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ANNUAL MEETING OF UNITED FARMERS IN CHARLOTTETOWN

Addresses by New Brunswick and Nova Scotian Leaders. Mr. Horace Wright, of Bedeque, Elected President for Ensuing Year.

The first annual meeting of the United Farmers of P. E. Island was held last night in the Lyceum Hall with the provincial president, Mr. J. A. Dewar, M. L. A., in the chair. There was a large attendance in spite of the stormy weather prevailing.

In the addresses given during the evening the political side of the Farmers' movement was but slightly stressed upon, attention being called chiefly to the advantages to be derived from co-operation along industrial lines.

The chairman in his introductory address expressed his belief that the time had come when farmers must stand together and go under. They must organize socially, commercially and even politically. He referred to adverse criticisms to which farmers in this province had been subjected by the press in their attempts to organize, and particularly to misrepresentations under which he had himself apparently been laboring. Speaking of the political situation, Mr. Dewar said that responsible government here has been only a shadow. He had been behind the scenes himself and there were many things done he felt he could not support. He spoke of the bribery and corruption and referred to the disfranchisement of Dominion officials which, he said, was an infringement on the rights of Democracy.

Provisional secretary Ellis read the minutes of the general meeting held in Charlottetown for organization purposes last September. He also read the financial statement which showed a balance of some sixty dollars to the credit of the association. Sixteen local organizations have been established throughout the province, most in Prince County.

The Constitution of the New Brunswick United Farmers was on motion adopted provisionally. Nominations and Resolution committees were then appointed as follows: Nominations—Jas. McGrath, Stansford Phillips, Howard McFarlane, W. J. Gibson, M. J. Kelly; Resolutions—W. J. Gibson, Ernest Wright, J. J. Welsh, Ernest Ellis.

The chairman then called upon Mr. William Irving, organizer for New Brunswick, who dealt with the movement of the United Farmers in its general organization. Mr. Irving, he said, was passing away with the changed condition of modern life. The spirit of the age in which we live is decidedly a co-operative spirit. National forces of development are moving us toward a new system of things and the only way we can accommodate ourselves to them is first to thoroughly understand them. New wine must be placed in new bottles; and the new repositories. The old, dry, skin bottles of cut-throat competition and party politics are no longer serviceable. The speaker referred to the inadequate salaries paid to school teachers generally and to our methods of education which in some respects, were doing to our children's heads what the old Chinese casts did for women's feet, stunting natural growth by cramping the young minds with creeds and dogmas, places of religion and partyism instead of politics. The spirit of the age demands an educational system in Canada which will teach every child how to make a living and how to enjoy that living when made.

During the rest of the evening the old individualism of industrial and labor collapsed. Railroads, land and mines were taken over by the Government and run co-operatively. This was the new system of running things which we need not only in times of crisis but at all times. In the great struggle today between Capital and Labor the farmer, who is both capitalist and laborer, stands in a sympathetic position between contending parties. By example he should teach co-operation and in this way become a force bound to make felt its contribution to the destiny of Canada. When every farmer was singing in a different key, so to speak, there was no harmony; as an individual the farmer's voice was not loud when it reached Ottawa; but when it comes today as the voice of the United Farmers of this or any province in the Dominion, then it is listened to and heeded.

The next speaker was Mr. H. L. Tageret, president of the United Farmers of Nova Scotia, who touched upon the successful organization of the movement in his province and particularly the results achieved by co-operative marketing.

Mr. Tracy, president of the Farmers' Co-operative Company of New Brunswick, outlined the history of that body which started two years ago with a board of directors of five members, later obtaining a charter with a capital stock of \$2,000, eventually increased to \$100,000. By the system of electing directors each branch is represented every community that can subscribe \$5,000 of stock having a vote. These elect their own board of directors and practically control the business of their branch. The speaker quoted figures to show how the business had grown since 1918 and dwelt upon the advantages of the system.

