

### C. E. GUNTER WAS ELECTED PRES. OF FARMERS' ASSN.

Many Recommendations Offered Regarding Education

J. K. King Spoke

### Other Resolutions; Successful Convention Came to Close

C. E. Gunter, Gagetown, N. B., was elected president of the New Brunswick Farmers' Association at the closing session of the 62nd annual convention of the Association which was held in the City Hall yesterday afternoon. The afternoon featured a full program as other officers and county vice-presidents were also elected. Several reports were received and a series of twelve resolutions passed, while an address by J. K. King, deputy minister of agriculture, was heard.

Rural education again came to the fore and occupied a prominent part in the program as the report of the committee on agricultural education was given by E. F. Pineau. Dr. Fletcher Peacock, director of educational services for the province, who was present, took a prominent part in the discussion that followed.

The report of the committee, which met in May, August and November, stated that there is a lack of educational consciousness in this province particularly so far as rural and agricultural education is concerned. It advocated that social societies such as the Women's Institutes, agricultural societies, Home and School associations, and study clubs, take steps to increase public interest in education and to focus attention on the adaptation of educational matters to rural life.

A resolution that the course in elementary agricultural education be revised and brought up-to-date and that a text-book on agriculture, authorized by the approval of the Department of Agriculture, be introduced into the schools, was unanimously passed and accepted. Likewise, resolutions to the effect that wild lands in the province which are not taxable for school purposes be made taxable, and that an increased supervision of public schools be instituted, met with the approval of the convention.

A resolution that a County unit or school administration for the purpose of financial administration with the provisions that the districts shall continue to elect a board of school trustees and engage required teachers was the object of heated debate and tabled until the next convention. In support of the latter resolution, it was stated that the larger unit of administration would promote a more progressive educational policy in the province and that the present district unit is not adequate. Under the plan a uniform system of taxation for school purposes would be introduced whereas at the present time adjoining districts sometimes have a great difference in rates.

The leading argument against the resolution was the contention that the delegates, although a representative body, did not have the opinions of their localities on the matter since it had never been brought to the attention of the public before, and were therefore unauthorized to adopt the resolution.

The recommendation that the school attendance act for the province be made compulsory instead of optional, met with the same argument and a motion that it too be tabled, but the motion failed by a standing vote and the resolution was approved.

Dr. Peacock defended the motion on attendance, stating that at the present time it was nearly useless. "The act is as obsolete as the ox-cart," he declared, "and I heartily endorse the resolution."

A favorable outlook for the livestock industry was expressed by the deputy minister of agriculture, J. K. King. After reviewing the work of the veterinary service and pointing out the scarcity of bovine T.B. in the province, he stated that reactor tests in Great Britain have shown about 40 per cent to be diseased stock.

"England is looking for Canada to replace that diseased stock which must be gradually disposed of," he stated, "and the situation offers a good prospect for New Brunswick breeders." The minister pointed out that the market can't be supplied by mediocre stock but must be of good type and breed although not necessarily pure-bred. The absence of bovine T.B. and Bang's disease is the chief necessity.

The deputy minister recommended closest co-operation for the good of the province, especially through community planning by Women's Institutes and agricultural societies. As to the department of agriculture, he assured the delegates that every sane and constructive suggestion will be given every consideration. In pointing out that the Department of Agriculture came under their appropriation for the past year, he explained

### N. B. F. OF L. EXECUTIVE WILL LEAD FIGHT FOR LABOR LEGISLATION AT NEXT SESSION N. B. HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Bill Seeking Recognition of Labor's Right To Organize in Union of Own Choice Expected to be Main Bone of Contention; Also Want Separate Labor Department

Discretionary powers were given the executive of the New Brunswick Federation of Labour for the promotion of legislation at the session of the legislature which opens on February 24, for the right of employees to organize, at the closing session of the convention of the Federation yesterday. The legislation was supported by a resolution of the Local 7409, United Mine Workers of America.

It shall be lawful for employees to bargain collectively with their employers or employer and for members of a trade union conduct such bargaining through the trade union and through the duly chosen of such trade union. Every employer shall recognize and bargain collectively with the members of a trade union representing the majority choice of the employees eligible for membership in said trade union, when requested so to bargain by the duly chosen officers of said trade union, and any employer refusing so to bargain shall be liable to a fine not exceeding \$100 for each such offence and in default of payment to thirty days imprisonment.

It shall be unlawful for any employer hereafter to insert any clause in any written contract of employment, or to impose any condition in any verbal contract of employment, or to continue any such clause or condition hereafter in effect, where such clause or condition seeks to restrain any employee from exercising his rights under this Act, and any such clause or condition shall be of no effect.

Today James A. Whitehouse, Saint John, president, was re-elected to office as well as George R. Melvin of Saint John, was re-elected secretary-treasurer for his 20th consecutive year. Vice-presidents G. W. Roy Myles of Moncton, and G. R. Edgecombe of McAdam were also re-elected and Thomas J. Lawlor of Dalhousie, joined the executive staff as third vice-president.

Legislative representative elected was John S. MacKinnon of Saint John who also held this office last year.

