound and four days return, together with two days at Ottawa. Possibly at the least about one hundred dollars will be the estimated cost of the round trip.

Ontario has promised a large representation, and Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta have all taken the matter up. At present the Manitoba Association have secured a promise from the C. P. R. officials that they will have a special train leave Winnipeg on the evening of December 14th, reaching Ottawa on the evening of the 14th, and any member desiring accommodation on that should write to Mr. H. McKenzie, Secretary M. G. A., Winnipeg, who will be pleased to attend to the matter. It is not necessary to travel on this train, however, and all that is required is for the delegates to reach Ottawa on December 13th.

The questions which will be taken up at Ottawa include:

1. The tariff, with a demand for free trade in farm implements and tools.

2. Government ownership of terminal elevators. In connection with this question it is of interest to know that an invitation has just been received from Sir Wilfrid Laurier for a deputation of organized farmers to discuss this question with him.

3. The Hudson's Bay Railway.

4. Government establishment of a chilled meat system.

5. Relief from the burdensome clauses of the railway act.

6. The passage of the co-operative legislation.

If you will not be sending a delegate kindly have your union pass resolutions on the above questions and forward same to the general secretary, so that they can be presented by the deputation. This is a special circular and dealing only with the one subject. We should very much like to have your view on same, and if any member is appointed to represent your union kindly send me his name at once, so that it can be printed in the "Delegates to Ottawa" column of THE GUIDE.

Whoever goes should bear in mind the fact that the ticket to his home town should be marked via Ottawa, and that the delegation will meet there on December 13th, the conference with the government being on the 16th. The cost of the trip from Alberta will be approximately \$100.00. We want a boost at this juncture and are leaving the matter entirely in your hands as to how this will be secured. Further particulars will appear from time to time in the columns of the GUIDE and any later developments will be announced in the regular circular for November which will be issued directly after the time has expired for receiving amendments to the constitution.

Your obedient servant,  
EDWARD J. FREEMAN, Secretary.

#### PRESERVE THE FISH

To the Royal Commission on Fisheries:

Gentlemen:—As the notice of your meeting invites any and all persons interested in the subject of Fish and Fisheries to bring before you any information or requests bearing on the same, I beg to do so on behalf of the Edmonton Union of the United Farmers of Alberta.

There is no doubt, but that as a congenial recreation the pastime of fishing is one which commands a prominent position, as it not only provides an agreeable amusement, but also, where fish are at all abundant, a welcome change of food. The Saskatchewan River is a stream which we claim has exceptional advantages for the growth and production of fish life, and we deplore that from various causes the river is not stocked as it should be. In the vicinity of Edmonton there are a few, but only a few, salmon trout caught each year, fish running up to thirteen pounds in weight, gold eye, two species of sucker, ling, jackfish, and now rarely sturgeon are to be caught, all of which testify from their fatness the excellent feed they obtain. On the other hand, from experience the number of fish seem to be diminishing, which seems to be due to various causes, such as sawdust which is often seen in considerable quantities, and the sewerage and other impurities which are allowed to enter the river.

To show this is the case, last year some of the sewerage from the Griffin Parking Plant ran into a small creek known as Second Rat Creek, with the result that there a number of fish at the mouth of the creek were killed; the sewerage now runs into the river without any purification. Another reason which is very evident the cause of the diminishing number of fish in the river is the destruction of fish in the spring when they are running up the creeks and small rivers to spawn. They are wastefully destroyed by fish traps and other illegal means. While, however, submitting our views to you, gentlemen, we admit our ignorance of the plans which could be best employed to give us a better supply of fish in this splendid river. Whether the present species could be better protected and preserved, or the introduction of other species would be more advantageous, we would ask your earnest consideration, as we assure you we consider that the stocking of the Saskatchewan River with fish would be welcomed by the farmers and community at large, probably as much as the opening of the river to traffic, which matter has been receiving some attention of late.

FRANCIS C. CLARE, Sec.

(The above paper was presented to the Fishery Commission when they met at Edmonton recently, and shows that the members of the U. F. A. are always alive

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