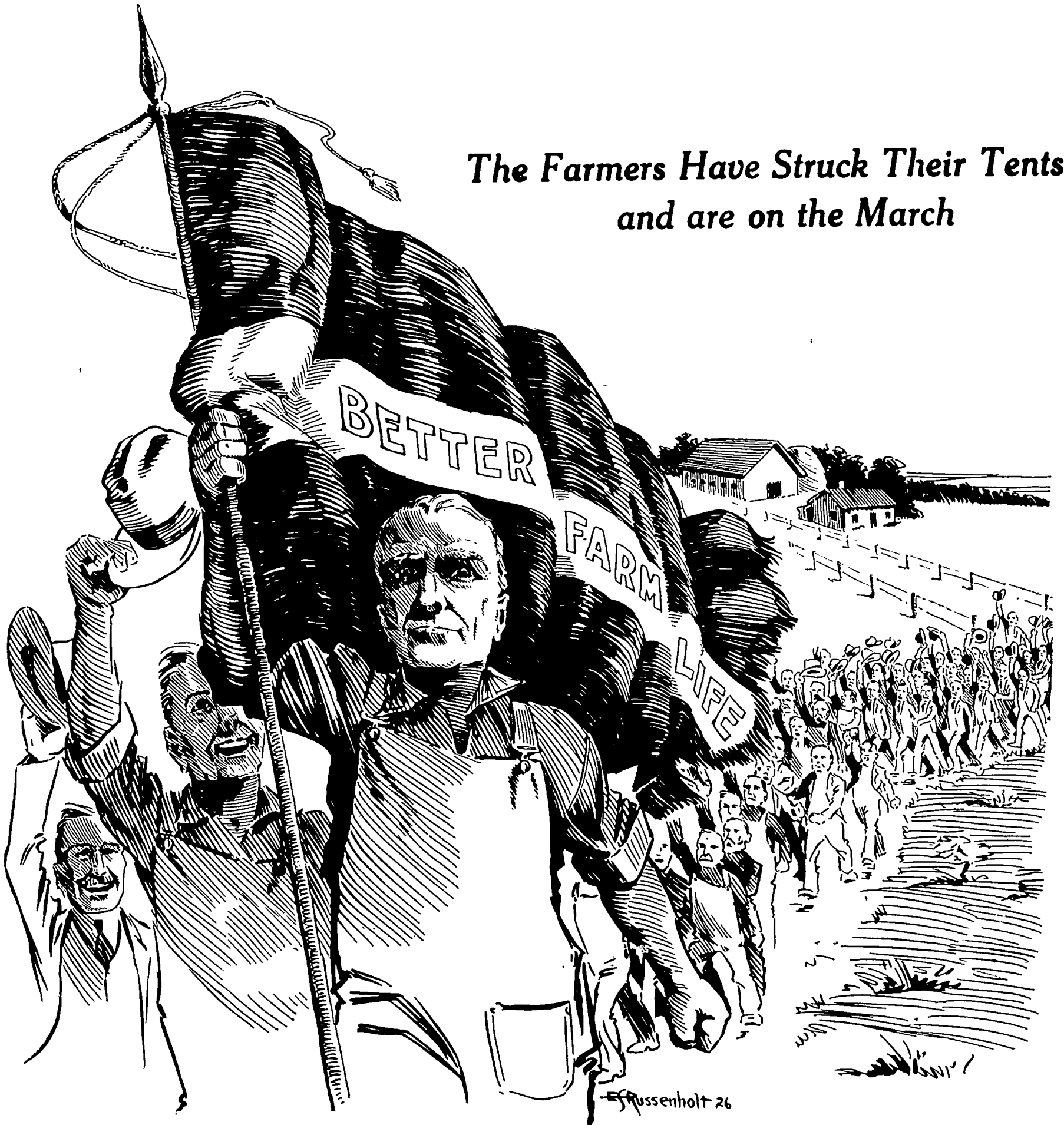


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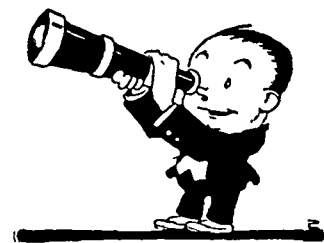


The Come-back in Russian Agriculture

Government and Co-operatives Working Strongly for the Reconstruction and Improvement of Rural Russia.

One of the most interesting of the addresses given at the International Wheat Pool Conference at St. Paul, Minn., in February, was that of Mr. D. P. Pavlov, who is attached to the Russian Trade Delegation in Canada, with offices at Montreal. The return of Russia to the world's wheat market is a contingency which has excited quite an amount of prophetic and other comment, and the Russian wheat crop will doubtless, serve the speculators in the future as it has in the past.

There are, however, great changes going on in Russian agriculture, and it is important that the wheat growers of Western Canada should know something of the efforts that are being made to improve Russian agriculture. Mr. Pavlov pointed out that the Union



Looking at Russia.

of Soviet Republics covers an area of 8,018,000 square miles, being only some 4,000 square miles less than the former Russian Empire. The climate over this area varies considerably; in general it may be said to be something similar to that of Canada. There is also great variation in the soil, but there are 500,000,000 acres of rich black land.

There are about thirty different nationalities in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics speaking different languages, the total population being 139,000,000 out of which 116,000,000 is rural population. Eighty per cent. of the Soviet Union is, for practical purposes, agricultural.

Collective Homesteads.

In the year 1925 the number of farmers in the Union was estimated at 23,000,000. A very large number of the farms are below ten acres, the average homestead being about 15 acres. It is evident that a 15-acre farm is too small for modern machinery, and Mr. Pavlov stated that the government, since the revolution, has been concentrating its energy towards increasing the size of the farms. Such increase, he said, can be accomplished only through the union of a number of small homesteads for the collective use of modern machinery. In 1924 there were 30,376 of these collective homesteads with a total of two million acres under cultivation. The government also maintains a number of large government homesteads. In 1924 there were 34,709 government homesteads with a total of 5.4 million acres

Increasing Grain Yield

During the war and for some time after it, Mr. Pavlov stated, the economic life of Russia was completely demoralized. Beginning in 1921 efforts were made towards a peaceful reconstruction of agriculture and industry. By 1925 agriculture had reached 87 per cent. of its pre-war condition, and industry 75 per cent. In 1926 it is expected that agriculture will reach 92 per cent. of its pre-war condition and industry 95 per cent., and that in about two or three years the country will exceed its pre-war economic activities.

The grain yield in Russia, Mr. Pavlov said, was never too high. War conditions reduced it very much below normal. But there has been a marked improvement during the last few years. He gave the following figures showing the yield per acre:

	Yield in Bushels per Acre.		
	1905-1914	1924	1925
Rye	11.8	10.0	12.1
Wheat	12.1	8.2	12.6
Oats	20.7	17.5	24.1
Barley	16.0	10.5	18.6

The improvement shown in the 1925 yield will be intensified, Mr. Pavlov declared, because the people, the co-operatives and the government are adopting determined measures for the reconstruction of agriculture. Russia, he pointed out, before the war was the largest supplier of grain on the international market. He gave the following figures to show the pre-war exports and the post-war.

In Million Bushels

	Wheat	Barley	Others	Total
1909-13 (average)	179	198.0	155.5	532.5
1917	8.0	1.7	.....	9.7
1918-21 .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1922-23	15.0	9.0	50.0	74.0
1923-24	29.0	17.0	85.5	131.5
1924-25 .....	.....	.....	36.5	38.5

The drop in 1924-25, he stated, was due to poor crops. In 1925 the crop was good and it was expected that the export for 1925-26 would reach 200,000,000 bushels, one-half of which would be represented by wheat and barley. In two year's time, he said, the grain exports from Russia would reach 500,000,000 bushels of wheat a year.

Elevators

Construction of grain elevators in Russia, he said, commenced just before the outbreak of the world war. During the war construction was stopped. In 1924 there were in operation five terminal elevators and 91 local elevators with a total capacity of 45 million bushels. During the last two years construction of grain elevators had been resumed, both construction and operation being carried on by the government and the co-operatives. About fifty local elevators were constructed last year, he said. Most of the grain exported from Russia, however, is packed in bags.

Reform Measures

Among the principal measures adopted for the development of agriculture, Mr. Pavlov gave the following:—

1. The voluntary selection of any system of farming, starting with the one-man farm and up to the highest form of collective enterprise in economy.

2. The rapid transition from the mode of extensive farming to that of the method of intensive many-field crop farming.

3. Extensive formation of co-operatives among the people for the purpose of serving them with credits, supplying them with agricultural appliances and the preparing and marketing of agriculture products.

4. The increased use of mechanical labor-saving appliances.

5. The development of a network of experimental stations, having for their problem the questions of agricultural economy on a scientific basis.

The Co-operative Associations

The Co-operative movement in rural Russia has progressed rapidly in the last three years, Mr. Pavlov said. The principal forms of co-operation are as follows:

1. Co-operative credit societies for supplying farmers with credit at reasonable rates.

2. Agricultural co-operatives both for marketing the produce of the farm and for the purchase of what is needed on the farm.

3. Consumers' co-operatives for supplying the ordinary commodities of life.

Figures for 1925 show that over five million families, representing 25,000,000 people are members of these co-operatives. For the supply of credit, Mr. Pavlov said, there were on July 1, 1925, in operation 10,305 credit co-operatives, 62 state co-operatives, four national banks, and one control agricultural bank. The total capital circulating in the system of agricultural credit at October 1, 1925, amounted to \$374,000,000.

Agricultural co-operatives on June 1, 1925, embraced 50,000 societies, with a total membership of 5,000,000, and they showed a business of \$355,000,000. The consumers' co-operatives on July 1, 1925, consisted of 25,000 societies with a total membership of 8,700,000.

About one-third of all commodity turnover and trade in the Russian villages, Mr. Pavlov continued, is concentrated in the hands of agricultural and consumers' co-operatives. These two forms of co-operatives have their own co-operative banks whose balance sheets show a business of \$91,000,000. The central union of agricultural co-operatives and the central union of consumers' co-operatives, named Centrosoyus and Solskosoyus respectively, have the right of independent marketing of their produce abroad, and maintain for this purpose their own agencies in London, Berlin, New York and Paris, and many other cities.

Export Will Become Very Large

The introduction of tractors is also proceeding apace, Mr. Pavlov stated. In 1921 there were only 500 tractors in the country. By 1923 the number had increased to 1,200; in 1925 it was 10,000, and it is expected that the number in 1926 will be 29,200. Most of these tractors are being imported but in 1924 a start was made in the manufacture of tractors in Russia.

In concluding, Mr. Pavlov stated that at the present time the co-operative societies had about 30 per cent. of the commodity turnover of the country. The balance being covered by government

and private trading. The export of the co-operatives, he said, will show a progressive growth and in the near future would reach very large dimensions, not only in grain, but in butter, eggs and other produce of the farm.

POOLS PAY \$37,000,000.