County vice-presidents are: Madawaska County, J. J. Charest, Edmundston; Restigouche County, Gilmore McEwen, Dalhousie; St. John County, H. A. Mantle, Saint John; Sunbury County, C. J. Redstone, Fredericton Junction; Westmorland County, F. H. Weir, Moncton; York County, R. S. Goodspeed, Queens County, W. S. Walker, Newcastle Bridge.

Saint John was selected as the convention city for the next meeting at the call of the executive, McAdam was also proposed but defeated on the ballot.

Considerable argument ensued over the possibility of forming a third party to contest elections in New Brunswick after the resolutions committee reported non-concurrence on a measure sponsored for the Dalhousie representatives and the convention threw out the proposal to keep the Federation free of politics.

E. R. Steeves, labor's representative on the Workmen's Compensation Board, installed the new officers today and presided over the elections before which he gave a resume of his work covering the past year.

G. P. Manderson and T. J. Lawlor of Dalhousie were the most ardent supporters of the resolution calling for the Federation to consider the possibilities of the formation of the labor party.

W. S. Walker, of Newcastle Bridge and a U.M.W.A. official declared to the convention that the Fair Wage Board was of no use to the mining industry this afternoon and in a review of the Minto situation said that conditions are absolutely rotten. The operators wanted company unions.

Resolutions passed this afternoon petitioned Prime Minister Mackenzie King to place an embargo on war materials from Canada to Japan, that the provincial government enact the Provincial Standards Act, for the establishment of a qualified deputy minister of labour to be selected from the ranks of labor. Others were referred to the executive for action, particularly those of the Provincial Hospital employee organization.

### SUGGEST THAT N. B. IS BEING SQUEEZED FROM FOX MARKET

Annual Meeting of Fox Breeders' Assn., Is Held Last Night

Same Officers

Possibility Fieldman System Being Set Up Foreseen

That other countries, with pointed reference to Norway, are attempting to squeeze New Brunswick foxes off the world market, was the general expression of the annual meeting of the New Brunswick Fox Breeders' Association which was held in the city last evening at the conclusion of the convention of the New Brunswick Farmers' Association. Hon. A. C. Taylor, minister of agriculture, who was present at the meeting, stated that "it is a thought," while others expressed themselves definitely on the point.

R. A. Murray, Fredericton, was re-elected president of the association at the directors' meeting which followed. Both other officers, E. M. Taylor, secretary-treasurer, and Dr. A. B. Teakles, Sussex, vice-president, were also re-elected to office.

The possibility that the department of agriculture may appoint a fox fieldman or fieldmen was one of the most progressive results of the meeting. W. F. Burke, noted expert on the fox industry, who was lately appointed fox fieldman for Prince Edward Island and whose talk on the work that is being done in the fox industry in the island province was one of the leading features of the evening, was the initiator for the resolution requesting the same service in this province.

The proposal was given much encouragement by the minister of agriculture who stated that the department had already considered the matter but that no decision had been reached.

"Although I can't now promise you that such a step will be taken, I am pleased that you brought the matter up," he said. "Something has to be done to the industry," he declared, "and it must be done soon. I think you all realize the condition of the industry, the same as all livestock. Quality is what we must go after—we must cull and cull vigorously. I think the island has led the way in improvement," he said, "and it seems that we can well follow in their footsteps."

The minister stated that the industry is worth a million and a half dollars each year, and that this is something to be valued. He offered the closest co-operation of the department with the industry in its improvement.

"We are twenty years late in preparing for the crisis we are now facing," Mr. Burke said in his talk. As well as reviewing the work he is doing, the speaker recommended advertising Canadian silver foxes, not going into pure silvers too strongly, marketing Canadian pelts by private sale rather than auction, and begin a system of pedigree stock. He declared that the price of feed must be gotten to a level that will give the breeder a fair profit. "The meat packers are making more money than the breeder," he declared. He went on to say that through co-operative action of P.E.I. breeders, feed had been dropped appreciably there.

The president, R. A. Murray advocated a pelt show and shipping six or seven hundred of the best pelts to the Montreal market labelled "Show Pelt." He also suggested that pelts to London and other markets be labelled "Canadian" to advertise the industry.

C. F. Bailey, superintendent of the Dominion experimental station in this city, discussed the matter of improving the quality of the pelts, a matter which was touched upon with considerable significance by Hon. Mr. Taylor, Mr. Burke, and other members. He suggested breeding to types on a family basis, rather than using the present system of purchasing dogs from different ranches and thus scatter-breeding.

W. F. Robertson, warden for York County, suggested that the ranchers should be taxed for the number of females rather than the number of pairs they have on the ranches. The financial report showed that the finances are in good shape, a balance of \$826.65 being on hand at the present time.

Directors of the association are: Dr. Teakles, Sussex; Russell Brittain, Hartland; Frank Reade, Moncton; R. A. Snowball, Chatham; E. M. Taylor, F. G. McLeod, Moncton; Mr. Murray, H. O. Downey, M.L.A., Curryville; F. H. Copp, M.L.A., Port Elgin and Mr. Bailey.

and each member has worked faithfully through this year with even greater zest, feeling we may say: Whatsoever our hands find to do, do it with all our might.

