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Official Call to the Convention

Official Circular No. 8

To the Officers and Members of
 Union No.

Ladies and Gentlemen:—

Acting under instructions from the Board of Directors of the United Farmers of Alberta, I hereby give notice that the Seventh Annual Convention of the Association will be held in the City of Edmonton, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, January 19, 20 and 21, 1915, commencing at 10 o'clock a.m. on the first day.

Referring to section 4 of our Constitution, the following words appear:—
 "The Association shall be governed by the Annual Convention to be held in the last half of January in each year, composed of delegates from each Union not in arrears to the Association, elected in the ratio of one delegate for every ten, and major portion of ten paid-up members."

Credential certificates are enclosed with this circular. Please see that your delegates are provided with these certificates. Additional certificates can be obtained from this office on request, and all delegates must have these certificates signed by the president and secretary of their union for identification. These certificates must be handed in with the railway certificate to the General Secretary or his assistant and exchanged for the official delegate's badge.

The railway expenses will be pooled in accordance with the plan adopted at previous conventions. On the last occasion the convention was held in Edmonton the pooled railway fare was \$4.75. The Executive headquarters will be a \$2.50 a day hotel, according to present plans, so that a liberal allowance of six days from home at the above rate will bring the expenses of each delegate to not more than \$20.00. Every Union should take steps to raise the necessary funds for at least one delegate. Last year's Convention was nearly twice the size of any previous one, yet we had only about 50 per cent. of our Unions represented. Let us try and do a little better this year.

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Special Instructions to Delegates.

To enable the resolution dealing with the travelling expenses of the delegates to be carried out, it is necessary that every delegate shall purchase a regular single first-class ticket from his nearest home station to Edmonton and secure at the same time from the agent a standard certificate. This applies only to delegates living on C. P. R. lines. It will be necessary for delegates from the C.N.R. and G.T.P. lines to buy a single first-class ticket from their home station to the junction point with the C.P.R. and secure a standard certificate from the local agent, and at the junction point a single first-class ticket to Edmonton over the C.P.R. lines must be purchased and another standard certificate for this portion of the journey secured.

These certificates must be secured not more than three days, not including Sunday, prior to the opening of the Convention and are good for three days after the close of the Convention. The certificates must be presented to the Secretary at the Convention and on being countersigned by him will enable the delegates to secure a free pass for the homeward journey (provided 100 delegates are in attendance).

A pooled railway rate means all delegates pay the same fare irrespective of the distance they come. Those delegates from near at hand pay into the pool so that those from far off may benefit. As the Convention is never in the same city two successive years, each union benefits in turn.

All delegates must conform to this rule.

Information to Ladies

A special invitation is extended to all ladies for our Convention. Please bear in mind that an effort is being made this year by the Central Office to hold a special session for ladies. Further particulars in regard to this portion of the program will be sent out later.

All ladies making the trip are requested to carry out the same instructions as the men, in which case they will receive the same privileges as to the return fare.

Resolutions

If you have any resolutions to submit to the Convention remember that they must reach the Central Office not later than December 15th, in accordance with section 5 (e) of our Constitution. Apply to this office for the necessary forms or send your resolutions in on a separate sheet of paper with name of your union, and the mover and second legibly marked. All resolutions sent in must be signed by the president and secretary of the union.

General

Another circular dealing with general matters will be sent out as soon as possible.

Yours fraternally,

P. P. WOODBRIDGE,
 Provincial Sec'y

WAR RELIEF FUNDS

Following up a recent meeting of the board of directors and at the request of a number of our unions special funds have been opened at this office for the relief of distress caused by the war. Contributions may be sent in to the secretary, the proceeds to be donated to the Red Cross Society, Belgian Relief Fund, or Patriotic Fund. Spring Ridge Union No. 80 has the honor of being the first to send in a contribution, having sent \$25 to be devoted to the Belgian Relief Fund. If any other of our unions in the province are proposing to do anything along these lines, we

hope they will consider sending it thru the Central Office, so that the donation from the U.F.A. will be a credit to our organization.

CONSORT DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Consort District Association of the U.F.A. will hold their annual convention at Veteran on Thursday, November 26, and the general secretary has been invited to attend this meeting. A good meeting is anticipated. The following subjects are on the program for addresses and discussion.

Making Use of the District Association.

Co-operative Buying.

Making Local Union Meetings More Interesting.

The Troubles of a Secretary.

IN GOOD STANDING

Owing to an unfortunate oversight Winnipeg Union No. 521 was published in our recent list of suspended unions. This union is in good standing with sixteen fully paid up members.