The following announcement was issued on March 10, by A. J. McPhail, President of the Canadian Co-operative Wheat Producers:—

"The wheat pools in the three provinces, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, are making an interim payment today of twenty cents per bushel on all grades of wheat. On coarse grains a payment of six cents per bushel is being made on oats and barley, ten cents on rye, and twenty-five cents on flax. As a result of this distribution the initial payment on the different grains on and after March 11th will be: Wheat \$1.20, basis No. 1 Nor., Fort William; oats, 40 cents, basis 2 C. W., Fort William; barley 65 cents, basis 3 C. W., Fort William; flax \$1.75, basis 1 N. W., Fort William; rye 80 cents, basis 2 C. W., Fort William.

"Approximately 190,000 cheques will be mailed from the three provincial offices today amounting to a total of about \$37,000,000.00.

IN THE GRAIN BIN



By R. M. MAHONEY, Manager

POOL ELEVATORS

Having in mind the interest being displayed throughout the province in the Manitoba Pool elevator policy and the acquiring of elevators under that plan, it occurred to us that our members might be interested at this time in hearing what the situation is just now in regard to organization of elevator associations.



The Pool Man.

Last year elevators were acquired at eight points in the province: Grandview, Meharry and Dutton Siding (all operated under the Grandview Co-operative Elevator Association); Durban, Bowsman, Roblin, Waskada and Dalny. The three Grandview houses were purchased from N. M. Paterson & Company; the Durban elevator was bought from the Union Grain Company; at Waskada we took over an old elevator which previously was operated by the R. B. McClean Company at Bowsman we leased the Canada West house, and we put up new elevators at Dalny and Roblin. Previous issues of the "Scoop Shovel" have dealt with the capacity and equipment of the Roblin house. At Dalny we have a thoroughly modern up-to-date elevator, which is rendering the same satisfactory service to the members as is the one at Roblin. These elevators are equipped with the most efficient cleaning machinery, and just at this time the fact that they can bring their seed grain in and have it cleaned up at a minimum cost is giving the members of the Association a great deal of satisfaction.

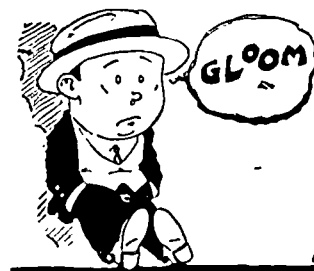
The local Boards express themselves un-animously as being more than pleased with operations to date.

This Year's Prospects

And now for the prospects:

At Thornhill they have signed up the necessary

acreage for an elevator; their Association has been granted a charter under "The Co-operative Associations Act," and they are now busy signing up their permanent elevator agreements and new five-year Pool contracts. They are figuring on a house similar to the one at Dalny. In this district (Thornhill), they have made particularly good and quick progress. One fact is worthy of comment: Prior to their decision to have a pool elevator their Pool membership embraced not more than 50 per cent. of the farming population; with the elevator in view the membership will increase to almost 100 per cent.



The Non-Pool Man.

At Erickson it was decided by the Farmers' Elevator Company (which has been operating on a good sound basis for a number of years), that they would turn their elevator over to the Pool, on a mutually satisfactory arrangement, to be operated under the Manitoba policy. The house was examined and the decision reached that it would not meet the needs of the members as a Pool elevator; consequently a price was agreed upon for the present elevator to be torn down and the material used in putting up a new and fully modern house. The sign-up of acreage has been completed, and the Erickson people will see construction of the new elevator under way just as soon as the present crop is cleaned up and the old house can be wrecked.

A very good meeting was held at Ewart a couple of weeks ago. They are busy signing

up their acreage, and a verbal report a few days ago was to the effect that they are pretty close to the mark.

At Swan River a good percentage of the acreage has been signed up: a meeting is to be held

DOES THE POOL PAY?

The figures given below are figures from the books of the Erickson Co-op. Elevator Co., and should convince "doubting Thomases" as to the value of the Pool. The non-Pool prices shown are averages. This means some received more than shown and others less.

	Pool price	Non-Pool	Difference in Pool's favor.
No. 2 wheat	\$1.47	\$1.16	\$.31
No. 3 wheat	1.41	1.22½	.18½
No. 4 wheat	1.33	1.23	.10
No. 5 wheat	1.19	1.12	.07
No. 6 wheat	1.05	.92	.12
Feed .....	.87	.60	.27

IS THE POOL WORTH WHILE?

O. W. Strand,
Sec. Clanwilliam Local.

on the 16th, and we believe they will have their charter and be fully organized in the course of a couple of weeks.

The Deepdale people also report very good progress with their canvass, and there is every reason to feel they will have a Pool elevator there before the 1926-27 crop is ready to market.

The last two points are in districts where Pool elevators are now operating; they apparently approve thoroughly of the service their neighbors have had.

The members at Brandon are also working for an elevator. They have a good deal of their land tied up there in dairy farming, mixed farming, etc., but are on the job with all kinds of enthusiasm and are confident that they will get more than the stipulated acreage.

These are only a few of the points where they are busy on elevators and where they are away to a sufficiently good start to warrant their visioning the new elevator they are going to have next fall.

Canvassing at Other Points

Mr. H. F. Donovan (our elevator superintendent), accepted invitations to address meetings this week (March 8th to 14th), at Glenora, Mather, Manitou and Haskett. Next week he will be at Swan River for a meeting and the last couple of days of March and the first few days of April he expects to spend along the Erickson line and in the Neepawa district. On the 26th he is due to visit Cranmer, where they organized last year and secured their charter. Unfortunately, it was late in the season when they finished their canvas, the crop was ready to be marketed, and it was deemed advisable to wait until this year to acquire their elevator.

At approximately twenty other points they are canvassing for elevator acreage; at a good many of these they will undoubtedly go over the 10,000 acres and organize to have an elevator this fall. From over seventy other places we have had letters asking for full information regarding the basis on which a Pool elevator can be secured and the procedure to follow.

All of which indicates pretty clearly the feelings of the members and leads us to believe that in a very few years the "Pool" elevator will be the rule in Manitoba; not the exception. —T. E. P.

REGARDING THE INTERIM PAYMENT

On Tuesday night, the ninth instant, over 21,000 interim payment cheques were mailed from the office of the Manitoba Wheat Pool to its members in Manitoba. Your cheque has likely reached you before this. If it has not and your growers' certificates were forwarded in good time to the Pool office, please write us so that we may have an opportunity to investigate. There will be delay in the interim payment being made on some few accounts due to various causes. In order that there may be no misunderstanding, we set these out as follows:

Original Certificates Must Be Sent to the Pool Office.

No payment can be made on any delivery of grain until the original growers' certificate is received by the Pool, as payment can only be

made upon receipt of the original growers' certificate in this office. Write us immediately if you have lost any certificates or if they have been accidentally destroyed. A Bond of Indemnity will be sent you for completion and duplicate certificates will be issued, and the interim payment made on receipt of completed Bond.

Duplicate Assignments.

In some cases the proceeds of Growers' Certificates have been assigned to two or more different parties. In such case, payment must be held up until the different parties have been communicated with and definite instructions received regarding distribution of the moneys. If you have issued duplicate assignments or orders against certain of your certificates, you will know why the payment has not been sent out on them.

All Certificates Not Sent In

All of a member's certificates covering any particular kind of grain must be in the office before the interim payment can be made on the kind of grain in question. For instance: If you had six certificates covering oat deliveries, but only sent in four of them, then the payment would not be made on any of the certificates until the two which were outstanding had reached us. Similarly with wheat, barley, rye, flax and mixed grains.

Late Deliveries.

As stated, the cheques were sent out on March the ninth. You may have delivered grain after the first of March or near the end of February on which your growers' certificates have been sent in during the past ten days. As these certificates would reach the office very shortly before the cheques went out, there will be a short delay in your payment reaching you on the grain involved. The duplicates of these certificates must be reported by the elevator company concerned; put through the records here and reconciled with the originals sent in by you. This all takes a certain amount of time, but you may be assured that your interim payment will be sent out (if it has not already reached you) just as soon as circumstances will permit.

If you should suffer a delay which seems unreasonable, after considering the above causes as relating to your case, please do not hesitate to advise us, so that we may look into the matter and see what has caused the delay. T. E. P.

LARGE SEED CO-OP. SHIPMENT

The largest shipment of Canadian seed grain ever shipped to the Argentine was loaded in New York, on March 2, totalling in all approximately 50 tons. The shipment was made up of 18,000 bushels of pedigreed Marquis wheat and 15,000 bushels of pedigreed Banner oats. It was consigned to the Bunge and Born corporation of Buenos Aires, from the Moose Jaw branch of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association.

The loading of such a large consignment of grain aroused no little interest, and the event was marked by a luncheon given by the captain of the carrying vessel. Moving pictures of the leading activities were taken for public distribution.



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POOLS

“What’s in a name?” asks Shakespeare. Sometimes a lot, otherwise business firms would not go to the trouble of registering trade names. The word Pool has come to have a very special meaning for farmers in Western Canada. They associate it with co-operative effort and co-operative enterprise—the co-operative marketing of grain, livestock, and other produce of the farm. The Wheat Pool is the popular name for the Manitoba Co-operative Wheat Producers, Ltd., and we speak of the wheat pools of Saskatchewan, Alberta, the United States and Australia. In every case we are thinking of a co-operative marketing institution and of no other. Pooling and co-operation to farmers have become synonymous terms.

It comes, therefore, with something of a shock to find the word used to describe business concerns that are not co-operative but purely personal and private. It is a pity that the word pool has not been legally reserved for co-operative enterprises alone, but in the circumstances all that we can do is to emphasize the difference between a co-operative pool and a business which simply calls itself a pool, and bid the co-operator beware. Farmers by this time ought to be able to distinguish between a co-op. and a non-co-op. In Manitoba, at any rate, no business which does

not conform with the Co-operative Act may call itself a co-operative and to that extent the people are protected against abuse of the term “co-operation,” a thing that has given the co-operative movement in the United States a vast amount of trouble.

Don’t, therefore, jump to hasty conclusions when you read of this, that or the other pool. Find out first what kind of a pool it is and be sure it is a genuine co-operative if you want to do business with a co-operative.

THE INTERIM PAYMENT

The Wheat Pool payment of \$37,000,000 was a welcome shower to general business in Western Canada, and it must have wiped many a slate clean of debt.

Thirty-seven million dollars is a lot of money. If it were all piled up in silver dollars it would take a man working with the precision of a machine 14 hours a day, exactly a year to count it—if he didn’t play out before that. It couldn’t be paid in silver, however, because there is not that much in circulation in the whole country. It could not be paid in gold because a wise government at Ottawa has decreed that there shall be no gold for commercial use. Nor could it be paid in Dominion of Canada, \$1, \$2, \$4 and \$5 notes because the total Dominion notes in circulation of those denominations is less than \$37,000,000.

So it had to be paid in cheques—as it would have been any way—190,000 of them. That is quite a number of cheques. Placed end to end they would make a line over thirty miles long, and if the duplicates attached to each cheque were added the line would reach from Winnipeg to Burnside — which is some

stretch. Placed on the top of each other they would make a column 130 feet high, and weighing 1,800 pounds.

