



# ALBERTA SECTION

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### ALEXANDRA DISTRICT CONVENTION

The first district convention of the Alexandra constituency was held in the Masonic Hall, Lloydminster, on Wednesday, June 28, commencing at two o'clock, when upwards of thirty branches were represented and also a good sprinkling of members of branches in the district were present. The convention having been called to order, Mr. Graham, delegate for the Tring Union, was unanimously elected to the chair and Mr. W. Linton acted as secretary. The first item on the agenda paper was the advisability of nominating a candidate to represent the farmers in the Federal and Provincial Parliaments, and after a very lengthy discussion it was unanimously decided to postpone this question until a later date, when some definite action could be decided upon. The following resolution was proposed by Mr. B. W. P. Hunt and seconded by Mr. J. Campbell: "That in the opinion of this convention there is no let or hindrance in the constitution on nominating a member of the U.F.A. to represent the farmers in the legislature." Mr. McLeod, of Oxville Union, moved, and Mr. R. A. Wilson, of Dewberry Union, seconded: "That Lloydminster be selected as the place to hold the next convention, and that the date be left in the hands of a committee of five members." The following were then elected to serve on this committee: Messrs. J. Campbell, H. Hill, B. W. P. Hunt, G. O'Range and W. Linton, after which the convention adjourned till 7.30 p.m.

#### Evening Session

The evening session was opened at 7.40, the chair being occupied by Mr. W. H. Anderson, of Dewberry Union. The first question on the agenda was the drafting of an address to be presented to R. L. Borden, Esq., K.C., M.P., on his approaching visit to Lloydminster on June 29. Mr. Graham moved and Mr. Jiggins seconded: "That this matter be left over till tomorrow, when the representatives of the Grain Growers' associations who are combining in the presentation of the address, will be present." The following resolution was introduced by Mr. A. M. Campbell, of Bellecamp Union: "Resolved, that in the event of the Federal Parliament being dissolved before the reciprocity agreement is passed, that the executive of the U.F.A., through the Canadian Council of Agriculture, ask the government to give a referendum on the agreement." It was unanimously resolved that this resolution should be forwarded to the general secretary of the U.F.A., to be laid before the executive. This concluded the business of the evening and an early adjournment was made until Thursday afternoon.

#### Thursday Afternoon Session

The meeting on Thursday was not a very lengthy one. The chair was occupied by Mr. Graham, of Tring, and the principal item on the program was the address to be presented to Mr. Borden. This had been in charge of a small committee and the draft which had been prepared was read by the secretary. On motion of Mr. O'Range, of Lloydminster, seconded by Mr. McLeod, of Oxville, the address as prepared was unanimously accepted. Mr. S. Rackham was the gentleman elected to present the address.

Mr. P. S. Austin, of Ranfurly, director for the Victoria constituency, gave a very interesting address on organization work, which was much appreciated. This concluded the business of the convention, which was considered most successful. The following were some of the delegates present: E. Whittaker, J. Heathcote, H. Murray, North Kitscoty Union; J. Stone, J. Donaldson, Blackfoot Union; W. Jiggins, A. G. Matthews, J. Campbell, Durness Union; D. Gilchrist, E. H. Moore, H. E. Stone, Islay Union; L. Loveless, A. Wright, Hiawatha Union; J. Weston, A. Humphrey, J. Graham, Tring Union; H. King, W. Plater, Tepee Lake Union; H. Savage, T. E. Law, E. Booth, Streamstown Union; F. N. Payne, Millerdale Union; W. H. Anderson, J. Anderson, A. E. Tomkins, R. H. Wilson,

Dewberry Union; H. Hill, B. W. P. Hunt, G. O'Range, Lloydminster Union; J. P. Swayne, Waverley Union; J. McLeod, Oxville Union; A. M. Campbell, Bellecamp Union; D. L. Richardson, Ethelwyn Union; J. E. Senis, Deer Lake Union; P. S. Austin, Ranfurly Union, district director.

—W. LINTON, Sec'y.

Northminster, Alta.