Champion Union No. 412 has also sent in membership dues and is now in good standing, having been re-instated on our active list.

TRANSFER CARDS

We have recently secured something which will fill a long felt want, namely standard transfer cards. These cards are got out in the same form as our membership tickets, and we hope will be taken advantage of by our unions when members are desirous of transferring. There has been some confusion in the past in connection with transferring members from one union to another, but this should prevent this in the future. The cards can be secured from this office at a cost of one cent apiece to cover printing and postage.

CALGARY PUBLIC MARKET

A few days ago I happened to be passing the Calgary Public Market and spent a few minutes in looking around same, as there is no doubt that this market has now become one of the institutions of the province, altho it has only been in operation a short eighteen months. More and more farm produce can be seen on this market, the bulk of it being handled thru dealers. Our own stall, which is operated by the Grain Growers Grain Co., had a very good display of produce for sale, and I understand that at last the farmers are shipping enough produce to the stall, on which a commission of 10 per cent. is charged to meet running expenses. It is hoped, however, that the present receipts may be largely increased, as in that way only will it be possible to reduce the rate of commission charged for selling to 5 per cent. straight, which is the object in view.

One noticeable feature of the market at the present time is the almost total absence of strictly fresh or new laid eggs. On our own stall the Grain Growers' Grain Co. have established quite a reputation with the consumers for a strictly high class egg, but for the last week or two they have not been able to anything like satisfy the demand. This is rather surprising, as even on our market strictly fresh eggs are worth 40 cents per dozen, and, while it is true that this is the moulting season and consequently there is a general falling off in the supply, there should surely be more eggs available than are offered for sale on the market, or even in the city of Calgary. It is more than likely that in the course of a few weeks there will be a big rush of eggs, and consequently the price will suffer.

If there is one thing today more than another which we have to learn in connection with shipping to a public market it is to regulate our supply as much

as possible and avoid starving the market at some seasons and glutting it at others.

Another noticeable feature was the large quantity of old hens offered for sale, in fact the market was very busy at the time the dealers seemed to be experiencing great difficulty in disposing of same. There was a ready demand for young poultry at good prices, but the older birds were difficult to get rid of, and I have no doubt many farmers would be disappointed at the returns they received. We must remember that when dealing with a public market we are not dealing with a cold storage house having facilities for storing for an indefinite period and regulate the supply according to the requirements, and in order to get satisfactory returns we should ship as far as possible a uniform shipment, and in the matter of poultry if we have both young and old birds to sell, divide both groups by a spread over a number of shipments if possible, so that the salesman can meet all the demands which are made upon him.

A little experience in public market work soon shows what is for the best interests of the farmer, and I am sure that if anyone requires any advice or suggestions in regard to shipping to the stall the manager will be only too pleased to send full particulars. Any requests in regard to this sent to this office will be turned over to him and promptly attended to.

CARLTON NEWS

S. C. Kerslake, secretary of Carlton Union No. 253, reports that the Carlton Union has been very quiet this last three months on account of everybody being so busy, but they are putting their shoulders to the wheel again and at the last meeting Saturday, October 10, there were fourteen members present and a good interesting meeting was the result. Meetings will be called the second and last Saturday of each month from now on, instead of the last Saturday, which was the rule thru the summer months. They are hoping to have a good live time again this winter.

This union also inquires what steps the U.F.A. organization is taking in regard to subscriptions to the various relief funds, and are arranging to have a concert or some other entertainment, the proceeds of which will be put to the cause in question.

BUSY AT FINN'S LAKE

E. J. Hunt, president of the Finn's Lake Union No. 648, reports that since their secretary, D. A. Fullerton, left the district some time ago, the union has been rather neglected, and also on account of the fact that so many of their members were away in distant harvest fields, no meetings were held for two months. Mr. Fullerton still being away, Mr. Hunt is filling the office of secretary temporarily. He states that since they have been blessed with the late rains everybody is busy plowing.

MORE NEWS WANTED

Only three very short reports from local unions are to hand this week, and as we are already overcrowded with work here at the office, I regret that we will not be able to fill our allotted space on this occasion. There are a large number of our unions who are doing very excellent work, and from whom we have not heard for a considerable length of time. If the secretaries would only send in a report, however brief it may be, I am sure it would be of great interest to all readers of this page, and in addition it would help very considerably to relieve us at this office. The hunting up of back records and drafting reports on same in order to fill this page occupies time which can ill be spared and should not be necessary.