All of which is fairly interesting but the most interesting thing about this mass of paper is the meaning it has for the members of the Wheat Pool. With this payment the Pool pays on the basis of \$1.20 a bushel, No. 1 Northern, Fort William. This in itself is a price which means better

THE ESSAY CONTEST



Last Call.

Owing to the protracted illness of the editor of *The Scoop Shovel*, we are not yet able to announce the names of the judges. We expect, however, to enlist judges from the University and M. A. C.

Essays should be addressed to

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY
Manitoba Wheat Pool,
Electric Railway Chambers,
Winnipeg.

living on the farm—and it is not the final price. It is an encouragement to those who are digging a living out of the soil and the promise that co-operation will bring to western agriculture, "better farming, better business, better living."

GRAIN ACT AMENDMENT

For many years the farmers of Western Canada believed they had the statutory right to say to what terminals their grain was to be shipped, without being penalized for making a choice. Last year when the Grain Act was before Parliament this right was challenged by the Grain Trade and challenged successfully. The farmers lost the right except under conditions that amounted to a penalty.

On February 1, this year, M. Campbell, Progressive M.P. for Mackenzie, introduced a bill to amend the Canada Grain Act, and the bill contains the following explanation of its purpose:—

"The object of this bill is to give the producer the right to determine the destination of his own grain. . . ."

In another part of this issue of The Scoop Shovel will be found a resolution of the Board of the Central Selling Agency approving and endorsing the bill of Mr. Campbell. The Manitoba Pool Board has also endorsed the bill and at the annual meeting of the Canadian Council of Agriculture recently, a resolution was passed supporting the bill.

The farmers' organizations are thus a unit behind this demand for a right fully established in practice, and our members should drop a line

to their representatives at Ottawa urging them to give active support to the bill.

THE POOL PRESS

Our members should not forget that the Manitoba Pool is joined with the Saskatchewan and Alberta Pools in the Central Selling Agency. Provincially, each Pool is a self-governing unit and it is very desirable that Pool members should know the course of co-operative development in each province.

The Scoop Shovel tries to keep the members of the Manitoba Pool informed as to co-operative events in the sister provinces, but manifestly we cannot tell everything. I would, therefore, like to bring to the notice of our members The Western Producer, and the U. F. A. The former is published at Saskatoon and is used as the official organ of the Wheat Pool as well as the farmers' organizations. It carries every week two pages of news about the Saskatchewan Pool besides a mass of other matter regarding the farmers' movement. It costs \$2.00 a year.

The U. F. A. is published in Calgary and is the official organ of the Alberta Pool and the U. F. A. It is published twice a month and costs \$2.00 a year.

I am aware there is a limit to a farmer's capacity to pay out subscriptions for papers, but the active worker needs to keep himself or herself abreast of the movement, and those who can afford to take in the papers mentioned will find they have made a good educational investment besides helping to maintain the Pool Press, a very important consideration just now.

President Burnell in the United States

Acceding to the request of some of the Pools in the United States, President Burnell agreed to address for them a number of meetings. The following letter is written from Kansas, under date of March 16:—

Well, folks, here I am in Kansas, some 1,200 miles south of Winnipeg, a land of unstinted hospitality; everyone is so kind to me I cannot help feeling quite at home. I arrived in Wichita on Sunday morning (14th), the trip from the 'Peg having occupied two nights and a day, with Saturday spent in Kansas City, Missouri, where the sales agency for the Kansas Wheat Pool is located. I was met there by Mr. W. W.

Young, sales manager. After visiting their office and being shown through the Board of Trade, which is the same as our Grain Exchange, only it includes a sample market as well as a trading floor, I was driven about the city, which has a population of about 700,000 and a great variety of architecture as well as 150 miles of winding and well-tread auto drives, and is, I feel certain, one of the prettiest places I have visited. Kansas City also has a

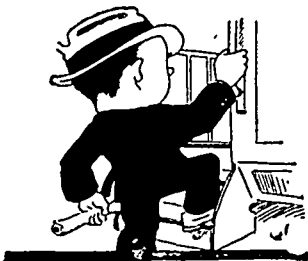
wonderful railway terminal station and yards, which are the second largest on this continent. Saturday evening, accompanied by Mr. Young, I left for Wichita, crossing the Missouri river, one of the big rivers of this country, and entering the State of Kansas.

Through the Oil Fields

Awaking about 6 o'clock Sunday morning, I found that we were going through the oil fields which I readily recognized by the hundreds of derricks dotting the country all about. Before reaching Wichita we passed through some lovely farming country, much like our own Portage Plains. The winter wheat was showing dull green on every hand and reminded me of our fields of fall rye in early April. The soil appears to be a rich dark sandy loam. I learned that Kansas grows about 11,000,000 acres of winter wheat, and many of the farmers now use a combine which harvests and threshes the crop at one operation, and is, I understand, a much cheaper method than our longer and more laborious one. I cannot help wishing that more Kansas farmers would also use a combine to market their wheat.

Home of Carrie Nation

Arriving in Wichita we found rooms reserved...



for us at the Broadview hotel, which stands where the main thoroughfare of the city crosses the Arkansas. The junction of this river and the Little Arkansas, both of which are almost dry at the present time, is within the city. Wichita has a population of 100,000, and even the inhabitants admit that it is the finest town in the State of Kansas. This city is the home of Carrie Nation. Situated here is the old Eaton saloon where she used her hatchet with such telling effect. In front of the Union Station in Wichita, stands a block of granite, and engraved on one end of it is a replica of her famous implement and the sides bear an inscription which states that this was erected to her memory by the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Wichita. The pedestrian traffic in Wichita as well as the automobile is regulated by an automatic signal system. This allows of one getting run over quite legally.

Crows and Green Grass

I am really very much taken with what I have seen of Kansas and could imagine far worse places

to live. The weather here at present is lovely, about like the end of April with us in Manitoba. It was cold in Minneapolis, and all the way down a light snow covered the ground until some time during the second night on the train we ran out of the snow somewhere in Iowa. About the middle of the state I noticed the first crows in the corn-fields. No doubt they were on their way north to our Canadian prairies. I saw the first signs of green grass at Leavenworth, a short distance from Kansas City, but many of the lawns are a lovely green here in Wichita, and I saw a few crocuses out in flower here also.

To Form Central Selling Agency

The Kansas Pool is almost five years old and has 11,000 members. Last year it handled 6,000,000 bushels of wheat and seems to be very efficiently managed under the hard working secretary and manager, Ernest R. Downie, who farmed a short distance from Wichita before he was conscripted for his present job. I was also greatly

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The Place for the Non-Pool Man

Co-operation At Home and Abroad

INDIANA WOOL SOLD CO-OPERATIVELY

Wool to the amount of 402,000 pounds, consigned by 1,702 producers was included in the pool which operates under the name of the Indiana Wool Growers' Co-operative Association, Indianapolis. This wool was marketed through the Ohio Wool Growers' Association, Columbus, Ohio.

A contract for the marketing of wool has been drafted and is to be submitted to the wool producers of Indiana in the near future. Following the signing of the contract by a substantial number of producers the actual organization of the wool growers' association will be completed.

IRISH LIVESTOCK MARKETING CO-OP.

A plan for the co-operative marketing of cattle is being developed by the Cork Farmers' Union, Ireland, according to a recent consular report. It is proposed that the members of the union ship their cattle to the English market and sell direct to the English buyers. Each lot of cattle is to be inspected by Farmers' Union Officials prior to forwarding to the port of embarkation. Special boats will take the cattle to England and special trains will be used in transporting the animals from the port of entry to selected markets. Sales are to be supervised by officials of the Country Gentlemen's Association of England, who will make the collections and remit the net returns to the consignors.

INDIANA WHEAT GROWERS ASSOCIATION

Three needs are set forth in the published annual report of the Indiana Wheat Growers' Association, Indianapolis. They are: First, an informal organization in each community for handling local problems; second, adequate storage facilities which are completely controlled by the association, and third, the extension of the organization to cover the territory producing a surplus of soft wheat.

The membership of the association is given as 18,259, which represents a gain of about 150% during the past year. Of the total number of members, 18,000 are located in Indiana, 220 in Illinois, 39 in Ohio.

The 1925 grain delivered to the association was handled by nearly 800 elevators as against 400 a year ago.

A line of credit in excess of one million dollars has been granted to the association by four Indianapolis banks. In addition, credit has been extended by the intermediate credit bank for the district and by a St. Louis bank.

Warehouses in eight cities, handling association grain, have been licensed under the U. S. Warehouse Act and are issuing warehouse receipts which are available for use as collateral.

BEAN MARKETING ASSOCIATION

Late in 1925 the Colorado Bean Growers' Association was formed with 75 growers as members. An office has been opened in Denver and shipping of beans has begun.

The Association was organized under the Colorado Co-operative Act. Members sign a contract agreeing to sell to the association all the beans which they may produce during the ten years, 1925-1934. Members may withdraw from the association in any year by filing notice during the first fifteen days of February. A provision of the agreement fixes liquidated damages at one cent a pound.

GIANT POWER CO-OP. FORMED

A non-profit co-operative society, composed of consumers, the state, provinces and cities, the chambers of commerce and the industries, has been formed in France, to harness the River Rhone. Dividends are to be strictly limited, and control will be vested in the hands of power users, who are also the shareholders. The scheme will take

Similar organizations are working potash mines in Alsace and synthetic ammonia manufacturing in Toulouse. Financing and control are in consumers' hands, no profits are allowed, and interest on capital is strictly held to the current minimum rate.

SASK. DAIRY POOL

The Saskatchewan Dairy Pool will incorporate under the title "Saskatchewan Dairy Co-operative Marketing Association." This decision was reached at a meeting of the provincial directors in Regina on March 1.

The association will be incorporated under the new act, passed at the last session of the legislature, providing facilities for the incorporation of pools without the necessity of securing a special private act of incorporation.

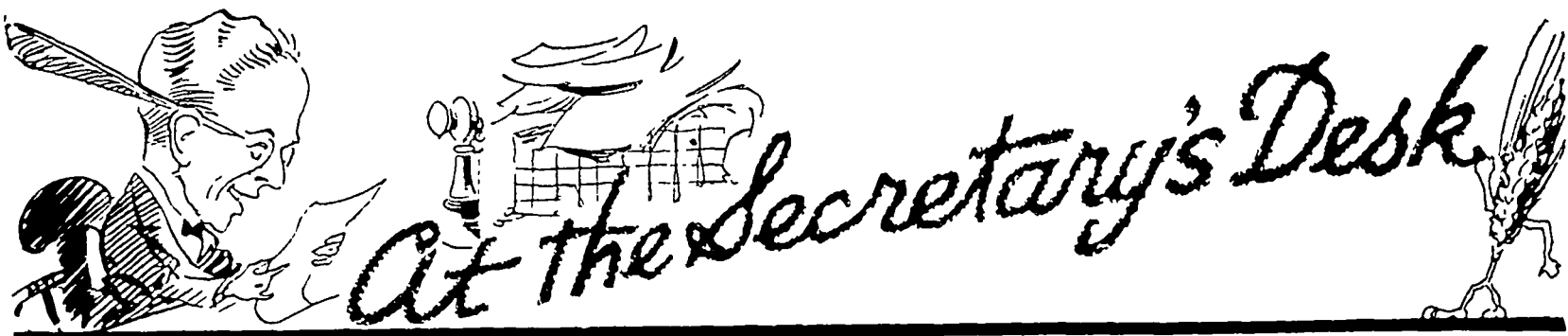
It was decided to canvass the northern part of the province with a view to according that territory proper representation on the provisional board of directors.