### SUNDIAL DISTRICT CONVENTION

The proposed district convention at Sundial was not a great success, for the reason that all the speakers we had arranged for were unable to be present, and while a large number of farmers were in attendance they were destined to meet with one of the worst disappointments that ever happened to the people of this district. We could not help feeling that the general secretary, at least, could have arranged for some other person to take his place at Red Deer, at the executive meeting held there on the same date as our convention, that he could have given us the benefit of his experience. We feel that we must get in closer touch with the business men in the cities and that we must impress upon them and the tradespeople the necessity of their lending their aid to the farmers in securing stable markets and just laws to govern the distribution of agricultural products, showing them to what an unlimited extent the prosperity of the city depends upon the prosperity of the country, and that when they foster conditions whereby the farmer is dealt with unjustly and his resources chained, they must suffer in like proportion. This was never more clearly demonstrated than by the failure of crops last year. The farmers were unable to be in the market as liberal buyers as in years previous and the merchants were obliged to sacrifice much of their usual orders in goods, carry over unpaid accounts and stand with idle hands while their goods moulded on the shelf. While we are not averse to wholesale buying by farmers, we urge it only when the dealer puts too wide a margin of profit between himself and the consumer. When they do this, and drive us from them, they are placing danger upon their own prosperity, checking the growth and endangering the future life of the city. We want to see thriving towns and cities springing up within our borders, but we must let the builders of them know that we are also men of business and expect to be met in co-operative measures along all industrial lines.

—WILL F. DEAN, Sec'y.

Sundial, Alta.

### FERTILE PLAINS PICNIC

There were between four and five hundred people present at the first annual picnic of Fertile Plains Union, held on July 4, and all were greatly disappointed that the general secretary was not able to be present. Two showers of rain in the afternoon interrupted both the sports and speaking, so that our enjoyment was not so great as it would have been with a pleasant day; neither did we accomplish so much in forwarding the cause of the farmers' union as we had hoped. We were treated to a very able and interesting address by Rev. Perrin E. Baker, president of Altorado Union, on the political phase of the U. F. A. He reviewed English, Canadian and American history to show that the struggle of the masses today is but a continuation of the contests for democracy, and urged support for the Initiative, Referendum and Recall. Mr. D. M. Garrison, of our own local, and Mr. A. F. Wertz, of Bow Island Union, also made brief but good addresses on the U. F. A. work. We were rewarded by seven new members and one subscription to The Guide and these came voluntarily as a public invitation to unite was made.

—W. S. HENRY, Sec'y.

Bow Island, Alta.

I am sorry that I was unable to meet the many good friends and workers of the U. F. A., not only at Fertile Plains, but at other places also during the holiday week. I had accepted several engagements, and was, in fact, preparing my

papers to enable me to leave the office for a week to attend these meetings when I received a telephone message from Innisfail telling me that Mrs. Fream's father had been taken seriously and suddenly ill. All work was dropped at once and we immediately left for Innisfail, unfortunately, however, arriving too late, and I was therefore engaged in mourning the loss of a most sincere friend and adviser, and one of the finest gentlemen that it was possible to meet with. As soon as was convenient I notified those whom I had promised to visit of the reasons of my absence, but I am making this further explanation so that those who were at the celebrations and were, maybe, surprised at no word or apology being received from me may be conversant with the reason.—E. J. F.

### PINCHER STATION PICNIC

The first annual picnic of Pincher Station Union was held on Dominion Day and proved a great success. It had been widely advertised and in spite of previous days' rainstorms and a rather blustering day the guests started to arrive at about eleven o'clock. Shortly after noon a happy crowd of about 150 sat down to lunch in the picturesque valley of the Old Man River under the branches of shading trees. A booth had been constructed on the picnic grounds by the managing committee and a brisk trade was soon going on in those things which delight the carnal inner man and which are said to constitute largely to the management of the "mere male." It also offered opportunities for the prospective benefactors to give offerings to their fair divinities. A comprehensive sporting program had also been arranged by the committee in which babes under three to ladies and gentlemen of more mature age could participate. Very good prizes were also offered, and for these many thanks are due to the merchants of Pincher Creek and station who generously contributed so many, and this opportunity is taken of publicly thanking them for same. The only regrettable incident was the unavoidable absence of our general secretary, Mr. E. J. Fream, whom we had expected to have the pleasure of entertaining and the satisfaction of hearing him speak. We were fortunate, however, in counting among our visitors, Messrs. R. Henderson and A. E. Cox, both prominent U. F. A. members, who gave us short addresses. Mr. Henderson emphasized the necessity of union among farmers in a few pithy sentences, while Mr. Cox elucidated on the question of the day, reciprocity. A few words were also said on the desirability of Direct Legislation by the acting secretary. The final wind up of the sports was a tug-of-war, in which the married men proved conclusively that to achieve the full development of life "it is not good for man to live alone." After the prizes had been distributed by the president, Mr. Jas. Cook, and supper had been partaken of, those whose minds turned toward the gay were given an opportunity of tripping the light fantastic toe, and about half past eleven, as the day was Saturday, the last of the gay throng were seen to homeward and their not weary way, to judge from the song and laughter which accompanied the rumbling of the wheels. Altogether a most enjoyable time was spent by all and this our first local union picnic had proved a great success.

