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Plum Blossoms



On Apples



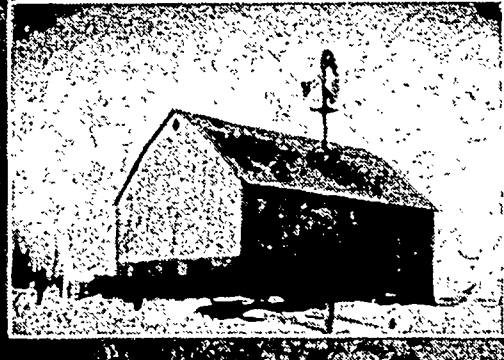
Seedling Pots



Apple Trees



Home Garden



Home Garden

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Wheat Pool Final Payment

One the evening of Oct. 10th, the cheques for the final Pool payment on the 1927 crop went out to the members. It was a flat payment of $2\frac{1}{4}$ c on all grades, all deductions having been made from the second interim payment in August, and brought the total

year of the period there was marketed 210,000,000 bushels, with a final average of $\$1.42\frac{1}{4}$ per bushel on the same basis as in former years. It should be stated that before the Saskatchewan and Manitoba Pool got under way, the Alberta Pool marketed over 34,000,000 bushels of the 1923 crop.

"During this first period the Pools have marketed approximately 750,000,000 bushels of grain, coarse grains included, with a total turnover in money exceeding one billion, one hundred million dollars.

"During that time the three Pools have accumulated through elevator deductions and commercial reserves, which belong to the grower, over $\$20,000,000$. Through their own handling facilities which have been built and acquired during this period, the pools are now

in a position to, and do handle, the bulk of their own grain. All this development is quite natural and in keeping with the farmer's determination to look after the proper merchandising of his own product, and as nearly as possible to retain control of the product until it is finally placed in the hands of the people who actually use and consume it.

"Looking back over this first lap of our journey in the direction of complete control over the handling and sale of our farm products, we would appear to have made very reasonable progress. As to the future of the Pool, prospects were never brighter than they appear at present. During the past four years the organization has steadily grown, and in spite of the fact that every contract of the first period expired on August 31st of this year, we are beginning the second contract period with a larger measure of control than we have had at any time since the Pool began operations."



Pool price for No. 1 Northern basis Fort William, up to $\$1.42\frac{1}{4}$.

The total amount of money paid out was $\$5,131,331$, divided as follows: Manitoba $\$307,845$, Saskatchewan $\$2,870,820$, Alberta $\$1,953,666$.

The cheques sent to Manitoba members represented $2\frac{3}{4}$ c per bushel instead of $2\frac{1}{4}$ c. The reason for this was that the head office expenses were estimated at $1\frac{1}{2}$ c per bushel, and this amount was deducted on the second interim payment. This was subsequently found to be $\frac{1}{2}$ c too much, and the $\frac{1}{2}$ c was returned in this final payment.

President's Statement

"An important chapter in the history of the Wheat Pool and the farmers' movement is now closed and a matter of history," stated A. J. McPhail, president of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool and president of the Canadian Wheat Pool, referring to the final payment for the final year of the Canadian Wheat Pool's first contract period. "In the first year of that first period, the Pools marketed 81,000,000 bushels, and paid $\$1.66$ per bushel, basis No. 1 Northern, Fort William. The second year they marketed 187,000,000 bushels, and paid $\$1.45$, the third year 180 million bushels were sold and $\$1.42$ per bushel paid, and in the fourth and last

Canadian Barley in Good Position

It will be interesting to the growers who planted 1,700,000 acres of Manitoba land to barley last year, to learn that German barley importers have recently turned back shipments of this grain from certain American states.

In Ohio, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana and Wisconsin this year, there has been a particularly bad epidemic of scab, a disease which attacks the grain at intervals of two or three years, and varies in its intensity. This scab makes the barley unfit for pig feed and hence useless for the purposes to which the German importers intended to put it. Canadian barley is in the fortunate position of being free from scab and should profit by this circumstance.