It is proposed to absorb the organization known as "The Dairy Pool, Limited," which was established about twelve months ago to cover the Regina district.

A provincial-wide campaign for contracts will probably be under way by the end of March or early in April.

HEALTH VIA CO-OPERATION

Tuberculosis, broken arches, neuritis, burns and a hundred other scourges of human kind are bringing thousands of New York garment workers to their union co-operative health centre. To be exact, 9,299 cases were treated last year. Expert examining physicians and surgeons, X-ray machines, baking and massaging appliances and other aids to better health all await the union member at a price which represents bare cost of maintenance. Another department of the health service, the dental clinic, treated 4,611 patients.



By F. W. RANSOM, Secretary

THE DRIVE.

The drive is on. It started on March 10th and will continue until the 25th.

Captains have been appointed for all the Wheat Pool Locals (Municipalities) in the province. Each one of them was asked to appoint a canvasser for each of the Townships in his district.

Seventy-seven captains have sent in lists of canvassers, and there are 11 others who had not their lists completed, but will in all probability have done so by this time.

Supplies, consisting of Wheat Pool Contracts, Coarse Grain Pool Con-

tracts, and report forms, have gone out to all of them.

Hardly had the campaign opened before P. F. Brandt, of Rosenort, sent in nine contracts, for 1705 acres, and at the same time requests came in from other canvassers by 'phone and letter for more forms, those on hand having been used up.

Our Field Men also report that canvassers are busy, and apparently there is going to be a large increase in our membership this month.

This drive is for new members only, and is not for the purpose of renewing contracts now in force. Only the new five year contract is used. Canvassers please note: Destroy all old contract forms, for the period ending 1927.

MEETINGS.

All winter our field men have been out holding meetings and also arranging, each man in his own district, meetings for Mr. Hoey.

Whilst there are a number of meetings yet to be held, the season is drawing to a close, and we hope to have them all finished before seeding.

At the time of writing (March 10) our field men have held 230 meetings, with a total attendance of 12,200, that is an average of 53 per meeting.

We have had very favorable reports from our members on the addresses given by our field men, and the local papers have in most instances given good reports.

Mr. J. T. Steffes, of Beausejour, writes of S. M. Gibson's meeting:

"It was cold, but was glad that I had turned out. My neighbors thought it was fine,

tion is what all we farmers need. We have been the goats long enough, but less the horns."

Mr. C. Watt, of McConnell, writes:

"Rapt attention was paid to Mr. Day's address, and a great ovation was given him when he sat down. It was the unanimous opinion of audience this was the best Pool Meeting we have ever had."

Farmers come into the office every day, and quite often they speak quite enthusiastically about the addresses they have heard from our other field men.

The whole idea in this campaign, and of our field service, is to keep our members informed on all the activities and developments of the organization they are building up, and it is encouraging to us in the office to get a letter like the following:

"You boys have my congratulations on your success in making the Pool so strong a factor in the estimation of the world as well as myself."—W. A. Waldie, Holmfield.

MR. HOEY SPEAKS TO 12,400 PEOPLE.

Mr. Hoey has held to date (March 12) seventy meetings, with a total attendance of 12,400, or an average attendance of 177.

With the exception of a few municipalities around Winnipeg he has now covered practically the whole Province. We have received very many letters speaking in glowing terms of his addresses and congratulating us on securing his services for the Pool.

W. A. Graham, Holland, writes:

"We had a splendid meeting. I do not know how many were there, but I am sure there must have been nearly 300; a full house at any rate. The roads were very bad; if they had been good our hall could not have held the people. We had a good sociable night, Mr. Hoey at his best; you know what that means—it was a great success."

J. H. Messenger, Secretary of Glenwood local, Souris, says:

"This meeting was one of the most successful every held in this district, about 300 people being present, and Mr. Hoey made a great impression by his earnest and masterly arguments for co-operation."

W. J. McPhail, Belmont, writes:

"The Hoey meeting was a great success. The hall was packed. Sapiro the second was at his best, and mighty few are any

EDUCATION PLUS ENTERTAINMENT.

All our meetings have been well organized and well advertised. Besides putting up posters in the country and in the stores in the towns, we have advertised in the country newspapers, and, in respect of Mr. Hoey's meetings, send a post card to every member in the district in which he is speaking, two or three days beforehand, as a reminder.

There is another very important factor that has contributed to the large attendances, and that is, the arranging of a program on these occasions, voluntary contributions of musical talent and entertainment drawing out and appealing to the women and younger people of the community. It is essential to the welfare and future of this work that the movement be made to appeal to all, of whatever age or sex, that it may be built into the hearts and homes of the people.

"THE SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION."

Here is just one instance of the spirit that is making our Pool a success:

The district around Thalberg and St. Clements was not organized, and we had no members there, so Geo. Andrews, John Chorney, Russell Burnett, Jim Nelson and Mike Demchuk drove up there by car (a matter of 32 miles each way) to do some canvassing and arrange a meeting. Then on the day of the meeting they made the same trip again. It was bitterly cold; the snow had come by this time, making the roads very heavy, and necessitating the use of a team of horses and sleigh. Picture, if you can, that drive of hours' duration with the thermometer below zero.

These men did this work gladly, without being asked to, and with no compensation other than the joy of winning another district over to the

Pool. Can we fail with men such as these?—Never.

A FRIEND IN NEED IS A FRIEND INDEED.

One of our Pool men went out in his car to hold a meeting at Union Point one Saturday afternoon. The snow had been falling and a strong wind blowing, so that when he came to make the return journey he found the road in some places badly drifted, making it impossible to get through with his car without assistance.

Mr. Walter Swenson, who had acted as chairman at the meeting, and his brother followed with a team and sleighs as far as their own place, and in two or three bad places gave a tow through bad drifts. When reaching their own place the road seemed to be all right, so they turned in, leaving our Pool man on a clear road.

A little later, however, recalling that the crossing at the river, some three miles distant was heavy, one of the brothers thought he had better follow on in case his help was needed again.

Going ahead in his car, our field man found, when he reached the river crossing, that the road was indeed blocked. He was preparing to dig himself out, when he heard the welcome sound of sleigh bells coming up the river bank, and who should it prove to be but Mr. Swenson. Needless to say his timely aid was much appreciated, and he pulled the car up to the top of the hill, to where there was a clear road on into the city.

Mr. Swenson had driven three miles out of his way (six miles in all) just to see that the Pool representative got through all right.

It is the many instances like this that make you realize there are members in this organization who are prepared to go to any amount of trouble in order to help things along, and that make one put in his best efforts in the work.

PRESIDENT BURNELL IN THE UNITED STATES

(Continued from page 8)

taken with the sales manager at Kansas City, W. W. Young. We are having a meeting next Monday (22nd) before I leave for home, at which we are hoping to get a movement started to form one central selling agency for Texas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Colorado and Kansas Wheat Pools. If this can be accomplished it will be a great forward step and will make it easier for our Canadian Pool to co-operate in exchanging market information and will eliminate considerable competition down here.

Interest in Canadian Pools

I have been kept very busy since my arrival here at the invitation of the Kansas Pool, and have already had to give five newspaper interviews and have found the reporters as unreliable as any we have in Canada, which, of course, tends to make me feel very much at home. Beginning the first day of my campaign, I addressed three meetings. At noon I spoke at a little banquet at which Wichita business men were the guests of the Kansas Pool. In the afternoon I ad-

ressed the combined boards of directors of the old Kansas Wheat growers and the board of directors (21) of the Kansas Co-operative Wheat Marketing association, and at night the Pool chartered a special car on the Interurban, the electric railway to Sedgwick, some 35 miles out. I was accompanied by the directors and members of the office staff, making in all a party of 43. Arriving at Sedgwick we proceeded to the church where we found the basement occupied with a banquet, community club, business men, and farmers, men and women all busily engaged in singing, "Around Her Neck She Wore a Yaller Ribbon." At all of the meetings I find a very keen interest in our Canadian Pools, and I do not forget to give full credit for our outstanding success to the wonderful work and local support of the men and women on our western prairie who made our pool possible. There is no doubt but the farmers of the United States are looking to you for co-operative leadership. Let us make our pool still bigger, stronger and better in every way, that we may become the foundation for a co-operative agriculture over this whole continent of North America.

—C. H. BURNELL.



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DAIRYING DEVELOPMENTS

The dairy industry in Manitoba has made substantial progress during the year 1925. The production of creamery butter amounted to 13,663,312 lbs., an increase over last year of 1,030,508 lbs. The total make of cheese for the year amounted to 765,407 lbs., an increase of 264,774 lbs. over the previous year. The increased production of cheese is accounted for by the greater number of cows supplying milk to the factories, combined with better feeding.

Three hundred and fifteen carloads of creamery butter were shipped out the province of Manitoba last year, or a total of 126,000, 56-pound boxes, totaling 7,066,000 pounds, valued at \$2,416,680. Most of this butter was shipped direct to the British market during the summer months, and when the butter was fresh and in the best condition to meet the requirements of the markets. Manitoba butter has given excellent satisfaction on the British markets. Fifty-two creameries and thirteen cheese factories were operating in the province during the season just past, showing a nice development.



Co-op. Dividends.

It is apparent, however, that we are going to be forced to depend solely on the British markets, through the selfishness of the American people. They appear to believe that they are going to be able to live independently of any other country, or one would be led to believe that is what they think, from the increase in tariff on butter. We do not quite understand this action, particularly on the part of the dairymen, as their great competition in the markets of their own country is the "oleo." people, who will regulate the price of butter so long as they are allowed to make unlimited quantities of their substitute. The only way that the farmers and producers of cream can compete with them is to produce their butter (a much superior article of food, a fact which no one will dispute), at a cost to the consumer which will nearly equal what they have to pay for the substi-

tute. No article of food is completely indispensable and if the price of any article of food is forced unreasonably high by employing artificial methods, the public will gradually displace this with others, even though they are not so efficient in the promotion of health. This may be pointed out in any way you wish, but the buying power of the people is the ruling factor.

