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**Membership.**—The membership of the association shall consist of creamery associations working under the control of the department of agriculture.

**Officers.**—The officers of the association shall consist of a president, secretary-treasurer and three directors, who shall be elected by the delegates of the local associations in annual convention.

"The officers shall have power to conduct the business of the association in any manner they may decide upon and shall be empowered to add to these rules as they may see fit, subject to ratification by the annual convention.

The election of the first officers for the association was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—President, E. Carswell, Red Deer; secretary-treas., E. J. Fream, Innisfail; executive committee, A. J. Creighton, Content; D. Morkberg, Markerville; J. Duncan, Innisfail.

Addresses on uniform bookkeeping were then given by F. W. Underwood, of the dairy commissioner's office, and E. J. Fream; the addresses being illustrated by samples of synoptic ledgers for general bookkeeping and for a stock ledger.

At the close of the addresses and discussion the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

"That this convention recommends that the system of bookkeeping as suggested be adopted.

The convention then closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, Mr. E. Carswell, for his services and assistance during the two days of the convention.

#### PRESIDENT BOWER'S STRAIGHT TALK

At the annual meeting of Red Deer Union there was a good attendance and after routine business, the president reviewed the questions of the year. He said that while Manitoba and Saskatchewan were more interested in the matter of government elevators, as they were almost exclusively grain growing provinces, Alberta, with her more diversified products, looked to the west for a market. The government had placed some funds at the disposal of the U.F.A. to prospect as to market conditions for Alberta in British Columbia, and his recent mission there was to endeavor to interest the coast business people and consumers in the accessibility of Alberta's products, in which he had fair success. The transportation charges were the main hindrance.

He then dealt with the success of their co-operative movement to raise prices in Red Deer. This was the first time that he remembered in Alberta, when a farmer would lose in shipping hogs east. Hitherto, the Alberta prices for hogs had been just equal to Toronto prices, less the freight. He spoke of their efforts to have the pork packing plant started. The legislature had voted the necessary funds, but there had been trouble over a form of pledge which would guarantee the plant 50,000 hogs and apparently the matter was hung up by the executive council.

#### Discussed Proposed Amendments

The meeting then considered the sundry amendments of the constitution which would come before the annual convention. In regard to the resolution that members of the executive should resign upon entering politics, the president thought this should be left discretionary with the executive.

Mr. Jamieson contended strongly for a higher membership fee, as they could not expect the work to be done properly without more money.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, James Bower; vice-president, Capt. Keast; secretary-treas., J. A. Carswell; executive, R. Gummon, C. A. J. Sharman, W. Loveland, W. Jenkins, H. Jamieson, J. Lamont. Six delegates were elected to represent the union at the annual convention.

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#### That Sin of Omission

After some discussion on the pork packing plant it was moved by Messrs. Jamieson and Galbraith that Red Deer Union express its dissatisfaction that no action has yet been taken by the government to establish the pork packing plant, and that the delegates from this union to the annual convention be instructed to press urgently for the fulfillment in 1916 of the declared purpose of the legislature to establish a provincial pork packing plant.

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#### A YEAR OF SPLENDID ACHIEVEMENTS

At the annual meeting of the East Clover Bar Union, there was a good attendance and the election of officers resulted as follows:—President, F. H. Hill; vice-president, H. W. Edmiston; secretary-treas., W. J. Jackman; directors, J. Reith, H. Lackey, E. Hall, P. C. Hamilton, J. Sanford, W. C. Wardrop; auditor, P. C. Hamilton.

The delegates appointed to represent the union at the annual convention were: F. H. Hill, W. J. Jackman, W. R. Ball, J. Sanford and P. C. Hamilton.

The secretary's report was presented as follows, and adopted by the meeting: "The year now closing has been a successful one for our union in every respect. There are 50 paid up members, compared with 40 last year, and 32 in 1907, the year I took office. 15 members are in arrears. The accounts show a balance in hand of \$29.42, compared with \$53.92 last year and \$17.10 in 1907. Twelve regular monthly meetings have been held. In addition, a special open meeting was held in April, with reference to the government packing plant, and a public debate was held on the subject of hail insurance.