The scab is a fungus disease with a life history as strange and disconcerting as some of those we know. It starts as root-rot of the corn plant, being particularly bad on wet soils just as the other root rots are which we know in Manitoba grain fields. It lives over winter in the dead cornstalks and

infects the ground for the next crop. If this following crop is wheat it attacks it in the form of wheat scab, which produces a percentage of somewhat shrunken and discolored kernels, but is not considered very serious. If, however, barley is sown after the wheat it goes to the barley kernels, affecting them little as regards outward appearance, but making them quite unpalatable to pigs. Even if the hogs will eat scabbed barley they promptly become sick and eat no more, thus slowing more than human intelligence in the matter. A comparatively small mixture of scabbed grain will produce this result, so the effect on exports is likely to be serious. Cattle do not seem to mind the infected grain, and its feeding value is little affected otherwise.

This disease is unknown in Canada, probably because corn root-rot is not widespread. It can be controlled by thorough clean-up methods, but seems to have damaged a large percentage of the barley crop in the states mentioned.

Consumers' Co-operatives in Manitoba

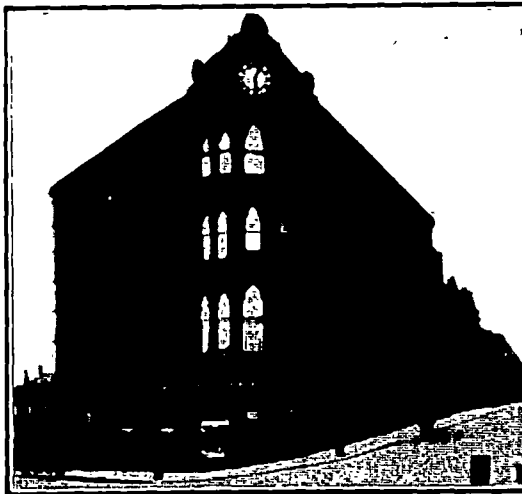
By George Keen, Secretary, The Co-operative Union of Canada

Each summer for some years past the writer has spent four or five weeks among the consumers' co-operative societies of Western Canada. To some extent the visits have included societies in Alberta and British Columbia, but the greater number have been in Saskatchewan. Prior to this year the itineraries in Saskatchewan were organized by the Co-operation and Markets Branch of the Department of Agriculture. While the branch this year again took a sympathetic interest in the itinerary, it has been thought desirable that the executive committee of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Conference should assume responsibility for organizing it.

For the first time, it was the privilege of the writer this summer to include visits to consumers' co-operative societies in Manitoba. These were arranged through the instrumentality of the Co-operative Marketing Board. Its secretary, Mr. Ward, accompanied him to each point visited, and gave him valuable aid in the service he sought to render. The societies were those at Lauder, Moline, Keyes, Austin, Dacotah and Arborg. The impressions formed are based upon the assumption that these societies are fairly representative of the consumers' movement in Manitoba. While in Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia all, or almost all, the largest and most successful societies are members of the Co-operative Union of Canada, and the writer is consequently in regular and intimate touch with their affairs, no consumers' society in Manitoba was, at the time of the itinerary, associated with the organized movement.

While the satisfaction of the local demand for merchandise by purchases from distant cities is general throughout the West, the writer, in travelling through Manitoba, formed the impression that this undesirable trend is more acute there than in any other province. This may be one reason

why consumers' co-operation is not so well advanced as in the other provinces. Winnipeg is a great magnet for trade. The mail-order houses are within easier reach, and automobiles make accessible to the rural consumer the great city stores. It is true that the local store is indispensable. Such highly organized competition forces the least efficient of them out of business, but some retail distributors must remain to give such service as is demanded, and, in the last analysis, this fact necessitates paying higher prices



Central premises of Rochdale Equitable Pioneers' Co-op. Society.

for the smaller volume of merchandise handled than would otherwise be the case. Much, therefore, of any saving made by city buying must be lost in higher prices charged for merchandise it is not convenient to get from the city.

