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A history of farmers' movements in Canada

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Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection:	Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Creator:	Wood, Louis Aubrey, 1883-1955
Description Level:	Item
Item Number:	HD 1486.C2W6 Archives 14-23-4
Item Number Range:	HD 1486.C2W6 Archives 14-23-4
Standard number:	System Control Number 87007965
Responsibility:	Louis Aubrey Wood
Start Date:	c1924
Date Range:	c1924
Publication:	Toronto : Ryerson Press
Physical Description:	372 p. ; 21 cm
Notes:	Includes index
Name Access:	Patrons of Husbandry
Subject Access:	Agriculture Canada Agriculture Economic aspects Canada Agricultural societies Canada History Agriculture and politics Canada History Agriculture Cooperative Canada History
Storage Location:	Box 23 - Historical VI (Archives copy)
Storage Range:	Box 23 - Historical VI (Archives copy)



Faith, hope and co-operation : a Maritime Provinces story

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Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Creator: McEwen, W. H
Description Level: Item
Item Number: Archives 14-3-20
Item Number Range: Archives 14-3-20
Responsibility: by W. H. McEwen
Start Date: 1969
Date Range: 1969
Publication: Moncton, N.B. : Maritime Co-operative Services
Physical Description: 152 p. : ill., ports. ; 21 cm
Subject Access: Agriculture
Cooperative Maritime Provinces
Canada
Cooperation Maritime Provinces
Cooperative societies
Storage Location: Box 3 - Cooperation 1
Storage Range: Box 3 - Cooperation 1



RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

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Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Description Level: Fonds
Accession Number: 16-1998, 28-1998, 16-2002
GMD: multiple media
Date Range: 1874-2001, predominant 1930-1970
Physical Description: 64.69 m textual records
photographs
slides
audiovisual materials

History /

Biographical:

The forerunner of Manitoba Pool Elevators (MPE), the Manitoba Wheat Pool was created in 1924 as a mechanism to allow for the co-operative marketing of wheat by Manitoba producers by the United Farmers of Manitoba. The Manitoba Wheat Pool was initially intended to be a provisional organization until the establishment of an interprovincial Pool, but when Alberta and Saskatchewan established their own permanent Pools the United Farmers decided to do the same. The Manitoba Pool was different from the SK and AB Pools in that the municipality was the primary unit of organization; members belonged to their municipal Pool associations first, rather than having direct membership with the central Manitoba Wheat Pool. Manitoba Pool Elevators was established in 1925 as a subsidiary of the Pool in response to local members complaints about the unfair business practices of privately owned elevators. The private

elevators also slowed up the shipment of grain to the Central Selling Agency employed by the Wheat Pool, acting as a barrier between the local Pools and the Manitoba Wheat Pool. Once established MPE quickly began to build new elevators and acquire privately owned elevators.

MPE's approach to marketing grain promised to stabilize the market price of grain and ensure a fair market price to producers. Initially the Manitoba Wheat Pool was very successful. However, in 1930, the Manitoba Wheat Pool found itself burdened with an unsold surplus from the preceding year that had been bought from the farmers at a price that was significantly higher than any possible return during the Depression. As a result, in 1931 the Manitoba Wheat Pool's Central Selling Agency defaulted on its bank loans. Despite attempts to save the organization, it was forced to declare bankruptcy in November 1932. The financial difficulties of the Wheat Pool had little to no effect on the Pool Elevators, and so this former subsidiary organization became the main Manitoba Pool organization. This change meant MPE had to reorganize, which they were able to do with funds from the provincial government. The company was successful enough in subsequent years that it was able to finish repaying the Manitoba government a full year early in 1949.

MPE did not limit itself to grain handling; they wished to enrich the lives of rural families through education and to provide economic stability through diversification.

MPE established a lending reference library for members and a traveling library for rural families in 1926. With the passing of the Public Libraries Act in 1948, the province took over responsibility for providing rural families with books. MPE decided that since their traveling library would no longer be needed when rural libraries were established, the best course of action was to donate their library to the Provincial government. They also established and supported programs that educated young people about agriculture and ag business.

Subsidiary companies that dealt with course grains, livestock, packing and fertilizer were established by MPE to streamline and stabilize business for its members.