The nomination committee then presented the following names to be balloted for as officers for the ensuing year:

For president—Horace Wright, J. A. Dewar, J. W. Jones.
For vice-president—W. J. McLaughlin and Geo. Ellis (Prince).
Peter Brodie, L. Howatt, and W. W. Crosby, (Queens) J. J. Welsh and Edgar Giddings, (Kings.)
For secretary-treasurer, Preston Ellis, Richard Crowe.
Mr. Paul McLaughlin, Penke's Station, objected to the election of anyone for president who had been mixed up in the old political parties. Speaking for the people of Penke's he maintained that Mr. Dewar was not eligible for the presidency. The people of his community, he said, were too intimately acquainted with Mr. Dewar's political record to put confidence in him as a leader of this new democratic movement. He has been in the House ten or twelve years and has never come forward with any progressive political views. Mr. Frank Trainor, also of Penke's Station, supported this objection.

ALLIED CONFERENCE AGREES TO GERMAN DISARMAMENT

Treaty Clauses on Disarmament Must be Fulfilled. Two Thirds of Disarmament Must be Effected by March 1st and the Whole Completed by July 1st.

(Special to The Guardian)
PARIS, Jan. 26.—Allied military experts today handed the Supreme Allied Council their report on a plan for the disarmament of Germany during the next ten years. The report gives satisfaction to the French viewpoint on the question, providing for full compliance with all disarmament clauses of the Versailles Treaty. It concedes to Great Britain's view as to the granting of a further delay. Two-thirds of the operation of disarmament must be completed by March 1st and the work must be finished by July 1st.

The committee appointed yesterday to consider the Austrian problem has begun work. The council yesterday rejected a proposal which would call for a loan of a quarter of a billion dollars to Austria during the next ten years. Great Britain refused to entertain such a proposition and Italian delegates entered objections to any plan which would commit Austria and her future to the guidance of any combination of states. The committee was advised to formulate a plan contemplating assistance for the whole situation.

P. E. I. CO-OPERATIVE EGG AND POULTRY ASSOCIATION

The Annual Meeting Held Yesterday Afternoon. The Circles Received \$396,011.33 for the 841,396 Dozens of Eggs Handled.

The sixth annual meeting of the P. E. Island Co-operative Egg and Poultry Association was held yesterday afternoon in the Prince of Wales College. Notwithstanding the stormy weather there was a large attendance.

The President, Mr. J. E. Sinclair, M. P., presided.

The following is the report of the Secretary Mr. Wm. Kerr:

SECRETARY'S REPORT

I have pleasure in reporting the year 1920 as one of the best years your Company has had since its organization.

The annual series of Meetings were held during the winter months, and one new Circle was organized in the New Glasgow district. This organization is registered as the North Side Circle and in its initial year handled 841,396 dozens of eggs. Besides organizing this Circle, the ground was broken for the organization of other new territory during the present winter.

The Eggs handled during the year totalled 841,396 dozens for which the Circles received \$396,011.33 or an average of 47.6¢ per dozen. In addition to this, the Stock Account of the Candling Station shows a debit of \$40,396.48 which after deducting expense of Head Office, will give a very substantial return to the patrons. The advance to members during 1919 averaged over 5 1/2¢ per dozen in excess of 1919.

The Plant handled broilers and fat hens during the Summer. The lack of cold storage facilities during the fall placed the Association in an unfortunate position with regard to the live poultry. Owing to circumstances over which we had no control, considerable live poultry was returned to the members. The demands for storage on account of the unsettled market conditions and the light demand for canning purposes.

The quality of eggs coming from the country was slightly inferior to other years. In this connection it might be noted that the most total disappearance of the covered collecting wagons of a few years ago. Officers should see to it that the quality of the product is maintained.

Collectors Notes have been sent to all Circles whose reports have been received. No collateral was used during 1920, the business being able to fund itself out of current profits and the large amount retained in the Stock Account.