It is socially desirable that as much as possible of the revenue derived from retail distribution should be retained for the advantage of the community in which the merchandise is consumed or used. There is but one way in which this can be insured, and the sinister trend of modern merchandizing can be defeated, and that is by the consumers of each community pooling their purchasing power, and collectively buying and distributing the merchandise they need through their own co-operative stores. Such a result would mean that the wages paid for retail distribution would be

spent in the communities which furnished them.

While none of the consumers' societies in Manitoba which were visited measure up to the success of the best of the societies in the other western provinces, there is no doubt that several have, in the past, functioned to considerable community advantage. At several points the co-operative store is the only one in the district. In other words, it had a monopoly of local store distribution. Monopoly by a co-operative society is of advantage to the community for the net profit surplus made is the property of the consumers themselves to be distributed according to their wishes. Monopoly by co-operative societies reduces the operating expenses, and increases the savings on prices to the consumers. There is no profit motive. If, however, any one of those co-operative stores were to disappear, and a private one were to take its place, the inevitable result would be higher prices. The owner, interested in distribution only from the viewpoint of profit-making for himself, would naturally exact from the community as much as his monopolistic position would permit him to charge.

In these visits to consumers' societies, the practice is to consult with the managers on questions of business administration, to confer with and advise the directors on questions of business policy, direction and supervision, and where possible to address the members and the general public on co-operative philosophy and practice. Several public meetings were held in Manitoba. Boards of directors generally assume that the public meeting is the more important one, but after the close of the meeting with the directors this view undergoes a change. One often hears it said that the failure of a co-operative society may usually be attributed to mismanagement. That, no doubt, is the immediate cause in most cases, but

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Rebels and Reformers

No. 12. JAMES KEIR HARDIE and the British Labor Party

By J. T. Hull

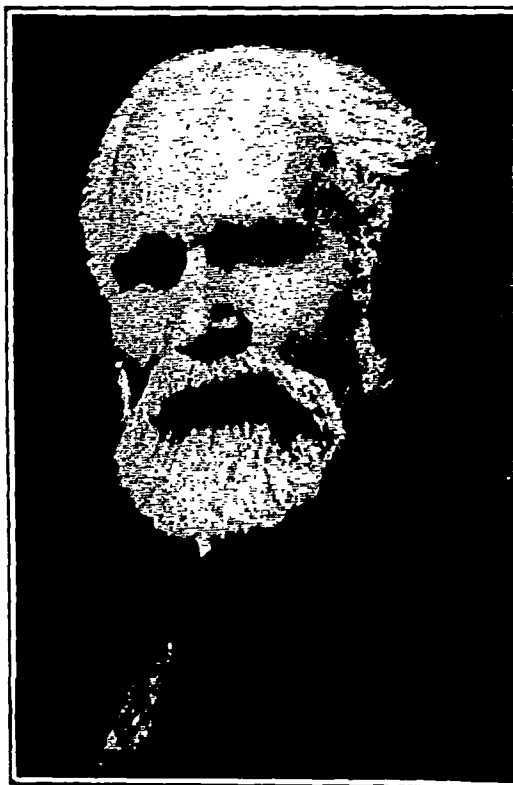
The recent visit of Right Hon. J. R. MacDonald to Western Canada, the keen interest he showed in the Wheat Pool and his interpretation of it as a movement akin to the British Labor movement, together with the prevalent talk of a Labor victory in the next British election, makes it opportune to include in these short biographical sketches an account of the man, who did more than any other single individual, to bring the Labor party into existence.