1961 marked the high water mark for the number of local associations within Manitoba Pool Elevators with 225 local associations. After this date the associations began to amalgamate and consolidate. Improvements in rural roads and rail systems and increases in the size of farms and mechanization of farm labour meant that fewer elevators were needed to service all members and regions. These changes led to an organizational restructuring of Manitoba Pool Elevators in 1968. Membership became direct, and the main unit of organization became the central office. The central office administrated the Pool through districts, which were further subdivided into sub-districts. The locals which were formally the main organizational unit came under the immediate direction of the sub-district they were located in. Local association could opt out of this system if they wished, but by 1975 all but 29 associations had become part of the new structure.

In 1998 Manitoba Pool Elevators merged with the Alberta Wheat Pool to form Agricare Co-operative, Ltd. In 2001 this organization merged with the United Grain Growers to become Agricare United, and in 2007 AU was taken over by the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool; the new company is currently known as Viterra.

Custodial History:

The bulk of this fonds was accessioned in 1975, when the forerunner to the McKee Archives at Brandon University, the Rural Resource Center, was founded. The original mandate of the Rural Resource Center was to house the records of the Manitoba Pool Elevators. Previous to this, most of the fonds was stored at MPE's head office in Winnipeg. Many accruals to this collection have since taken place, with some of the larger ones being received in 1997, 2001, and 2002.

Scope and Content:

Fonds contains records dealing with every aspect of the Manitoba Pool Elevators organization, from the events leading to its formation in the 1920's, to its amalgamation as part of Agricore beginning in the late 1990's.

Fonds includes records of the local co-operative elevator associations established in the period 1925 - 1968 under the Co-operative Associations Act including: organizational papers; minutes of executive boards; minutes of shareholders annual meetings; financial statements; correspondence; membership lists; and miscellaneous documents.

Also to be found are: documents related to the Royal Commission re the Manitoba Pool Elevators Limited ca. 1931; miscellaneous reports and submissions documents (1925 -1952); central office papers consisting of annual reports, circulars to local co-operative elevator associations and documents related to various other activities of the Manitoba Pool Elevators organization. Fonds also contains documents pertaining to the Manitoba Co-operative Poultry Marketing Association Limited and its successor, the Manitoba Dairy and Poultry Co-operative Limited, and related agencies.

Other items in the fonds (dating from the 1890's to 2001) include: books acquired for the Manitoba Pool Elevator Library, including a complete run of both the Scoop Shovel (MPE's first newspaper) and the Manitoba Cooperator; photographs; slides; audiotapes; and reel-to-reel videos.

Finally, the fonds contains a small number of miscellaneous items such as banners, and company issued briefcases.

This fonds is organized into four series, (A) Local Association records, (B) Central Office Records, (C) Subsidiary Companies and Co-operatives, (D) Commissions, Committees and Inquiries

Notes:

Description by Mike White (2002), revised and enlarged by Jillian Sutherland (2009-2010).

History/Bio taken from F.W. Hamilton, "Service at Cost: A History of the Manitoba Pool Elevators 1925-1975" (Saskatoon: Modern Press) and from records within the fonds.

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Name Access:

F.W. Hamilton

Paul F. Bredt

Colin H. Burnell

John I. McFarland

A.J. McPhail

J.R. Murray

W.J. Parker

Henry W. Wood

Subject Access:	Manitoba Co-operator Canadian Agriculture Cooperative Unions Grain Trade The Scoop Shovel Winnipeg Grain Exchange Agricore United Grain Growers Manitoba Wheat Pool Canadian Cooperative Wheat Producers Ltd Canadian Wheat Board Alberta Wheat Pool Border Fertilizer Ltd Canadian Council of Agriculture Saskatchewan Cooperative Elevator Company Saskatchewan Wheat Pool United Farmers of Manitoba United Farmers of Alberta
Repro Restriction:	Researchers are responsible for observing Canadian copyright restrictions.
Finding Aid:	File level inventory available for some boxes. The Pool Elevator library and publications are available online through the Brandon University Library catalogue.
Storage Location:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds



American cooperation : a collection of papers and discussions summarizing the ... session of the American institute of Cooperation

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Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection:	Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Creator:	American Institute of Cooperation
Description Level:	Item
Item Number:	HD 3443.A7 Archives 14-17-1
Item Number Range:	HD 3443.A7 Archives 14-17-1
Standard number:	System Control Number 87055119
Start Date:	[c1925
Date Range:	[c1925
Publication:	Washington, D.C. : American institute of Cooperation
Physical Description:	v ; 24 cm
Notes:	Some volumes have distinctive titles 1953. Cooperatives, self help in our competitive economy -- 1958. Cooperatives, progress in the space age -- 1960. Agricultural cooperatives, foundation and forecast -- 1963. Power in partnership -- 1971. Highlights of current thinking by cooperative, agribusiness, and educational leaders on Cooperative Business Leadership, primarily as presented at the 1971 Summer Institute of American Institute of Cooperation, Colorado State University, Fort Collins -- 1976-77. Coopertives, committed to America's future -- 1979-80. Expanding cooperative horizons
Subject Access:	Agriculture Cooperative United States Cooperation Societies
Storage Location:	Box17-Cooperation III
Storage Range:	Box17-Cooperation III