A concert was given in February and a picnic in July. The former resulted in a deficit of \$5.16, and the latter in

of secretarial work. As a matter of fact, I have, during the year, written over 200 letters.

W. J. JACKMAN.  
Secretary.

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#### A BREEZE FROM ALBERTA

Rice Sheppard reports good work on his final trip, and at the meeting held at Loughheed he found the farmers very enthusiastic in their work and the union very active. Three delegates were elected to the convention, and the farmers are shipping their own grain, mostly to the Grain Growers' Grain Co., and are well satisfied with the results. The members are strongly in favor of pressing for a tax on all lands for hail insurance. After the meeting, speaking informally to Mr. Sheppard, the members expressed themselves as satisfied that the U.F.A. are doing good work and that we shall see good results from our labor. They are strongly in favor of THE GUIDE, believing that it is doing much to educate the farmers in marketing; ample proof of which can be found in their own district.

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#### LAMONT SOUNDS TRUMPET CALL

In forwarding a report for the year Mr. W. H. Cammack writes that Lamont Union is flourishing and that the delegates are looking forward to the annual convention, the members being most enthusiastic for the welfare of the U.F.A. as can be shown by the following quotation from Mr. Cammack's report:—

"The day of our general convention is drawing near and I hope we may enjoy a profitable meeting. There is much to consider and the time is likely to prove far too short. We are in our infancy and the few have a debt of honor to the many to be patient, persevering and untiringly vigilant and faithful to the cause of the producers of the bread of the world that their labors are not more

#### FARMERS' COMPANY HELPED HIM

Having shipped 1,373 bushels of wheat comprising two small cars and one car of oats to the Grain Growers' Grain Co. Ltd., through their Calgary office and having received \$191.69 more than I was offered by any one else in car lots I feel it my duty to inform my fellow farmers of the benefits they can receive by shipping through their own company.

J. A. McCOLL.

Didsbury, Alta., Jan. 8, 1916.

a credit balance to our branch of \$24.65. Both, however, were equally successful and enjoyable as social functions.

#### Successful Co-operation

Members combined to purchase their supplies of Formain and Binder Twine, and although the prices paid were perhaps no lower than those paid by outsiders, still the fact of such combinations existing amongst farmers undoubtedly acts as a check upon the dealers and keeps prices on a reasonable basis.

During the year we took up the question of the inadequate inspection of weights and measures and have secured an increase in the staff of inspectors, which although a good deal less than we asked for is a step in the right direction.

#### By Weight of Organization

Four complaints have been made by us to the railway commission. Two resulted successfully in orders for increased width of farmer's crossings and for fencing of the G.T.P. line. One regarding partitions in stock cars was turned down and the other, with regard to the level crossing between sections 7 and 8 is still in abeyance.

Our request to have the report of the Chilled Meat Committee printed and circulated at the government's expense was granted, and the agitation which we supported for a ferry at Clover Bar has been successful and the ferry is to be established in the spring.

In the matter of the telephone at East Clover Bar Post Office we have not been successful up to the present, though not definitely turned down.

Many other questions have been dealt with, but the above suffices to give some idea of the usefulness of our union, and you will understand that it has not been accomplished without a good deal

than wasted on the vultures and wolves that prey on every hand. I hope we may soon make our influence known and felt by those who at present presume to manipulate our business to our great detriment, and we are robbed by those who have obtained their advantage over us by our own arts of servility, which, I hope, may never again be repeated.

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#### DELEGATES APPOINTED

At the annual meeting of Spruce Grove Union No. 44, the following officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—President, J. G. Schumm; vice-president, N. Gagne; secretary-treasurer, C. Weidenhammer; directors, H. Struve, R. Benerlin, J. Bradley, C. Rees, A. Kukl, J. Gagne.