A Solid Tariff Wall

These artificial conditions produced by tariff will only bring hardship to the producer, as the best article of food will be displaced by the substitute until there is a surplus accumulated, and then the only thing possible for the holder to do is break the price so as to move the surplus. This produces unfortunate results; it would be much better and wiser to let the natural law of supply and demand take care of markets, and encourage the American people to consume fifty per cent. more butter than they are at present doing. It would make for a more contented and prosperous people, including the farmer who is the initial producer. What we should all look to is some way of cheapening production rather than trying to create artificial market conditions, as anything artificial cannot be of permanent benefit to any person or nation. We in Canada will surely feel the effect of this action as at the present time there is to be twelve cents duty placed against our butter, which is at first sight a solid wall through which we cannot break with any degree of profit to ourselves. If it were not for this foolish tariff the American market would furnish an outlet for a considerable amount of Canadian butter, which would be a real benefit to the producers of Canada, because of the shorter freight haul; it would also be beneficial to the American consumer, and in prevailing circumstances, no injury to the American producer.

Co-operation the Only Way

The only thing for the Canadian producer to do is to produce the very highest quality possible so as to maintain his standing on the British market, the most important market in the world. This can be done by supporting your own plant, where efficiency counts in handling large volume and remember that practically one-tenth of the total make of the whole province is now marketed through your own plant. Increase this and increase your efficiency and reduce expense of handling and marketing and receive the utmost out of your produce. Remember that the three principal factors in the reduction of expense are, efficiency, volume, and last, but not least, quality.

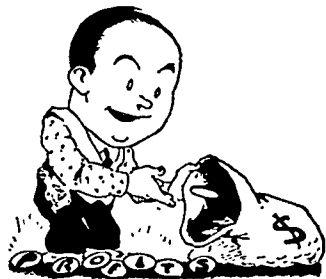


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COUNTRY BUYERS AND THE MARKET.

Country buyers have not been quite so keen after cattle during the past few weeks. When the market steadied down to lower levels the opportunities for buying cattle in the country and turning them over at a profit on the stockyards were not so good. Then, too, farmers had begun to study market conditions a little more and were inclined to ask more for their cattle than during the previous few months.

This showed up quickly in shipments. Co-operative shipments, which had been at a low ebb, began to increase during the past month. Co-operative shipping agents began to find it casier to fill their loads, no longer interfered with by buyers picking off cattle that had been intended for co-operative shipment.



What Pooling Brings.

But wait until the market again shows signs of going up. The activities of the buyers will be increased. Efforts will be made to get farmers to sell their cattle in the country instead of shipping them to market.

Producers who are wise will take that renewed activity of buyers, when it comes, as a sign that it is likely to pay them to ship their own cattle.

EARLY MARKETING OF HOGS.

Early pigs should be brought along as rapidly as possible this year. Western Canada is likely to show a heavy increase of hog marketings this fall, and when the rush hits the market lower prices may be looked for. Prospects are that it will pay the man who is able to get his hogs ready for market ahead of the main supply.

But such haste should not be allowed to result in marketing hogs too light for thick smooth or select classes. It is true that light hogs have lately been selling on a level with thick smooths, but that is a condition that can only prevail when the offerings of such hogs are small. Light hogs have in the past sold at a very heavy discount, and will do so again whenever there is a supply greater than the very limited demand for such hogs from the butcher shops supplying the fresh pork trade in Canada.

And then, market experts, government authorities and practical farmers all agree that under nearly all circumstances the hog pays well for the extra grain required to bring it out of the light class into the class of thick smooths, and excep-

tionally well if the hog is eligible to get into the select bacon class.

Are shipping conditions at your own point satisfactory? Are co-operative shipments forwarded regularly, and can you get your cattle handled through the Pool? If not, perhaps United Livestock Growers can give assistance in getting a shipping association under way. Write in if you think help is required.

ORGANIZING WITH CONTRACTS.

Several shipping associations in Manitoba are now putting on campaigns for organization on the contract basis. It is the best plan yet devised for promoting efficiency and keeping up efficiency in livestock shipping. The co-operative shipping agent who is backed up by a contract organization can give better service to his community.

There is another point about organizing for co-operative shipping. Many of the most successful shipping associations cover a fairly large territory, and often embrace several shipping points. A good shipping agent might as well be giving service at all the points he can cover as at a single station. At times savings can be made by having a car partly loaded at one station and completed at another. When several cars are shipped at one time, only one man is needed to accompany them to market. And always local expenses can be kept down by increasing the amount of business handled.

POOL HAS ENLARGED OUTLET FOR FEEDER-CATTLE.

The Cattle Pool is receiving plenty of orders these days for shipment of choice feeder steers to the United States. Demand from the south for western feeder cattle is increasing, as it appears that there is something like a shortage of feeders, and farmers have great quantities of corn on hand which they cannot market satisfactorily except through livestock. They have not enough hogs to take care of the corn, and buying more feeders from Canada is their only recourse.

Since its organization the Cattle Pool has devoted a good deal of energy to building up a market in the United States and the results of this work are now becoming apparent. Many corn-belt farmers now write direct to the Pool when they want feeder cattle. By showing these people that feeders can be satisfactorily purchased in Canada, and by proving to them that they can rely on the Cattle Pool for square dealing, and for well sorted shipments of cattle, the Pool has actually enlarged the market for our western cattle,



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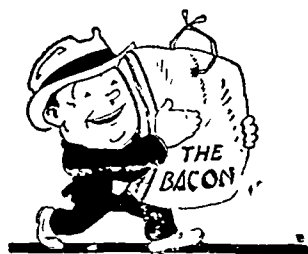
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SECOND ANNUAL MEETING.

About 100 delegates, representing locals with a total of 5,500 shareholders, were in attendance when the second annual meeting of the Manitoba Co-operative Poultry Marketing Association, Ltd., opened at the Y.M.C.A., in Brandon, on March 2. It was a real Pool meeting; splendid feeling and order prevailed throughout the whole of the proceedings, and great confidence was expressed in the Association and the co-operative method of marketing. The policies of the Association received the full support of the convention and the delegates expressed complete satisfaction with the administration.



We Got It.

Mayor Cater gave a brief address to the delegates. He proposed a new symbol to represent the factors in prosperity, I.H.C.: I. for industry, H. for honensty and C. for co-operation. He was glad to see the development of co-operation in the province and he complimented the Association on the wonderful success which had attended it since its inception. He wished the Association continued success and hoped its headquarters would be established at Brandon.

Directors Report.

The Directors Report was presented by President W. A. Landreth. The report referred to the development of the Association during the past year. Two new egg stations had been opened, one at Carman and one at Neepawa and a large number of new locals had been formed. There were now 56 locals and the membership during the year had increased from 3,500 to 5,500. This year, the report stated, egg stations would be opened at Dauphin and Brandon. The station at Dauphin had about 95 per cent. producers' support and it was expected that as good support would be forthcoming at Brandon. Some new locals had been formed in connection with live poultry and many more in connection with dressed poultry.

port to the Association and, the report stated, the success of the Association was built on the efforts of the locals.

Special mention was made of the assistance received from the Extension Service of the Provincial Department of Agriculture, under the direction of N. C. MacKay, and from the Dominion Live Stock branch, under the direction of A. C. McCulloch. The service given by the railway companies was also acknowledged. In conclusion the report emphasized the need for co-operation with all organizations through which the Association did business, in order to achieve still greater success.

The Egg Pools.

D. W. Storey presented the Secretary-Manager's report. He expressed appreciation of the interest manifested in the work of the Association. Dealing with egg marketing, Mr. Storey stated that three egg stations had operated between April 1 and September 1, and had shipped 48 cars of eggs, totalling 570,258 dozens, of the value of \$157,116.18. Two distinct pools had been taken off during the season and had paid as follows:

First Pool: Extras 25 cents; firsts, 23 cents; seconds, 19 cents; cracks, 15 cents.

Second Pool: Extras, 28 cents; firsts 25 cents; seconds. 21 cents; cracks, 16 cents.

The cost of handling amounted to 5¼ cents per dozen, made up as follows: Cases, 2 cents per dozen; transportation, including return of empties, 1 cent; candling, 1 cent; general overhead, 1¼ cent. In 1924 the Association had sold to six firms, in 1925 it had sold to twenty. Mr. Storey showed in a comparison of prices that shipping eggs through the Pool was the most economical and satisfactory system of marketing.

Poultry Marketing.

During the season nine cars of live hens had been shipped and sold, the total shipments containing 24,350 birds or 107,346 pounds. Mr. Storey pointed out that this product was not easy to market. It consisted of culled birds for which a very large price could not be obtained. Despite this, however, good average prices were obtained. This product was paid on a basis of No. 1 hens, 11 cents per pound; No. 2, 9 cents.

In the dressed poultry department 40 cars, containing 653,742 pounds of the value of \$142,993.36. had been marketed. This business also showed development in trade relations. In 1922 the Association sold to one firm, in 1923 to two firms, in 1924 to three firms, and in 1925 to ten firms. Prices paid for dressed poultry were: Special turkey, 33 cents; No. 1, 31 cents; No. 2, 25 cents.



LOCAL PURE SEED CENTERS

In the January issue of *The Scoop Shovel* the organization of government departments and educational institutions for the promotion of pure seed growing was described, and it was stated that it had been planned to locate districts in which certain crops were peculiarly adapted and encourage the production and co-operative marketing of the particular seed in that district.

The following are some of the centers, and it will be seen that they are in all stages of development:—

Solsgirth Seed Oat Growers

The Solsgirth Seed Oat Growers' Association, formed in 1924, was described in these columns in the November issue. It is a co-operative association with a membership of twenty-two growers, all experienced in the production of seed oats, and as its name implies, it deals only in seed oats.

Selkirk Alfalfa Growers

In the Selkirk district, Macsel alfalfa, a variety developed at the Agricultural College was distributed to a number of growers. These men were organized and undertook to thresh, clean and sell their seed co-operatively. No attempt, however, was made last year, on account of the poor seed year, to sell or clean co-operatively. Each grower cleaned up his seed and that not required for local consumption was handled by the Field Husbandry Department through the forage crop cars.

Swan River Red Clover Growers

The Swan River Red Clover Growers ran into a difficulty which was hard for a young organization to cope with, namely, the clover grew abundantly but for some unknown reason, probably frost about blossoming time, failed to produce seed and these growers were quite discouraged. They are, however, trying again this year and since the fields came through in good condition will probably have a quantity of Manhardy seed for sale this fall. Manhardy, like the Macsel, has not yet been admitted for registration. If it proves a good crop for seed production, the association will be asked to register it.

Miami Corn Growers

A number of farmers in the Miami district planted Manitoba Flint Corn, a pure line variety developed by the Agricultural College. A quantity of seed was produced last year and sold readily at a decided increase in the price over common varieties. Since there was no cleaning machinery required most of the selling was done individually.

Miami O.A.C. 21 Seed Barley Growers

Mr. C. D. McFarland, of the Canada Malting Company, individually impressed upon the minds of the board, the value of pure O.A.C. 21 barley for malting. He stated that malters would be willing to pay a premium for this variety if it was pure. This ensured a market for registered barley with the result that Mr. John Wiener, an old seed grower, was induced to undertake to form a barley center at Miami. Several farmers agreed to plant registered O.A.C. 21. The Canada Malting Company generously undertook to take the barley in the fall; pay market price, clean, sack, store and sell for seed, free of charge, and pay the grower the difference. This group of growers are effecting an organization very similar to the Solsgirth Oat Growers.