James Keir Hardie was born in a one-roomed cottage at Legbrannock, near Holytown, Lanarkshire, Scotland, on August 15, 1856. His father was a ship carpenter whose love of home impelled him to forsake seafaring for factory life; his mother was a domestic servant who knew what it was to do field work on a farm. Both of his parents were possessed of a strong individuality; his mother's influence was a great factor in moulding in her son the traits of indomitable persistence and unwavering attachment to principle which brought him from the pit to the leadership of a great national movement.

From his earliest days Hardie tasted the bitterness of extreme poverty and the callousness of the industrial system. It was intended to apprentice him to brass-finishing, but when it was found it meant one year without wages, young Hardie went as a messenger boy in a bakery. For a trivial offence he was fired and a fortnight's wages forfeited. His father was out of work at the time and the boy's wage of a dollar a week was the sole income of the family. He made a special appeal and put the facts of the case before his employer, but the man was obdurate; Hardie could not even recover the forfeited fortnight's wages. The incident laid a good foundation for the gospel he was later to carry to the Brit-

ish workers, and, in fact, round the world.

At ten years of age he went to work in the mine as a trapper, a cold, lonely job in the dark, where he had ample time to reflect upon the life of the miner. His mother persuaded him to go to a night school, where among other things he learned shorthand, his mother, with that intuition which the Scotch call second-sight, believing



JAMES KEIR HARDIE.

that her boy would become a journalist. He interested himself so much in the agitations of the miners that he was ultimately thrown out of his job, the foreman declaring that they wanted no Hardie's in that pit.

He opened a small shop and became local correspondent for a newspaper. Here he had no boss to please, and so he threw himself heart and soul into the numerous local labor fights, preached temperance and a simple evangelical Christianity on platforms, in pulpits and on the street corners, displaying early the strong moral earnestness which remained a dominant characteristic of his life.

At 21 he started a paper, *The Miner*, and at 23 he was appoint-

ed an official for the Lanarkshire miners. He was a Liberal in politics at this time, but was firmly convinced that working men should have their own representatives in Parliament. As a result of his persistent advocacy of this idea a demonstration of miners in 1887 passed the following resolution: "That in the opinion of this meeting the time has come for the formation of a Labor Party in the House of Commons, and we hereby agree to assist in returning one or more members to represent the miners of Scotland at the first opportunity." Hardie was chosen as their candidate, and in a bye-election in Mid Lanark in 1888, he offered himself to the Liberal committee. The Liberals chose somebody else and offered Hardie \$1,500 a year and the candidacy in some other constituency in the general election if he would not contest Mid-Lanark. This was a first of a number of financial temptations put before him during his career: he refused it as he refused them all, and ran as an independent labor candidate, polling 617 votes out of the 7,381 cast in the election. The first independent labor candidate had entered British politics, and three months later the Scottish Parliamentary Labor Party was formed with Keir Hardie as its secretary. The Mid-Lanark election was responsible for something else—a letter to Hardie from James Ramsay MacDonald, then secretary of the Scottish Home Rule Association, urging him to not withdraw from the contest and wishing him God-speed in it. This was the beginning of a friendship which was to continue through all the storm and stress of labor politics and the dividing and disrupting effects of war, and to be broken only by death.

The contest in Mid-Lanark and the formation of the Scottish Parliamentary Labor Party brought

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An Open Letter to the Farmers of Manitoba From the President of the Wheat Pool

The eyes of the world are on the farmers of Western Canada. They have built up the largest agricultural co-operative marketing agency in existence, but what about the organization which brought the Pool into being? Are the farmers going to let their educational organization die? What about the United Farmers of Manitoba? In Saskatchewan the United Farmers have a membership of 33,000, but the membership of the U.F.M. is below 5,000. Are Manitoba farmers going to lie down and leave Saskatchewan farmers alone to battle for better times?