The delegates to the annual convention are N. Gagne and C. Weidenhammer.

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#### FARMERS' GRAIN WAREHOUSE

At the last meeting of Alix Union, President Marryat read the report of the conference of the committee of the association lately held with the Alix Board of Trade, as to the necessity of a grain warehouse for Alix, and in the discussion that followed it was pointed out that the building of such a warehouse would be possible if only 50 farmers would stick together. A committee was then appointed to obtain further information in the matter.

Mr. Barham, contractor—present by request—gave an estimate of the cost of a warehouse and exhibited plans. Mr. Darlow, representing the board of trade, was also present and pointed out the necessity as well as the advantages of the proposed building. The cost of the proposed building, fireproof, in-

cluding wagon sheds, but not other machinery, would be about \$1,000.

Col. Marryat in his address to the meeting suggested that the farmers should contribute at least \$1,000, and the town supply the balance which would be about \$300, including the preliminary expenses of forming a company. He emphasized the necessity of sticking together and proposed that the appointed committee after securing further information, should draw up a prospectus and invite all the neighboring farmers to take up shares. He considered that a good motto for the company would be "Aide-tri le ciel t'aidera" (Help yourself and heaven will help you).

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#### DISCUSSED HAIL INSURANCE

There was a good attendance of members at the last meeting of Stettler Union, and several subjects came up for discussion, the first being hail insurance. Mr. Steele, the secretary, believed that a great deal of dissatisfaction was felt regarding the manner in which the damages to hauled crops was assessed, and thought that until a better plan was advocated, the one now in vogue would not be generally accepted.

Mr. Adair considered that a tax should be imposed on all cultivated land, thus relieving the rancher from a tax on grazing land. He advocated the immediate inspection of hauled areas.

Mr. Adair said he had been invited to go to Gadsby and organize a union there, and suggested that Mr. Whiteside do this as he was out in that country, to which Mr. Whiteside replied he would be glad to do anything he could for the advancement of the U.F.A.

The matter of having local monthly meetings at the various school houses throughout the district and have a general meeting at Stettler once every three months was discussed, and as a result the chairman requested Mr. Steele to call a meeting at the Kindergarten School house, and Mr. Kerridge to do likewise at the Spring Lake school house and try to organize branches of the association.

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#### FOLLOW MANITOBA'S EXAMPLE

The Lakeford Union has closed an active year by electing E. E. Gedulin and A. Grep as the delegates to the annual convention, and the great expectancy of this union is to see the convention follow the example of Manitoba in the matter of government ownership of elevators.

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#### HOPEDALE

Hopedale Union is now getting into its stride and the members are clubbing together to ship their oats in carload quantities, loading the cars either at Tees or at Alix.

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#### SPRING RIDGE

Spring Ridge Union has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, A. Davidson; vice-president, E. C. Duffield; secretary-treas., R. J. Cantelon, and everything is arranged for an active campaign in the district.

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#### LLOYDMINSTER ASSOCIATION ACTIVE

The annual meeting of Lloydminster Union was held on January 8, and was attended by a good number of members. After disposing of routine business the meeting took up circular No. 11 for discussion and the delegates were instructed to support those resolutions most beneficial to the farming community.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President, A. J. Blackwell J.P.; vice-president, H. Hill secretary-treas., W. Linton; directors, J. Abel, J. H. Brown, J. George, F. Guthbert and W. Linton. Mr. J. Campbell announced that Rice Sheppard was visiting Streamstown Union on November 11 and would arrive in Lloydminster on the morning of that day and it was suggested that a special meeting be held to allow Mr. Sheppard to give a short address but owing to the short notice it was impossible to acquaint all the members of the meeting, therefore the president asked all members present to endeavor to be on hand and to make the meeting proposed as widely known as possible. This was done and on Monday morning, Mr. Sheppard gave a very able address to the most enthusiastic meeting, the proceedings terminating with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. H. C. Lisle M.P.P.