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## COARSE GRAIN POOL

Owing to the number of suggestions we received for the organization of coarse grain pools a letter was sent out to all Presidents and Secretaries of Wheat Pool Locals asking them to call meetings of Directors and members to discuss the matter. The number of replies favorable to the formation of such pools induced your Directors to give careful consideration to the subject at their meeting last Wednesday.

After the Board had given the matter very careful consideration, they passed unanimously the following resolution:- "The Board of Directors hereby declares itself in favor of the principle of a coarse grains Pool to provide for the co-operative marketing of oats, barley, rye and flax, and records its belief that steps should be taken to put into effect the desires of the growers in the matter with a view to commencing with the 1925 crop."

Further announcement with regard to the plans of organization will be made in due course.

## THE POOL AND GARNISHEES

Frequent requests from growers for advice concerning garnishees issued in connection with the delivery of Pool wheat have suggested the usefulness of publishing a concise legal opinion on the subject.

A Garnishee attaches debts only. The only debt which arises as a consequence of the delivery of Pool wheat by a grower, is a debt to the Manitoba Wheat Pool. The amount of this debt is not the proceeds of the sale of such grower's wheat; it is, however, his proportion of the proceeds of the wheat sold by the Pool during the year.

This obligation of the Pool is of a threefold nature, as it involves the making of an initial, an interim and a final payment; it may, therefore, be considered as giving rise to three distinct debts.

No Garnishee Summons can attach more than one of these debts, it might be possible to attach them all by three distinct Garnishees, if action were taken at just the proper time in each case.

It is not proposed at present to deal with the subject insofar as it extends beyond the scope of the initial payment; interim and final payments will probably be dealt with in a future number.

No garnishee upon an elevator company can possibly attach any money. No debt ever exists on the part of such company



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to a grower on account of Pool wheat. The obligations to which an elevator company is subject, are obligations to the Wheat Pool.

No legal obligation arises on the part of the Pool to make any payment or advance to a grower, until after storage tickets, bills of lading, warehouse receipts or shipping bills, properly endorsed by the grower, have been transferred to the Pool. This applies to all Pool wheat, whether delivered through an elevator or shipped over a platform. For all practical purposes, this means after the wheat is in terminal storage. Any money advanced before that time, whether through the elevator company or otherwise, is advanced by the Pool voluntarily and for the accommodation of the grower, and not because of any legal liability to do so. As a necessary consequence, no garnishee served on the Pool before the wheat is in terminal storage will attach any money. Where the initial payment is made prior to that time, no debt arises, and, of course, no money can be attached. Where the initial payment has not been advanced prior to the arrival of wheat at terminals (as is ordinarily the case with platform shipments) the Pool forwards a cheque to the grower within one or two days after such arrival, and when specially requested, even earlier than this. Thus, a garnishee, to be effective, must be served on the Pool within that short period.

It does not of necessity follow, however, that a garnishee so served, will attach the money. It may happen that this result will be prevented by other legal difficulties of a nature somewhat too technical to be appropriately dealt with here.

Many entertain the idea that a Pool member is particularly vulnerable to attack by garnishee. From the foregoing, it will be readily apparent that this is quite an erroneous impression. If anything, he is more secure as a member of the Pool, than he was formerly.

## HERE'S AN EXAMPLE FOR MANITOBA

The farmers of Alberta are out for a thorough extension of the co-operative marketing idea. The western province set the pace for the wheat pools and is now entering upon a campaign for the establishment of a contract live stock marketing pool, a dairy pool, and an egg and poultry pool.

At the last annual convention of the U. F. A. the executive was instructed to appoint a co-operative marketing committee to consider the possibilities of forming co-operative organizations for the marketing of farm products other than wheat, and to proceed with such organizations as they deemed advisable. The committee has spent the intervening months in earnest and careful study of the matter and the result is the launching of the three plans mentioned.