The first fifty years : a history of United Grain Growers Limited

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Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection:	Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Creator:	Colquette, R. D
Description Level:	Item
Item Number:	HD 9044.C33U54 Archives 14-23-6
Item Number Range:	HD 9044.C33U54 Archives 14-23-6
Standard number:	System Control Number 76203299
Responsibility:	R. D. Colquette
Start Date:	c1957
Date Range:	c1957
Publication:	Winnipeg : Public Press Limited
Physical Description:	vii, 309 p. : ill. ; 22 cm
Notes:	Includes index
Name Access:	United Grain Growers Limited
Subject Access:	Grain trade Canada Agriculture Cooperative Canada
Storage Location:	Box 23 - Historical VI (Archives copy)
Storage Range:	Box 23 - Historical VI (Archives copy)



The Manitoba co-operator

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Other Title Info: Formerly The Scoop Shovel
Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Creator: Manitoba Co-operative Conference
Description Level: Sub-series
Series Number: MPE E 3
GMD: textual records
Date Range: 1931-1936; 1943-2001
Publication: Winnipeg : Manitoba Co-operative Conference, ltd
Physical Description: 74 v. ; ill.; 5.46 m

Scope and Content:

During the independent existence of Manitoba Pool Elevators, the Manitoba Co-operator, published by the Manitoba Co-operative Conference Ltd., was the official organ of the cooperative movement in the province. The sub-series consists of issues of The Manitoba Co-operator from 1931-1936 and 1943-2001.

Notes: Description by Jill Sutherland and Christy Henry.

Subject Access: Agriculture
Cooperative Periodicals
Farm produce Marketing Periodicals

Conservation: microfilm, PDF

Location Original: Archives 14-24-2, Box 24 - Manitoba Pool

Location Copy: Z drive

Arrangement:

The Scoop Shovel, Vol. VII No.1-7 is bound with the Manitoba Co-operator, Vol. VII, No. 9-12



The Manitoba co-operator

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections1497>

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Description Level: Item
Item Number: TMC-1931-09
GMD: textual records
Responsibility: Manitoba Co-operative Conference Ltd.
Date Range: September 1931
Publisher Series: Vol. VII, No. 9
Physical Description: 22pp.

Scope and Content:

Item consists of the first issue of The Manitoba Co-operator, a magazine of agricultural co-operation, published in September 1931.

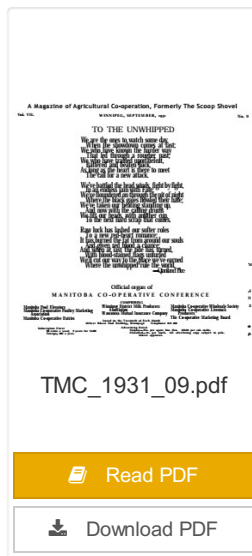
Notes: Description by Christy Henry.
Subject Access: Agriculture
Cooperative Periodicals
Farm produce Marketing Periodicals

Location Original: Archives 14-24-1, Box 42

Arrangement:

Tthe Manitoba Co-operator, Vol. VII, No. 9-12 is bound with The Scoop Shovel, Vol. VII No.1-7.

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<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections1498>

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Description Level: Item
Item Number: TMC-1931-10
GMD: textual records
Responsibility: Manitoba Co-operative Conference Ltd.
Date Range: October 1931
Publisher Series: Vol. VII, No. 10
Physical Description: 16pp.
Scope and Content:

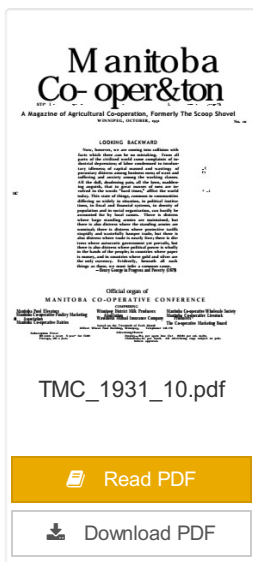
Item consists of the October 1931 issue of The Manitoba Co-operator.