Ste. Agathe Mindum Wheat Growers

Mindum wheat is the one variety of Durum that is giving the best results in the south and eastern part of the province. A group of growers, associated with Mr. A. Atkins, an old grower, undertook to form a Mindum Seed Center at Ste. Agathe. Elite stock seed was purchased from the Agricultural College and is being grown under the direction of the college and will be inspected by the Dominion Seed Branch.

Melita Mindum Growers

Mr. W. R. Brockinton, a well-known seed grower at Elva, Man., undertook to start a center in that district, and will have a quantity of first generation Mindum for sale this year.

Carman Brome Seed Growers

In the area west of Carman, a large number of farmers grow quantities of brome grass seed. This is marketed in small lots to the seed houses and locally. It was felt that if these men could be induced to grow pure brome and have their fields inspected and the seed certified "Free from quack grass and other noxious weeds," it would not only increase their earnings, but at the same time, insure a supply of pure seed for other growers. No inspection work will be done this year but several growers are interested in the situation and it is possible that an organization will be developed here in the near future.

Rye Grass Seed

The Board is endeavoring to locate a district where Western Rye Grass is being grown successfully for seed, and also a district that is free from quack grass, with the idea of encouraging a western rye grass seed center at such a point.



The Pool Woman

By A. BLANCHE GIBSON

HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR CLUB

Recently I read an interesting little article about community of women who had formed a club called the "Help Your Neighbor Club." As a rule they met once every two weeks at the different homes and did whatever the hostess had planned out for them. By their united efforts many and varied were the things accomplished, quilts were "pieced," others quilted, pretty rag rugs completed and so on.

During the winter months when the days were short the club had an all day session, each member taking along something to help out with the noon meal. As variety is a "spice of life," the meal was not only a treat to all but relieved the hostess of quite a responsibility.

For the summer months, when so many things on the farm need one's attention the plan was somewhat altered—the club met in the afternoon, the hostess herself serving light refreshments.

Another club I have heard of, eight in number, meet once a month but arrive in time for luncheon, each members is responsible for some part of the luncheon, one bringing the salad, another the dessert and so on. The afternoon is spent in sewing, etc., each one making use of her talents. Once a year, at least they put on a sale of work to which they invite their friends and acquaintances—the proceeds of the sale always being used for some needy cause.

STUDENTS FAVOR AGNES MACPHAIL, M.P.

Women students at the University of Toronto debated on Tuesday, Mar. 9, before a distinguished company, including Lady Falconer, Miss Addison, of Victoria College, and Miss Stuart, principal of Glen Mawr School, the question whether they would rather be Agnes Macphail or Mary Pickford. Despite the fact that Miss Pickford is Toronto born, that she has reached a point head and shoulders above everyone else in a profession that is supposed to exercise tremendous sway over the hearts of youthful femininity and despite the eloquent support of her admirers, who emphasized the beauty of her art, her power to entertain, her philanthropic habits, her ability, initiative, and personal charm, when the votes came to be counted, it was found that by a count of 72 to 53 the students had decided they would rather be Agnes Macphail, M.P. Miss Macphail's supporters spoke of her practical patriotism, her work in the interest of the farming communities, her stand for the abolition of war and of such teachings as tend to glorify war in the minds of the young, and her Parliamentary Bill for Prison Reform.

—Farmer's Sun.

WOMEN AND CO-OPERATION

In the history of British consumers' co-operation, the role of the women, the wage spenders, has been all-important. In the egg and poultry pool, the farm woman is getting her co-operative chance; for the receipts from this source are by custom her perquisite. Of all poolers the pool-woman is the most loyal. . . . There are still moments at meetings of Canadian agriculturists when one feels that co-operation is a veneer. When the women are in the room the apprehension vanishes; for they realize, as Sir Horace Plunkett, the father of agricultural co-operation among English-speaking peoples, has always insisted, that the benefit of co-operation goes back from better business in the co-operative society to better farming by the man in the fields and better living for the family in the home.—C. R. Fay in *Co-operation at Home and Abroad*.

WHAT AGRICULTURE NEEDS

My interest in the Wheat Pool dates back twenty years to an old Sears and Roebuck catalogue, and June, and a marriage certificate. We were picking out the furniture for the home we hoped to have some day soon.

Styles in furniture have changed—mission, fumed oak, period furniture. After twenty years of farming we have neither the home we had planned nor the furniture.

When I was fourteen I visited my Aunt Annie in the country. One day she piled the platform buggy full of cream and eggs to go to town. I didn't understand why she laughed when I looked at the produce and asked, "Aunt Annie, why aren't you rich?"

Twenty years of farming has taught me why she wasn't rich, but not why she laughed. Eggs sold for five to seven cents a dozen, and cream at twelve cents a pound.

I have learned that twenty years of farming on rich farm land with a diversified farming system won't get results unless you get cost of production for your products.

We must have cost of production in order to maintain American standards of living on the farm, and farm children are entitled to the same standards of living as the children of other industries.

The competitive system of marketing is ruining agriculture and for that reason I believe that farmers' organizations and co-operative marketing are necessary to help agriculture take its place with other industries.

MRS. H. C. WILLIAMS,
Lidgerwood, N.D., U.S.A.

Terms for Pool Purchase of Sask. Co-op.

The terms under which the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool will purchase the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company were considered at a special meeting of Pool delegates of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, held in February, and made public by the Board on March 10. Briefly the terms are as follows:—

The proposal is to take over the entire country elevator system of 451 country houses, the terminals with a storage capacity of 7,770,000 bushels at Port Arthur, the lease of the C.N.R. terminal with 7,500,000 bushels, the transfer house with the new addition at Buffalo, and the company's office building in Regina. The offer to purchase is made by the Pool Elevators, Limited, the subsidiary elevator company of the Pool. The valuation of the entire system is to be determined by three arbitrators, one appointed by the Pool, one by the Co-operative Elevator Co., and a third appointed by the other two. Such appointments are to be made within 20 days after the shareholders of the elevator company have confirmed acceptance of the offer. A majority decision of the arbitrators is to be binding on both the Pool and the company, and the report of the arbitrators is to be in the hands of both parties by July 25th.

Half Million Cash

The Pool will pay \$500,000 to the company in cash, as a guarantee of its undertaking to conclude the transaction, prior to the special meeting of the elevator company; and before August 1, 1926, will put up a \$1,500,000 more. The balance of the purchase price will be paid in equal annual instalments of \$1,000,000 a year, with interest at 6 per cent., on Aug. 1 each year; the Pool reserving the right to pay off all or part at any time without notice. If, however, the Saskatchewan government, which is owed some \$2,300,000 by the elevator company, as part of the original plan of financing the elevator company's construction programme, wants its money, it is to be paid off before the \$1,500,000 is paid to the elevator company, and this amount is then

to be cleaned up first in its entirety.

If the offer goes through, the Pool will take over the company's assets as at August 1st, though the company will have till Oct. 1st to wind up its business. If the government is willing to allow the mortgage to continue, the Pool will assume it from Sept. 1st. The Pool undertakes to mortgage its present string of 90 elevators to the company as security for the balance of the payments due. It will also, provided title to the system is turned over to the Pool, give a mortgage back as security for the balance of the unpaid principal of the purchase price.

WILLING TO BEAR IT

"What did papa say when you asked permission to marry me?"

"He asked me if I felt capable of assuming a heavy burden."

"And what did you tell him?"

"I assured him that I could take care of all he would give us."—Boston Transcript.

The announcement that \$37,000,000 has just been distributed to farmers who are members of the wheat pools shows that there is more than snow falling on the prairies.—Free Press.

SPILLERS MAY SELL CANADIAN ELEVATORS

Spillers Overseas Industries, Ltd., announces approval of a draft agreement with certain Canadian interests for the sale of the assets of the Alberta Pacific Grain Co., Ltd., in which they hold 51 per cent. of the shares. The Alberta company operates 283 grain elevators in the western provinces of Canada. The agreement will be submitted to shareholders of the Alberta Pacific Grain Co., Ltd., for ratification in due course of time.

The purchase price was not stated. The business of the Alberta company will be continued as a going concern under the control of experienced grain dealers operating in the three prairie provinces. Spillers states it has not sold its other Canadian interests, comprising a terminal elevator and flour mill at Vancouver, B.C., and a partly erected mill at Calgary, Alta.

It is understood that negotiations are in progress regarding the Vancouver elevator. Spillers definitely states that its flour milling program in Canada will remain unchanged, and that the contract for machinery for the mill at Calgary, already placed, will be pushed forward with all possible speed this summer. —The Northwestern Miller, March 3, 1926.

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SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

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Chicken: No. 1, 25 cents; No. 2, 23 cents. Ducks, geese and fowl, 18 cents and 15 cents. The cost of handling amounted to \$13,993.79, or 2.14 cents per pound. Mr. Storey also refer-

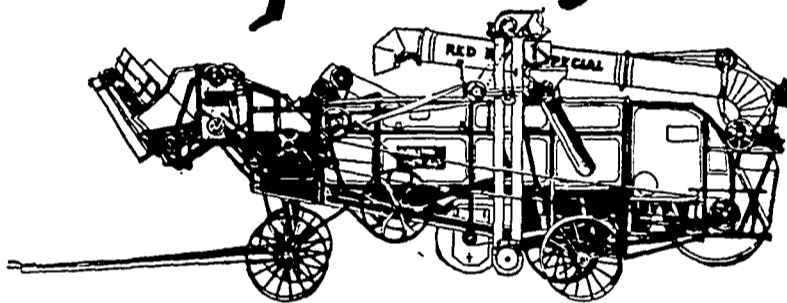
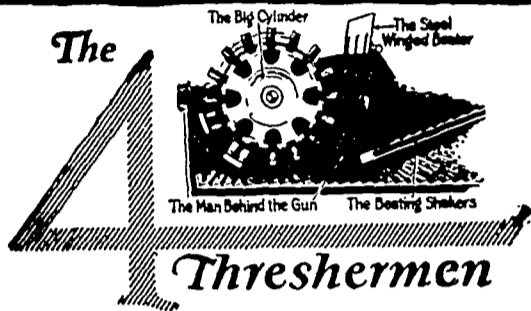
ed to the possibility of establishing, this year, a better system of stencilling and checking boxes before loading, as very often the figures of some locals were found to be incorrect, which necessitated rechecking and adjustments.

OPENING OF EGG STATIONS

Arrangements are almost complete for the opening of our five egg stations, Lauder, Carman, Neepawa, Brandon, Dauphin on April 1st, or during that week. Contracts continue to come in from producers and merchants, guaranteeing that every station will be running to capacity from the date of opening. A further notice will be mailed to every contract holder, advising the exact date of opening, and point to which produce shall be shipped. Any shipper who desire extra shipping tags, etc., should write for them at once. We have procured the services of thoroughly competent men to superintendent the egg stations, and with most of our old staff on the job again this year, we expect to give a most efficient service to our shippers this season. Here's hoping that we double our volume of egg business in 1926.