It is a fundamental principle in pooling that the system should be on a commodity basis; hence the necessity for separate associations. The livestock marketing pool, incorporated as Alberta Co-operative Livestock Producers Limited, is based on a five year contract, from 1925 to 1929 inclusive, the terms of the contract being essentially similar to the wheat pool contract. There is a membership fee of \$2 which may be paid in cash when the contract is signed or the signer may authorize the pool to deduct it from the proceeds of sales on his behalf. The objective of the pool is 2,500 cars of stock, a car to be equal to 25 head of cattle, or 80 hogs or 100 sheep. It is provided that if the objective is not reached by August 1, 1925 then the contract is void. Local associations are to be formed to assemble and ship the stock and generally look after the local business. The pool directorate will consist of seven, one for each of the seven districts into which the province will be divided, each director to be elected by delegates to the annual meeting elected by the locals.

The dairy, and egg and poultry pools follow the same lines of organization. The former is incorporated as Alberta Co-operative Dairy Producers Limited, the latter as Alberta Co-operative Poultry Producers Limited. The objective in the case of each of these two pools is one third of the respective produce covered by the contracts, marketed in the province for export, as shown by the statistics published by the Dominion Department of Agriculture. That is, the dairy pool must receive contracts covering one-third of the milk and cream marketed annually in the province and the egg and poultry pool one-third of the eggs and poultry.

The contracts for these pools are now ready for circulation and an effort will be made to reach the objective before seeding commences next year. The committee which has worked out these pools, with the able assistance of Hon. J. E. Brownlee, Attorney General of Alberta, and Mr. A. A. McGillvray who did a lot of legal work in connection with the wheat pool, feel that the success of the wheat pool is their great justification for endeavoring to bring more farm products within the field of co-operative marketing, and they express the opinion that the support given the wheat pool demonstrates that the farmers want the extension of co-operative marketing, believing that their hope lies in that direction.

### INTERIM PAYMENT

A statement has appeared in the daily press to the effect that the Wheat Pool would make an interim payment before Christmas. This statement was entirely unauthorised and is incorrect. When a decision has been reached by the Pool Management to make a payment the date and amount of payment will be announced in the Scoop Shovel. The members of the Pool will thus get their information at first hand.

### ADDITIONAL PAYMENT ON #2 FEED

At the beginning of the grain season the Government Chief Inspector established a non-commercial grade #2 Feed. A quantity of wheat delivered to the Pool received this grade.

On November 1 the Grain Standard Board abolished this grade and wheat previously graded #2 Feed is now graded Feed. The spread between #2 Feed and Feed was 15 cents.

To give a square deal to members of the Pool the Directors have decided to pay an additional 15 cents a bushel on all #2 Feed that has been delivered to the Pool. We are mailing checks for this adjustment right away. Something else you've got to thank the Pool for.

### KEEP YOUR CERTIFICATE

It has been brought to our attention that some Pool members have been induced to sell their Growers Certificates. These certificates are not negotiable and the Pool, legally, may make payment on them only to the person whose name appears on the face of the certificate, unless the certificate has been formally assigned. The banks are making advances on certificates and the Pool members who wish to raise a little money on them should take them to their banker. Members are foolish to part with their certificates. If they are good for the speculator they are better for their original owners - the men who grew the wheat. Hold on to your certificates; they represent what you joined the Pool for.

### BOYS AND GIRLS - HERE'S YOUR CHANCE!

The Directors of the Pool are offering you prizes for the best essays on "Why every farmer should join the wheat Pool". The prizes are:- For boys and girls of grade nine and over: First prize \$7; Second prize \$5; Third prize \$3. For boys and girls of grade eight and under: First prize \$6; Second prize \$4; Third prize \$2.

Essays must not exceed 500 words. All essays must be in the Wheat Pool office by January 10, 1925. Write in ink on one side of the paper only. Be neat and write your best; it will help you to win a prize.

THIS COMPETITION IS LIMITED TO MANITOBA AND TO BOYS AND GIRLS ON THE FARM.



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