Respectfully submitted,  
VITA L. ROWAN,  
Secretary.

### SECRETARY LADIES' AID' ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH, GIVES ANNUAL REPORT

Members of Congregation Hear Interesting Review Past Year's Activities

At the reception and tea which was held this week at Fraser Memorial Hall the Secretary read the annual report of the Ladies Aid Society for year ending Dec. 31st, 1937, as follows:

Madame President, Fellow Members of Aid and Friends:

We come to a pause on the threshold of a new year. The old year has gone with its many achievements, and disappointments, its successes and failures, its joys and sorrows. We come to the new year looking forward to higher attainments, with greater strength to overcome all obstacles to go forward feeling it a privilege to carry on this work to which we have put our hand, as so many before us have done.

Perhaps we are too prone to judge our success according to the state of our finances. The Social angle of our society was nobly upheld last year and our messages of cheer and sympathy were answered by many letters and words of appreciation. The Ladies have ever helped in all good deeds for the Church, the Community and above all for our dear Lord and Master who has said "So let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Let us for a few moments cast our thoughts backward over the past year. Our enrollment for the year was 45 members. Three life-members were made. We had 8 regular meetings with an average attendance of 22.

Two food sales were held one in January and one at Easter, both proving successful.

The new chairs for the choir were paid out of this year's funds \$88.40. Some repairs were made to the Manse and paid for by the Aid, amounting to over \$50.

It was a great pleasure to the Aid to have been able to present Mr. Todd with a new cassock.

The calling committee, made good

reports during the year with the downtown calling committee as leaders.

The Flower Committee with Mrs. Fraser as convener carried on their good work giving pleasure to many not only at one church service, but in various house afterwards wherever there was sickness and sorrow. During the year Mrs. Fraser made 197 calls carrying on this work.

The Apron Committee, Mrs. R. Graham convener, made a wonderful showing with over 100 aprons to their credit. Their Tea at the Manse in May made a splendid addition to their funds. This committee also served Tea to the Aid at the November meeting.

The Fancy Work Committee, Mrs. F. H. Rowe convener, had a fine program for the year, with many social evenings adding to their funds in this way each lady contributing something to the Talent Fund. This committee also had a successful Tea on March 17th at Miss Stewart's home. Their great display of fancy work showed the ladies were not idle during the year.

We had two Suppers in the Hall, Southern Chicken Dinner in October, and our annual Turkey Supper and Sale in November, each netting the Society a substantial amount of money.

Our Society inaugurated something new this year in making three of our ladies Life Members, in appreciation of the great work they had done.

Two beautiful quilts were quilted by the ladies last year.

We must not forget our picnic last summer at Mrs. Rowe's camp with its happy time and the lovely Tea our President, Mrs. Todd gave to the ladies one of the highlights of the year.

We also gave a Supper to ministers here attending the Theological School. Mr. Stickles was remembered by the Aid at Christmas and extra money was voted for flowers in church. The secretary sent 31 Christmas cards to shut-ins and wrote many letters of sympathy during the year.

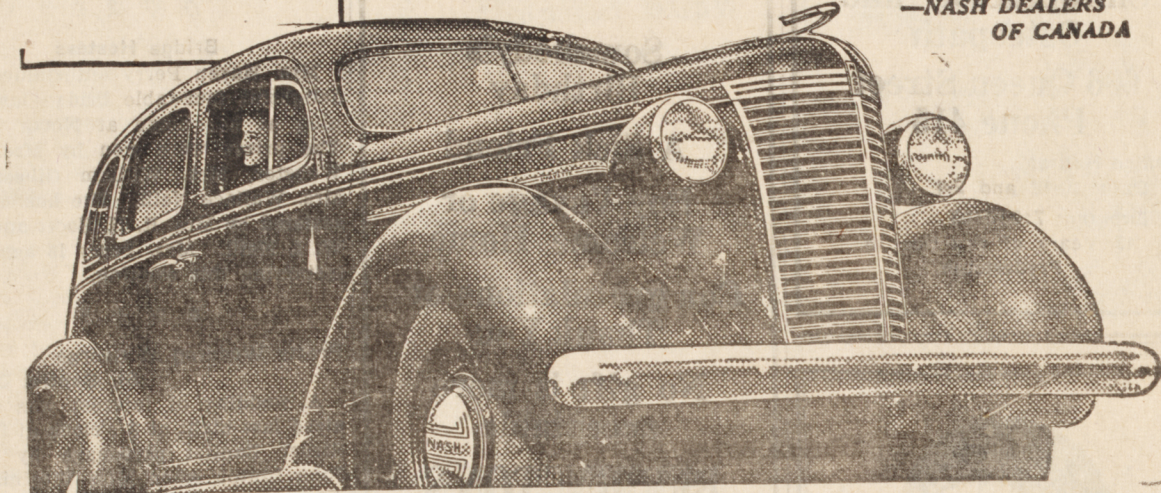
At the close of the year \$275 was voted to the Trustees by the Society and \$140 to the M. & M. Fund. We also express our appreciation to those who while not members have helped in various ways to make our year a success.

It is safe to say that the President

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