—N. H. NATHORST, Sec'y.

Pincher, Alta.

### WHAT UNIONS ARE DOING

Leduc Union called for tenders for binder twine and received four replies. The lowest tender was accepted. It has been decided to circulate a petition asking for the installation of a municipal weigh scale in Leduc.

—C. E. A. SIMONDS, Sec'y.

Leduc, Alta.

Burnt Lake Union is strongly in favor of some action being taken in regard to the province securing compensation for the amount of loss sustained through the decision of the C.P.R. taxation case. We are in favor of the calendar scheme

and think this will be a good plan to keep the members interested. We think that the recommendation of the pork commissioners that only two-thirds of the value of the hogs should be paid on delivery is keeping back a large number from signing the agreements.

—SWAIN SVEINSON, Sec'y.

Burnt Lake, Alta.

Strome Union has been discussing the hail insurance question and has adopted the following resolution: "We, the members of Strome Union, No. 35, do express ourselves as being heartily in favor of the hail insurance resolution passed by the Strathmore Union, but we have little faith in its being passed by the convention for the reason that the head of our organization is against any hail insurance by taxation, as shown by the last convention at Calgary when a similar resolution was brought before the convention by this union." It seems to us that this question of hail insurance is as important as any, and more so to us for the reason that when we are hailed out we cannot buy seed for the next crop. Therefore how could we furnish hogs for a packing plant? We hope that things will work to the end that all will be in favor of hail insurance by taxation, as the public schools are maintained. This would be helping those that need help and would be a great benefit to the country, making it possible for a man to live in peace.

—WM. LINDSAY, Sec'y.

Strome, Alta.

At the last regular meeting of Big Hill Union all arrangements were completed for the members to meet Mr. Borden at High River (this meeting has already been reported in The Guide) and the meeting then adjourned to meet L. M. Roberts, M.L.A., who was billed to discuss local affairs with the members. Mr. Roberts discussed at some length the inefficiency of the system of local improvement districts and asked for the opinion of the union relative to same, also for some scheme by which they could be made more efficient on this point. He was informed that the Association was working on this matter and as soon as we were apprised of their conclusions we would have an opinion to submit to him. Mr. Roberts was then pledged to use his utmost endeavors to secure Direct Legislation, also to promote legislation prohibiting the formation of mergers in this province. Mr. Roberts gave the union the assurance that the matter of more direct roads and a bridge over the High Wood River leading to High River would be taken up with the government. This is a matter of great concern to this district and one which, for some reason, has been badly neglected. The union was well represented at the meeting and two new members were enrolled.

—EVAN REESE, Sec'y.

High River, Alta.

Beaverlodge Union, although many miles from close communication with the central, is rapidly gaining ground and there are now 40 members upon the roll. The members will also build a large U.F.A. hall at once, as there is no place except a private residence to meet in at the present time. We have also decided to take up the starting of an agricultural society and will try to secure an island which is in Saskatoon Lake as a fair ground.

—WM. H. LOVE, Sec'y.

Beaverlodge, Grand Prairie.

Streamstown Union has endorsed the resolution passed by Blackfoot Union re the C.P.R. tax case and think that it should be kept to the front.

—EDWIN C. DAVISON, Sec'y.

Streamstown, Alta.

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