The relationship between the Association and Canadian Farm Products will have to remain as at present. Insufficient capital was subscribed to enable Canadian Farm Products to assume the financial of the Association, as directed in the resolution passed at your Meeting last year. We do not recommend that the two Companies conduct their work through one common office.

We have received the usual support in the country from the Live Stock Branch. Mr. Polier and his staff have been at work among the people and their assistance and advice to stock owners has been of very material advantage to the Association as well as to all dealers in poultry products.

The relationship between the Creamery and Canadian Farm Products. The advantage of centralized salesmanship has been well demonstrated during the season and promises to be as successful in eggs, butter as it has proven in eggs. This is a new and promising branch which will likely develop rapidly.

Mr. Liebster and his staff have done particularly good work. Mr. Liebster's management is reflected in the excellent financial statement of the year.

The Poultry Industry is in a very healthy condition, and the prospect for the New Year is very bright.

The report of the Secretary being unanimously adopted the auditor's report was next submitted.

The President, Mr. J. E. Sinclair, M. P., spoke briefly. He stated that the report of the Secretary contained all that it was necessary for him to say but that he would be pleased to give any other information that the members might desire. He stressed the need of holding loyalty by the Association and having all possible co-operation. The whole secret of success in the business lay in this. He stressed the need of co-operation to cooperate themselves as far as the loyalty of the members.

Mr. J. J. Kelly moved the following resolution, seconded by Mr. George Wilson:

Whereas the former of P. E. Island has a large number of available land for which only the

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS

General Manager Reports the Whole General Outlook Brighter Than Ever Before and Requiring Only the Generous Support of Farming Community.

The first annual meeting of Canadian Farm Products, Inc., was held last evening at the Prince of Wales College, Mr. J. E. Sinclair, M. P., the President presiding.

The following is the report of the General Manager:

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

Prince of Wales College, Jan. 26th, 1921.

We have concluded our first year as a co-operative Joint Stock Company. We have been rather fortunate in starting during a period of falling prices and business depression. Yet, our first year must be regarded from most angles entirely satisfactory. The turnover has exceeded \$296,000, which will indicate the general trend of business towards Co-operative Channels.

Besides our regular merchandising business, we have succeeded in starting a shipping business, which at present includes potatoes and Live Stock.

We have handled the following goods through our Shipping Department:

Potatoes	13 Cars
Live Stock	23 Cars

We conducted the Chick Hatchery on a much larger scale than heretofore. Although prices were high, and general conditions were none too favorable, our operations in this Department showed a profit for the season. Only eggs from pure bred inspected flocks were used. Hatcheries averaged about 40 per cent. Fertility was low. Over 17,000 chicks were turned out, and we were unable to fill all orders.

Whey Skimming Machinery was introduced into nine Cheese Factories with very satisfactory results. A by-product is now being better utilized than before to the profit of the Dairy Industry. Reports from some of the Factories have shown really remarkable gains from whey butter.

A start has been made at systematic publicity on the Press and in valuable assistance in bringing co-operative principles before the people.

The Canvas for Stock has resulted in \$36,500.00 being subscribed. I would draw your attention particularly to the matter of credit. It was our best to give 30 days in order that country buyers might have a chance to receive goods before system out, the time was reduced to 15 days, and now a strictly cash business must be run.

The object for which the Company was organized was to provide shipping machinery for farmers, in order that the whole farming community might operate through a central house, and to provide a means of getting raw materials at the smallest possible cost. These objects did not include a general retail business. The object was certainly a large one. Orders to Institutes and Egg Circles for cash. Up to the present, the country has not been co-operating in a community way, and too much retailing has resulted.

Experience has shown that community credit will have to be provided, if communities wish to buy co-operatively. Otherwise, unlimited capital will be required. It is proposed to get this Credit System working under way during 1921.

Two main problems confront you today. First, you must either provide more capital or reduce your business materially. The second problem is to get your business coming through your own house, and not through some other source. In short, buying for spot cash through your own business and shipping your produce through your own house, will surely result in success.