Notes: Description by Christy Henry.
Subject Access: Agriculture
Cooperative Periodicals
Farm produce Marketing Periodicals
Location Original: Archives 14-24-1, Box 42

Arrangement:

The Manitoba Co-operator, Vol. VII, No. 9-12 is bound with The Scoop Shovel, Vol. VII No.1-7.

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Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Description Level: Item
Item Number: TMC-1931-11
GMD: textual records
Responsibility: Manitoba Co-operative Conference Ltd.
Date Range: November 1931
Publisher Series: Vol. VII, No. 11
Physical Description: 16pp.
Scope and Content:


Item consists of the November 1931 issue of The Manitoba Co-operator.

Notes: Description by Christy Henry.
Subject Access: Agriculture
Cooperative Periodicals
Farm produce Marketing Periodicals
Location Original: Archives 14-24-1, Box 42


Arrangement:


The Manitoba Co-operator, Vol. VII, No. 9-12 is bound with The Scoop Shovel, Vol. VII No.1-7.

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Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Description Level: Item
Item Number: TMC-1931-12
GMD: textual records
Responsibility: Manitoba Co-operative Conference Ltd.
Date Range: December 1931
Publisher Series: Vol. VII, No. 12
Physical Description: 20pp.

Scope and Content:

Item consists of the December 1931 issue of The Manitoba Co-operator.

Notes: Description by Christy Henry.

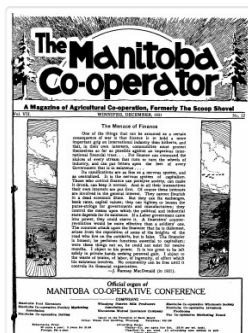
Subject Access: Agriculture
Cooperative Periodicals
Farm produce Marketing Periodicals

Location Original: Archives 14-24-1, Box 42

Arrangement:

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Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Description Level: Item
Item Number: TMC-1932-01
GMD: textual records
Responsibility: Manitoba Co-operative Conference Ltd.
Date Range: January 1932
Publisher Series: Vol. VIII, No. 1
Physical Description: 16pp.

Scope and Content:


Item consists of the January 1932 issue of The Manitoba Co-operator.


Notes: Description by Christy Henry.
Subject Access: Agriculture
Cooperative Periodicals
Farm produce Marketing Periodicals
Location Original: Archives 14-24-1, Box 42

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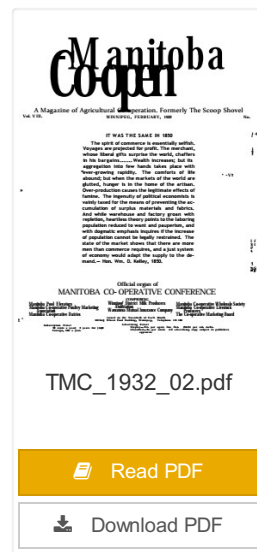
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Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Description Level: Item
Item Number: TMC-1932-02
GMD: textual records
Responsibility: Manitoba Co-operative Conference Ltd.
Date Range: February 1932
Publisher Series: Vol. VIII, No. 2
Physical Description: 20pp.

Scope and Content:

Item consists of the February 1932 issue of The Manitoba Co-operator.

Notes: Description by Christy Henry.
Subject Access: Agriculture
Cooperative Periodicals
Farm produce Marketing Periodicals
Location Original: Archives 14-24-1, Box 42

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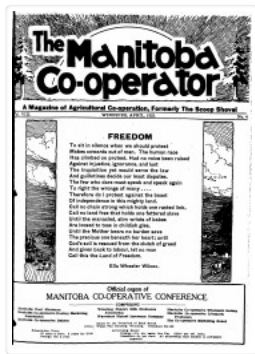
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Collection:	Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Description Level:	Item
Item Number:	TMC-1932-03
GMD:	textual records
Responsibility:	Manitoba Co-operative Conference Ltd.
Date Range:	March 1932
Publisher Series:	Vol. VIII, No. 3
Physical Description:	16pp.
Scope and Content:	Item consists of the March 1932 issue of The Manitoba Co-operator.
Notes:	Description by Christy Henry.
Subject Access:	Agriculture Cooperative Periodicals Farm produce Marketing Periodicals
Location Original:	Archives 14-24-1, Box 42

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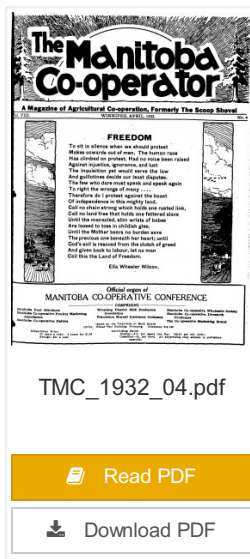
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Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Description Level: Item
Item Number: TMC-1932-04
GMD: textual records
Responsibility: Manitoba Co-operative Conference Ltd.
Date Range: April 1932
Publisher Series: Vol. VIII, No. 4
Physical Description: 20pp.