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PRICES WERE HIGHER

Without doubt that (the co-operative) method of marketing the poultry products has had an influence on prices. In most cases the price paid by the Manitoba Co-operative Poultry Marketing Association was a good deal higher than that received for the product when it went to market through the ordinary channels of trade. This also had a stimulating effect on the trade in general, and probably the prices paid for the product in the regular trade were just a little higher as a result.—Crop Bulletin No. 104, Dept. of Agriculture, Winnipeg.

"MOST VALUABLE SERVICE"

Dear Sir:—

Your cheque for \$70.00 being rebate on G. T. P. 300,515, reached me yesterday, and I hasten to return my sincere thanks for this most valuable service and the various others which you have rendered since I joined the Pool last summer. I sure am delighted. Wishing the Pool every success, and again thanking you, I am sir,

Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM LAWRENCE,
R.R. 2, Box 12½, Portage la Prairie.

POOLS A GREAT BENEFIT

That the Western Canadian Wheat Pools have proved a tremendous benefit to the agriculturalists of Western Canada, is now established without doubt according to a statement made by Alexander MacDonald, the head of 15 wholesale grocery establishments throughout the territory from the Great Lakes to the Pacific Coast.

"The benefits are very marked in general business transactions," Mr. MacDonald said. "Not only have the collections been more regular, but at the present time business is exceptionally good at every point through to the coast. In every district a more healthy state exists in the general financial conditions and the volume of trade is also on the increase."—Manitoba Free Press.

THE NEED OF EDUCATION

It is universally recognized that the future of co-operation depends upon the knowledge which the individual producer has of its possibilities and limitations. He must take a long-time view of the movement. The producer must learn to test his association, not by the price advantage it may offer him this year, but by the services through which it may contribute to the stabilization of production and distribution. Our agricultural colleges and other state and federal institutions must broaden their curricula to include co-operative education—a form of education that will aid the members, officers, directors, and officials to a more thorough understanding of the function and meaning of co-operation.

—CITRUS LEAVES.

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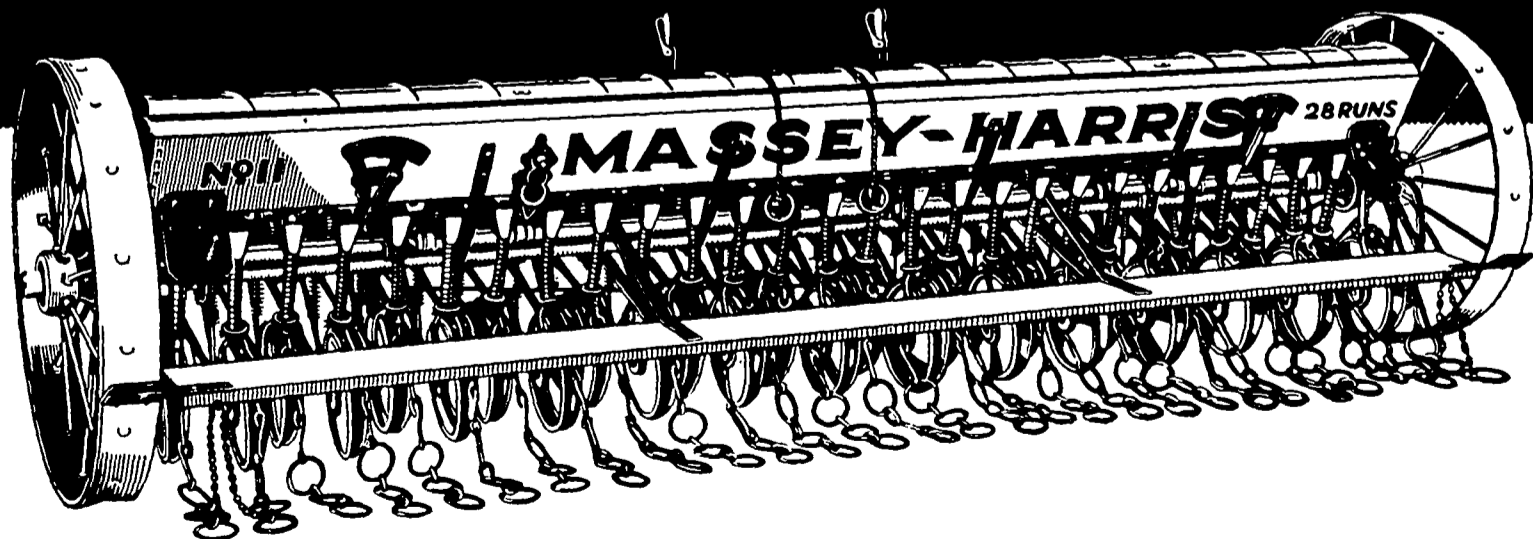
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Most of the co-operative purchasing associations are operating on what is usually known as a non-profit co-operative system. That is, the profits are equally divided among the purchasers at times of sale, a small per cent. being retained to pay expenses and create a reasonable sinking fund amounting at the end of the year to a few hundred dollars.

The locals or co-operative purchasing committee are buying their supplies just like the farmers sold their grain on the market of the world previous to the introduction of the Wheat Pool, no attempt having been made to consolidate their buying power, and while they have stabilized the cost of the commodities handled and in many cases made a saving to the various districts of thousands of dollars, yet in their unorganized condition they are finding it difficult to compete with others in business operating under a highly organized system.

And what is needed today is to consolidate our buying power, and if we are permitted, we will deal with this phase of the situation in the next issue of the Scoop Shovel.

Yours truly,

E. D. MAGWOOD.

Chairman of the Man. Co-operative Purchasing Committee.

SOMETHING IN A NAME

Policeman (producing notebook)—“Name, please?”

Motorist—“Aloysius Alaster Cholmondeley Cyprian—”

Policeman (putting book away)—“Well, don't let me catch you again.”—Punch.

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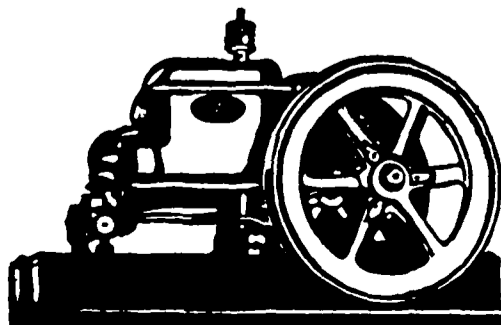
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Mr. Wool Grower:—

Do you know the grades of your wool?

Do you know how much you have of each grade?

Do you know its shrinkage?

Do you know what it is quoted at daily in Boston, London and other wool centres?

Do you know when your wool is liable to be in demand?

Do you know how and where your wool can be marketed in order to bring you the most money?

If you cannot answer these questions you are not in a position to market your wool to the best advantage, and you will profit by shipping to the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers' Ltd.

I never heard an elephant
Deliver an oration.

I never heard a rabbi

Order pork or ham or bacon.

I never heard a one-armed man

Clap loudly at a show.

I never heard the devil singing
Way, way down below.

I never heard a Morris chair

Tell all the things it knew.

Nor ever heard a hen-pecked
man

Tell wifey what to do.

But I have heard the growers
say—

A thing that's proven true—

"If you want crops to always pay,
Let co-ops sell for you."

—SITRUS SAM.

A CALL TO REAL MEN

Here's to the man with a courage
fine,

With a hand that's sure and a
balanced mind;

With a soul that's pure and a
heart that's kind.

Who'll sign his name on the
dotted line.

For the fight is on, so fall in line,
Let your foot keep step and your
heart beat time;

Just do your bit with a courage
fine,

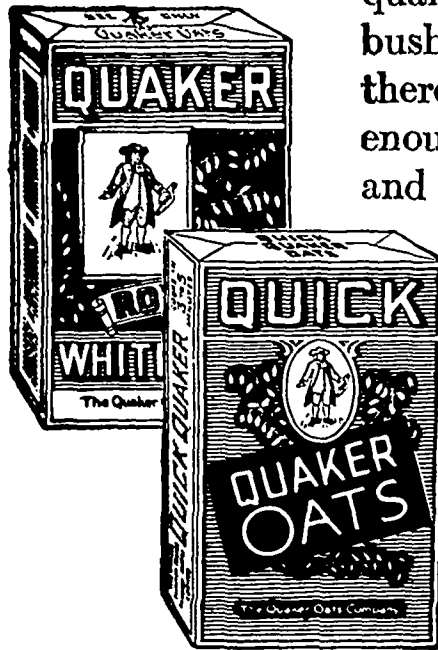
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Hot porridge now in 3 to 5 minutes

Quaker Oats—the best balanced cereal—now, most convenient in the kitchen. For Quick Quaker makes porridge in 3 to 5 minutes.

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Quick Quaker cartons marked "Aluminum" contain an article of kitchen aluminum; when marked "China", a piece of delicate, imported china in blue and gold.

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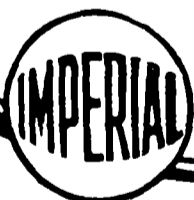
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It pays to buy coal oil this way—and it pays to buy Imperial Royalite Coal Oil

Whether you use Imperial Royalite in lamps or lanterns—in stoves or incubators—in portable engines or tractors, you'll always find that it is dependable and reliable in its high quality. Always crystal-pure, full of power, heat and bright light.

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WEALTH OF THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

The national wealth of Canada in 1921 was estimated at \$22,-195,302,443 which is equivalent to \$2,525 per capita, according to a bulletin issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Agricultural wealth only, based on the value of lands, buildings, equipment, etc., of operating farms, but not including the value of unoccupied lands, amounted to \$7,-982,871,126, or \$908 per capita. Of this \$6,586,648,126 represented farm investments in land, buildings, implements, machinery and live stock as shown by the census of 1921, the balance being the value of agricultural products in the possession of farmers and traders. On this basis the per capita wealth invested in farming and equipment was \$749.

In the prairie provinces the total estimated capital wealth amounted to \$6,447,112,332 or \$3,296 per capita. Of this the total agricultural wealth amounted to \$3,747,384,259 or \$1,916 per capita, the sum of \$3,269,-144,259 representing the farm values of land, buildings, implements, machinery and livestock as shown by the census of 1921. This shows the per capita investment in farms and equipment in the prairie provinces to be \$1,671 on the basis of the 1921 census. The balance of the agricultural wealth was represented by the value of agricultural products in the possession of farmers and traders.

A REAL COME-BACK

Last fall, just before the Grain Exchange issued their Price-Waterhouse Report on average prices for non-pool grain, a farmer who had just recently joined the Manitoba Pool called in at one of the grain offices in the Exchange, and was told by one of the managers there that they had just discovered and were issuing figures showing that the non-Pool farmer received a few cents more for his wheat last year than had the Pool member. "By golly, I am glad of that," replied the farmer. "I am going over to the office of Elevator Company and get the rest of my money. I was not in the Pool last year and I only got \$1.48, and there will be a big balance coming to me."