In our work, we have received valuable assistance from the Provincial Department of Agriculture, especially in the Chick Hatchery, where a free building was provided and other assistance given. We have also to gratefully acknowledge advice and assistance from the Experimental Farm and the Live Stock Branch in every circumstance where their co-operation could be given.

The whole general outlook is brighter than ever before and it requires only the earnest support of the farming community to keep Prince Edward Island in a forward position among co-operative communities.

The financial statement and auditor's report was read showing a gain for the year of \$3,905.89. In answer to an enquiry Mr. Kerr stated that there was no financial relationship between the Egg and Poultry Association and the Canadian Farm Products.

A statement from Mr. Longworth

CONDENSED SPECIALS

TO LET.—ROOMS WITH OR without board. 233 Queen St.

JNO. ALFRED McDONALD
Land Surveyor, Hermanville.

MAID WANTED for general housework. Apply 5 Spring St.

HOME SEEKERS.—SEND FOR Virginia farm list, Dept. 275 Elmwood, Va.

MAID WANTED for general housework in family of three Good home. References required. Apply 257 Richmond St.

LOST IN CITY ON JANUARY 14th, black corded silk handbag containing two articles. Please leave at Guardian office.

INFORMATION WANTED AS TO relatives of Catherine McLeod, who was dangerously ill at the Long Island Hospital; she has sisters in Boston and a brother in Prince Edward Island; Prince Edward Island papers please copy.

GENTLEMEN CAN BE ACCOMMODATED with rooms and board in private house with all modern conveniences. Central location. Apply "J. M. C." care of Guardian.

RAW FURS WANTED.—As usual I will pay highest market price for all your furs. Parcels received by mail promptly attended to. Tugs and prices of application. Muskkrat our specialty.—A. E. MacLean, Sunnyside.

TEACHER WANTED.—EXPERIENCED 1st or 2nd class teacher for Cornwall Valley School at Bertha. Salary \$100.00 per month. School to open about February 14th. Board \$30.00 per month. Apply by wire or letter to A. T. Gray, Secy., Box 54, Elmira, Alberta.

SALESMEN WANTED.—SALES man, a self respecting salesman whose ambition is beyond his present occupation might find more congenial employment with us and at the same time double his income. We require a man of clean character sound in mind and body, of strong personality who would appreciate a life position with a fast growing concern whose industry would be rewarded with far above average earnings; married man preferred. Apply to Mr. A. W. Weir, second floor, Riley building, Queen St., opposite Prowse Brothers.

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15 Persons Killed in Railway Wreck

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ABERMULE, Wales, Jan. 26.—Fourteen persons, eleven of whom were passengers, were killed and many others injured in a railway wreck near here today. The wreck occurred when the coast express collided with a train from Montgomery. Lord Herbert Vane Tempest, brother of the Marquis of Londonderry who was one of those injured, died shortly after the collision, bringing the death list to fifteen.

THE WEATHER. TEMPERATURE. TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, Jan. 26.—Fine and mild.

The lowest temperature Tuesday night was 18 degrees; at 9 a. m. yesterday it was 22, the highest during the day. At 10 o'clock last night it was 11 degrees.

High tide this afternoon at 1:37 and tomorrow at 1:41.

Sun sets this afternoon at 4:59 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:29.

Last quarter moon Sunday, Jan. 30th at 4:52 p.

Parliament To Open With Pomp And Splendor

OTTAWA, Jan. 26.—The opening of Parliament on February 11th will be marked by all the old time display.

Enquire Into The Economic Situation

PARIS, Jan. 26.—After rejecting today a proposal to turn the League of Nations, the Allied Supreme Council decided to appoint a Commission to make a thorough inquiry into the entire question of economic situation in Europe with particular reference to Austria.

THIS WORLD IS A MIGHTY FINE PLACE