C. H. BURNELL.

Farmers can organize for success. This has been proven beyond a doubt by the records of our Mutual Insurance Companies, one with 44, and the other with 32 years of successful "service at cost" to their credit; by the Wool Pool; with over 14 years of successful business, by the Co-operative Dairies, which for 7 years has served Manitoba farmers and is still expanding; by the Egg and Poultry Pool, 6 year's old, and now quoted as an example of thrifty business over a whole continent; by the co-operative Livestock Producers with a phenomenal growth in less than a year, and, our Wheat and Coarse Grains Pool going strong and still growing.

All these co-operative organizations have a registered membership of over 35,000 members. Four of them owe their origin to the U.F.M. All of them would be much stronger with a strong educational organization helping them plow the co-operative furrow. Each of these co-operatives along with the newly formed ones, the Co-operative Wholesale, the Hay Pool and the Fish Pool—has the special work of its own organization to do, but when these varied interests are taken care of there still remains a great work to be done. Without the United Farmers, who is going to carry on the fight for a square deal for the farmer in legislation—the right for public ownership of public utilities; the battle for more equitable taxation; the struggle for better living conditions for the women and children of our farmers; the campaign for better rural health? Who is going to figure out an agricultural policy for Manitoba and who is going to carry it out if not the farmers themselves?

But they must be organized. There are a thousand things to do, and it will take thousands of farmers to do it. The United Farmers of Manitoba is putting on a drive for membership and as a life-long member and a past president of the U.F.M., I appeal to Manitoba farmers to join up and create a strong, virile organization. Below is a requisition on our farmers' co-operatives. Use it to make your membership subscription. Make it out for payment by the co-operative of which you are a member, cut it out and send to me and I will see that it reaches the proper institution. Let's put the U.F.M. back on the map. You need it—it needs you.

Yours for a strong and united farmers' movement

COLIN H. BURNELL.

UNITED FARMERS OF MANITOBA MEMBERSHIP REQUISITION

The undersigned hereby authorize the
MANITOBA CO-OPERATIVE DAIRIES, LTD.
MANITOBA CO-OPERATIVE WHEAT PRODUCERS, LTD.
MANITOBA CO-OPERATIVE POULTRY MARKETING ASSOCIATION, LTD.
MANITOBA CO-OPERATIVE LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS, LTD.

(Strike out all of the above organizations except the one on which the order is drawn)

to deduct annually from any monies due me and pay to the order of the United Farmers of Manitoba, the following sum, namely:—

\$ representing } single membership in the U.F.M.
} family

Local U.F.M. District

Dated at Man, this day of 19.....

Sec. Tp. Rge. E. of W. Pool Contract No. (if any).....

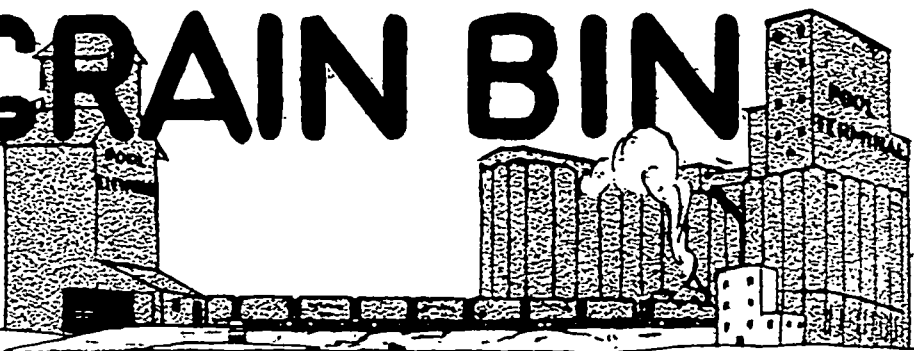
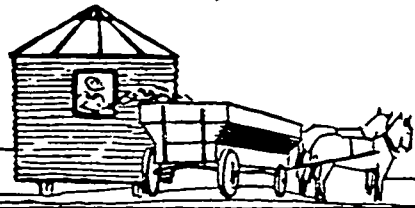
This order is continuous unless cancelled in writing between July 1st and October 31st of any given year.

