

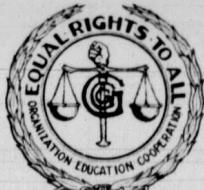
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U.F.A. CONDEMNS INTERLOCKING DIRECTORATES

The following resolution held over from last year was brought before the Edmonton convention by delegates from Wheatland Centre Union:

"Whereas there is cumulative evidence from many sources, both in our country and in the United States, of the evil effects of a few men controlling the large financial and commercial institutions by being officers and directors in many companies; and

"Whereas in the States this practice has become so general that they are trying to abolish it by statute, and in this country has grown to such an alarming extent as to cause our official organ, the Grain Growers' Guide, to make a vigorous fight against it; and

"Whereas we believe that this is a practice which is wrong in principle and should be abolished;

"Therefore, be it resolved, that we declare ourselves as unalterably opposed to the principle of interlocking directorates wherever it exists, be it in our own and affiliated organizations, or in the large monied institutions of the country, and would respectfully suggest that all locals and our executive board take action towards suppressing this practice;

"And be it further resolved that we strongly commend the Grain Growers' Guide for the firm stand they have taken in opposition to it."

The discussion of this resolution took place at Tuesday evening's session. Members of the board took very little part in the discussion, but Vice-President Rice Sheppard and Director J. Quinsey spoke briefly, saying they were quite willing to leave the matter in the hands of the convention.

Man's Job

Rice Jones said the Veteran local, to which he belonged, had thoroughly discussed the resolution and its delegates had been instructed to support it. One of their reasons was that many of the outlying unions never received a visit from the officials of the provincial organization and they believed the reason was that the directors had so much to do they had not time to travel in the country. The time might come when it would be dangerous to make it possible for a small number of men to dominate the different branches of the work of the organized farmers. They believed that when a man was an officer of the U. F. A. or the Co-operative Elevator Company, he had a full sized man's job. W. J. Jackman was also in sympathy with the principle involved, but did not want to see anything done which would prevent the organization making use of able men. He moved as an amendment to insert the words "in commercial undertakings," after the words "interlocking directorates." The U. F. A. was not a commercial undertaking and therefore, under his amended form, it would still be possible for a man to be elected to office in the U. F. A. and the Co-operative Elevator Company, but not in the latter and some other business organization.

W. Bates supported the original motion, pointing out the evil that would be done if in the future any unprincipled clique should gain control of the farmers' organization thru interlocking directorates. H. Sorensen also supported, urging that the U. F. A. should be true to the principles which it advocated for others. James Miner supported the motion. J. H. Lamb said ordinary commercial companies had interlocking directorates be-



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