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Put up in 2 bushels; bags extra, at 25c each

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The earliest wheat of all. Even earlier than the much talked of Garnet. See results from different Experimental Farm Stations. Quality is a creation of Luther Burbank's, has a nice plump berry, is very much earlier than Marquis and will mature in from 90 to 100 days. It is just as rust resistant as Kota or Durum, but has the advantage of ripening so early that it will escape the rust.

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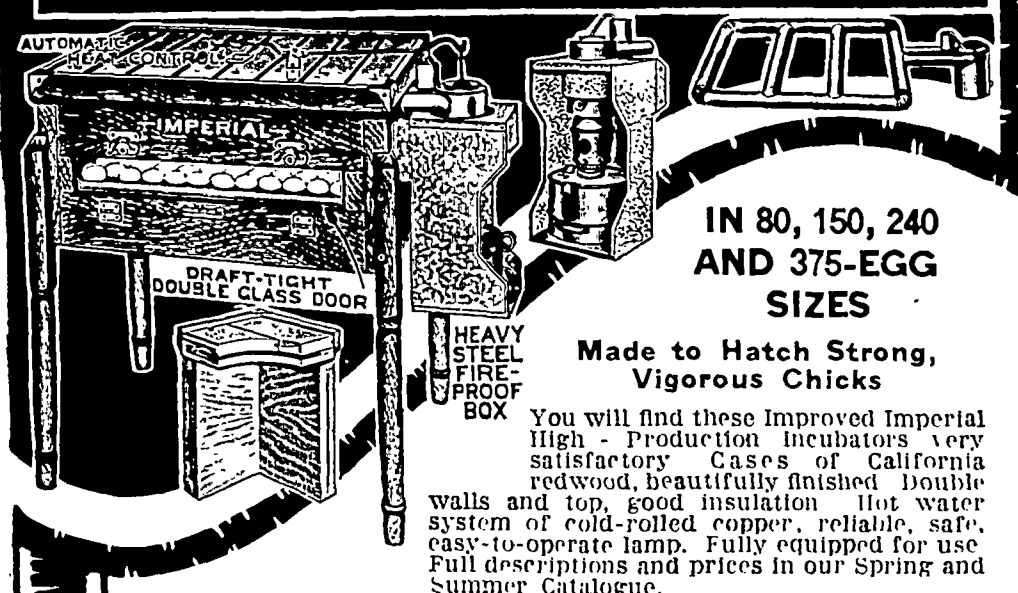
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Co-operation At Home and Abroad

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TEXAS COTTON CO-OP. ADOPTS NEW CONTRACT

Announcement was made by the President of the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association, Dallas, at the recent annual meeting, that the number of contracts already signed was adequate to perpetuate the association for another five years.

It was further stated by the president that arrangements had been made for production credit for members to the extent of \$50,000,000 if necessary, with \$3,000,000 available immediately, at an interest rate of 7 per cent.

CO-OPERATION IN RUSSIA

When the Russian government tried to eliminate profit from the economic system, it was forced to turn to co-operation as the only dependable method. Co-operation has now been given a three years' trial, and according to Scott Nearing, labor educator who has just returned from the workers' republic, it is the main avenue of distribution for the city population and will soon occupy that position for 100,000,000 peasants.

The astonishing advance of the non-profit movement is recorded in the figure of \$1,800,000,000 for last year's business as contrasted with \$1,000,000,000 the year before. The co-ops, for example, furnish most of Moscow's bread and 40 per cent. of all the loaves consumed in the republic. The 77 leading co-op. bakeries turn out 80,000,000 pounds of bread a month. Half the textiles are sold co-operatively, while most of the oil also flows in similar channels.

More than half the workers and one-fourth of the peasants are now enrolled as practical co-operators in the countless societies of the vast Russian republic, and within another ten years it is expected that 90 per cent. of the people of Russia will produce and distribute their commodities co-operatively.

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Amendment to Canada Grain Act

A Bill to amend the Canada Grain Act so as to give the farmer the right to say to what terminal his grain had to be shipped, was introduced in the House of Commons by Mr. M. Campbell, M.P. for Mackenzie, Sask., on February 1, and given first reading.

On February 22, the Board of Canadian Co-operative Wheat Producers (the three Wheat Pools), passed the following resolution:—

"Whereas the Elevator Companies were relieved from responsibility for grade and weight under Section 150 of the new Canada Grain Act, in the event of a farmer taking delivery of his own grain at the country point and directing it to any terminal other than that desired by the Elevator Company;

"Whereas in the amendment now before the House of Commons, it is proposed to concede this right;

"And whereas the said right formed part of the recommendations of the Royal Grain Enquiry Commission;

"Therefore be it resolved that this Board of the Canadian Co-operative Wheat Producers, Limited, representing the three Pools with a total membership of 125,000 farmers, hereby endorse the amendment introduced by Mr. M. Campbell, in Bill No. 8, which would clearly establish the right of the farmer to have the weight and grade of his grain guaranteed to any terminal elevator in the Western Inspection Division to which he may desire to have his grain forwarded."

The Board of each Pool has endorsed the resolution, and a resolution to the same effect was passed by the Canadian Council of Agriculture at the annual meeting in Regina in the last week in February. The resolution of the Board of the Central Selling Agency has been forwarded to Premier King.

KEEP THE WHEAT POOL ROLLING ALONG

Since the time of Joseph back in
Egypt,
Right on down to today,
Some one else has taken all the
cream off the farm
And left us the milk and whey.
With a little real co-operation
We can help each other along;
Then all over the land on every
hand
We will shout and sing this song.

Chorus:—

From the North, South, East,
West,
All o'er the Prairie,
Keep the Wheat Pool rolling
along.
Tell everybody when you sign
your name,
Then ask your neighbor and he'll
do the same.
If we all stick together what we
have we'll hold;
You'll be proud to be a farmer
when the story's told.
From the North, South, East,
West,
All o'er the Prairie,
Keep the Wheat Pool rolling
along.

Farmer Jones made twenty
thousand dollars
Speculating in wheat.
Then the market dropped and he
lost all that he had,
And he came home badly beat;
Had to buy some seed but had no
money.
His neighbor said, don't ever fear
I'll divide up with you. I've
enough for two
From my Wheat Pool cheque this
year.

This song, with music, was composed by and may be obtained from H. W. Ellerton, 40 Canada Life Building, Regina, price 35 cents. It will be sung by Billy Brown from CKY., Winnipeg; CKCK and CHWC, Regina, and 10AB, Moose Jaw, during the week beginning March 22. Tune in for it.

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Variety	Yield
	two year average
Parker's Marquis	38.0 bu. per ac.
Ottawa 15 Marquis	33.0 bu. per ac.
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Garnet	33.9 bu. per ac.

It is a hard red wheat and is eligible for the highest grade. The following is from a report by a prominent milling chemist on a sample of this variety:—"The appearance of the sample was very good. It was very plump, weighing 65¼ lbs. per measured bushel. Much of the wheat grown around Gilbert Plains is piebald or starchy and contains under 12% of protein. This particular sample had a hard, red appearance and its protein content was 13.52%. In these characteristics, therefore, the sample was distinctly superior to the general run of the wheat from that locality. It would easily grade One Northern."

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sin dairy marketing association with 128 local units and 24,000 members.

The 35 functioning federations from which reports were obtained, are located in 18 states. Five of the federations have headquarters in California, four in New York, three each in Michigan and Washington, and two each in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Florida, Oregon, Vermont and Ohio. The states with one federation reporting from each are Mississippi, Indiana, Colorado, West Virginia, Arkansas, Alabama, Illinois and Maine.

The two federations credited to Minnesota reported 464 units with 95,000 members; two federations reporting from Wisconsin had 338 units and 29,500 members; five federations in California, 426 units and 26,700 members; and three federations in Michigan, 179 units with 22,100 members.

Sixty-eight per cent. of the total membership for all the organizations is in five federations with 883 units.

The federated form of co-operative marketing is over 30 years old. In 1895 after several years of effort by associations of orange growers, the Southern California Fruit Exchange was created to serve seven district associations. In 1905 the name of the organization was changed to the California Fruit Growers' Exchange, that the name might more nearly describe the territory being served.

It is estimated that the membership of the two federations functioning in 1900 was 1,800; of the three federations in 1905, 3,700; of the six in 1910, 9,400; of the ten in 1915, 15,955; of the nineteen in 1920, 61,550; and of the 35 in 1925, 210,325. Up to 1918 there had been only a slow growth in federation membership, but since that year the increase has been marked.

PURE SEED IN HEAVY DEMAND.

"While the demand for registered seed has been very satisfactory throughout the winter months, it is anticipated that during the next thirty days the movement of registered seed throughout Saskatchewan will far exceed that of any previous year," states M. P. Tullis, man-

Co-operative Marketing Federations in the United States

Thirty-five federations, made up of 1,907 units engaged in the co-operative marketing of farm products in the United States, had a total membership in excess of 210,000 at the close of 1925, according to statistics collected and published by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Twenty-two federations with 850 units marketing fruits and vegetables reported 55,110 members, and

seven federations with 846 units, engaged in the handling of dairy products, reported 112,625 members, according to a survey just completed. The largest federation reported 447 units with 73,000 members. It is located in Minnesota and is engaged in the merchandising of the butter produced in the creameries operated by the local units. The second largest federation was a Wisconsin

ager of the Saskatchewan Registered Seed Growers' Association.

"The recent Pool payment has provided funds at an opportune time for the purchase of seed. Already, pool orders are being received in large numbers. The prospect of an early Spring, no doubt, also influences the early buying of seed."

"Quality seed stocks on the whole are rather scarce throughout the province. It will be recalled that a great portion of last year's crop was threshed tough owing to the excess of wet weather that occurred during the threshing season. Tough grain is, of course, unsatisfactory for seed purposes, and farmers are not disposed to take chances by sowing weather-damaged seed. While it has been somewhat difficult, the association has assembled fair quantities of bright plump dry seed stocks to meet the demand from districts where the grains were threshed in such condition as to be unsatisfactory for seed purposes."

"In line with the policy of the Association of supplying only proven varieties, such old reliables as Marquis and Ruby wheat, Banner and Victory and Gold Rain oats, Hannchen barley and Crown and Common flax constitute the bulk of the stocks. Every lot is a selected lot tested for germination, true to variety, and of good sample appearance."

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CANADIAN WOOL CLIP, 1925

The Canadian wool clip of 1925 is estimated at 15,553,045 lbs., of the value of \$4,199,000, or 27 cents per lb., as compared with 15,111,719 lbs., of the value of \$3,771,000, or 25 cents per lb. in 1924.

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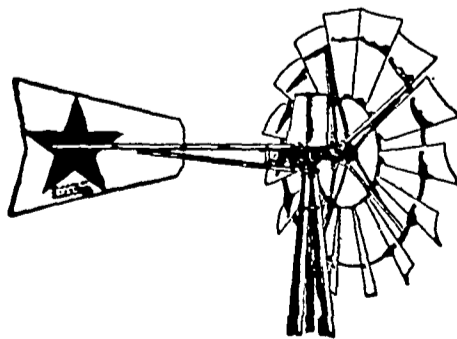
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