Signed Witnessed

Address Address

Single Membership, \$3.00; Family Membership, \$5.00 (admits all members living under one roof, sixteen years of age and over).

IN THE GRAIN BIN



By R. M. MAHONEY, Manager.

THE STRAIN ON OUR ELEVATORS

It seems but yesterday that I wrote my last month's page in "The Scoop Shovel," and our worthy editor reminded me this morning that I was three days overdue this month with my material.

The weather continued good and deliveries through September and up until now, have continued very heavy at most points. At some places, of course, threshing is finished and considerable fall ploughing is being done, which has a tendency to cut down deliveries, and gives the elevator operator a little better chance to properly handle what grain he has coming to him.

Cleaning and Shipping

This seems to have been an unusually dirty crop from the standpoint of dockage, and there has been considerable demand for cleaning. I wrote about cleaning in the September issue of "The Scoop Shovel." However, it did not seem to have any effect towards slowing up deliveries. I pointed out then, and I point out again, that every individual wants his grain cleaned, but many of our operators are taking in from 100 to 150 loads a day, and there is no use in our thinking that we can take in this much grain and clean it. We can take it in until the elevator is full, all but one bin, start cleaning it, and from then on take grain in as fast as we can clean it, but we cannot take grain in at the rate of 150 loads a day, clean it, and ship it.

The problem that we faced was one of whether it was good business not to ship the grain out and simply let the elevator fill up, and then clean, making members wait to deliver, or whether the best solution was to take grain in as fast as we could, and ship it as fast as we could while cars were plentiful. We decided in this office on the latter course, namely, get in as much grain as you can and get it out as fast as you can, thus taking care of the largest possible volume while cars are plentiful.

We have suggested at meetings, and in letters and articles, that growers hold back the delivery of their dirtier grain until after the rush is over. This, however, does not always seem to work out. When grain is rushed in and shipped out, there are afterwards complaints because the grain was not cleaned. Grain may only be properly cleaned if the flow into the elevator is properly regulated. I still think, however, that from our standpoint in here, we had to take the course we did, namely, ship the grain as fast as it could be taken in rather than plug the elevator, and if the growers would rather hold up deliveries and have grain cleaned, it is up to them to

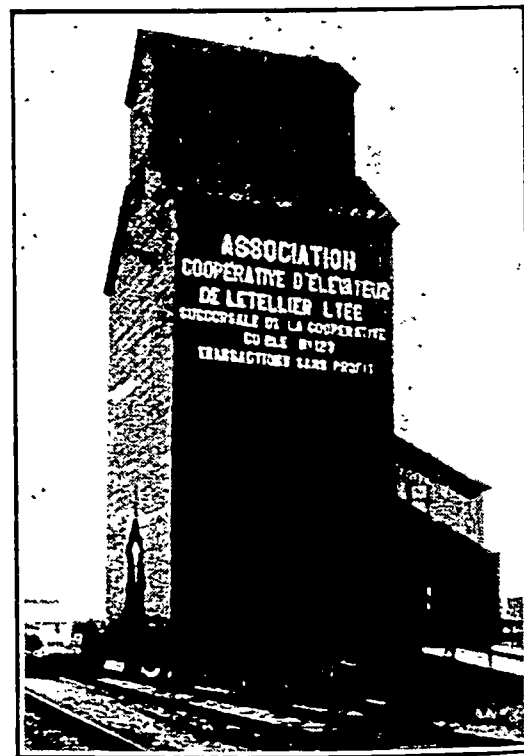
do it. If they crowd the grain in, we have to crowd it out. Added to this, we instructed our men to keep at least one empty bin so that cleaning could be done at night or during days when deliveries were not so heavy. In spite of these instructions, growers have come in with grain, and have filled all the available space in the elevator—including the pits and the back hopper, leaving the operator where he could not clean, could not load, and could not properly handle any of his business.