Scope and Content:

Item consists of the April 1932 issue of The Manitoba Co-operator.

Notes: Description by Christy Henry.
Subject Access: Agriculture
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Location Original: Archives 14-24-1, Box 42

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Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Description Level: Item
Item Number: TMC-1932-05
GMD: textual records
Responsibility: Manitoba Co-operative Conference Ltd.
Date Range: May 1932
Publisher Series: Vol. VIII, No. 5
Physical Description: 16pp.
Scope and Content:

Item consists of the May 1932 issue of The Manitoba Co-operator.

Notes: Description by Christy Henry.
Subject Access: Agriculture
Cooperative Periodicals
Farm produce Marketing Periodicals
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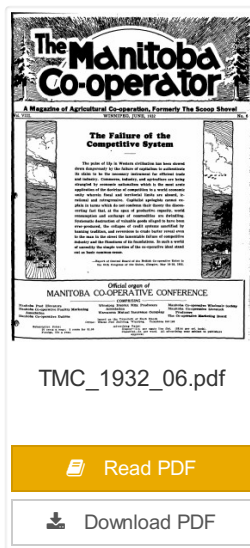
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Description Level: Item
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Responsibility: Manitoba Co-operative Conference Ltd.
Date Range: June 1932
Publisher Series: Vol. VIII, No. 6
Physical Description: 16pp.

Scope and Content:

Item consists of the June 1932 issue of The Manitoba Co-operator.

Notes: Description by Christy Henry.
Subject Access: Agriculture
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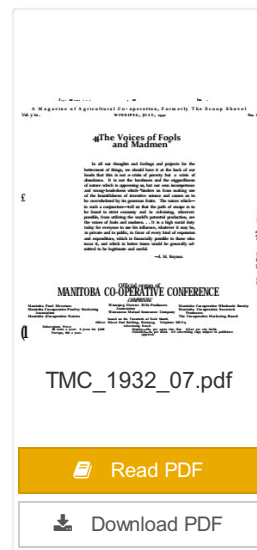


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Description Level:	Item
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Responsibility:	Manitoba Co-operative Conference Ltd.
Date Range:	July 1932
Publisher Series:	Vol. VIII, No. 7
Physical Description:	16pp.
Scope and Content:	
Notes:	Item consists of the July 1932 issue of The Manitoba Co-operator.
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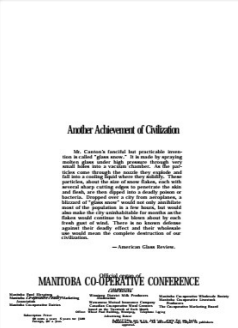
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Item Number:	TMC-1932-08
GMD:	textual records
Responsibility:	Manitoba Co-operative Conference Ltd.
Date Range:	August 1932
Publisher Series:	Vol. VIII, No. 8
Physical Description:	16pp.
Scope and Content:	


Item consists of the August 1932 issue of The Manitoba Co-operator.


Notes:	Description by Christy Henry.
Subject Access:	Agriculture Cooperative Periodicals Farm produce Marketing Periodicals
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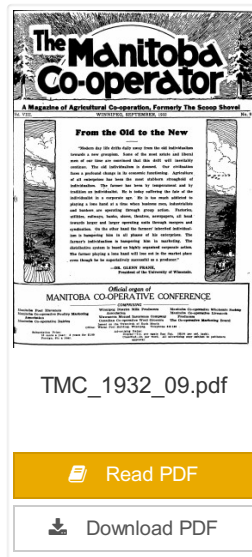
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Physical Description: 16pp.

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Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Description Level: Item
Item Number: TMC-1932-10
GMD: textual records
Responsibility: Manitoba Co-operative Conference Ltd.
Date Range: October 1932
Publisher Series: Vol. VIII, No. 10
Physical Description: 16pp.
Scope and Content:

Item consists of the October 1932 issue of The Manitoba Co-operator.

Notes: Description by Christy Henry.
Subject Access: Agriculture
Cooperative Periodicals
Farm produce Marketing Periodicals
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