The Grain Movement

I do not suppose Manitoba ever combined as big a crop with as clear a run of threshing weather. There has been a mighty big percentage of Manitoba grain delivered to country elevators and delivered

to the head of the lakes, for the reason that we got out a considerable quantity of grain before the Saskatchewan and Alberta grain began to move. I frankly believe that this was the best thing to do, as if we had not followed this policy, there would still be considerable grain left in farmers' hands, much of it would be unprotected from the weather, and with the snow and rain we have had the last few days, some of this grain would undoubtedly have become tough and damp.

The proper handling of grain will always be a big problem—just so long as the growers find it necessary or advantageous to crowd the delivery of a year into a very short space of time. Some just complaints reach us, and there are some very unjust and thoughtless complaints reach us. We are sometimes blamed because there is no room in the Pool elevator, the growers making the complaint apparently overlooking the fact that the elevator capacity of Manitoba has been increased materially on account of Pool elevators, and that if there had been no Pool elevators, the other facilities would have



Letellier Pool Elevator.

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THE FIRST THING---ORGANIZE

Arthur Brisbane, American editor, who is said to be the highest paid newspaper writer in the world (which may or may not mean much), had the following to say recently in his widely circulated papers:—

"Flour manufacturers, including Washburn-Crosby and Red Star, organized a \$50,000,000 combination, largest flour milling concern in the world.

"That's in the line of modern methods, big units, small overhead, etc.

"This news will interest farmers and make them wish somebody could show them how to organize. The first thing, and absolutely necessary, is to organize."

Mr. Brisbane has got it wrong. It isn't knowledge of how to organize that farmers lack; it's the will to organize and to stay organized. The farmers of this continent have heard about organization and have practised organization, sometimes on an extensive scale, for various purposes for a century. The trouble always has been a susceptibility to outside influences, a disposition to believe a great deal against their organizations on very little evidence and a fatal facility for breeding internal dissensions. Moreover a vast vested interest has grown up around the business of farming; it has made the business of handling the produce of the farm considerably more profitable than the growing of it. That interest is not going to relinquish its exploitative privileges without a fight, and it has always shown itself capable of playing upon the weaknesses of the farmers for its own advantage.

All the same Mr. Brisbane is right when he says that "the first thing, and absolutely necessary, is to organize." There is no earthly reason for the farmer working his head off that somebody else may make a good living out of his labor. Plain ordinary commonsense says loud enough for every farmer to hear if he will only listen, that farming does not stop with production; it goes right on to carry the produce to the people who will consume it. Farmers can only extend their business thus by co-operation, and the farmer who does not co-operate in selling his produce is, today, just as backward as the farmer who neglects to apply up-to-date methods in production.

TREATIES OR DISARMAMENT?

In an official statement, made on April 6, 1927, M. Briand, French Minister of Foreign Affairs,

stated that "France would be willing to subscribe publicly with the United States, to any mutual engagement tending to outlaw war as between these two countries." Out of that statement grew the Kellogg-Briand pact which was signed by fifteen nations, including Canada, in Paris on August 27 last, and which will go into history as The Pact of Paris.

It is a short document, the two vital clauses in it reading as follows:

The high contracting parties solemnly declare in the names of their respective peoples, that they condemn recourse to war for the solution of international controversies, and renounce it as an instrument of national policy in their relations with one another.

The high contracting parties agree that the settlement or solution of all disputes or conflicts of whatever nature or of whatever origin they may be, which may arise among them, shall never be sought except by pacific means.

The signing of the pact has been hailed as the greatest step yet taken by the nations to insure world peace, and, undoubtedly, as far as the world can be taken toward universal peace on paper, it is a momentous document. But compare it with the first few lines of the preamble to the Covenant of The League of Nations:

In order to promote international co-operation and to achieve international peace and security by the acceptance of obligations not to resort to war, by the prescription of open, just and honorable relations between nations, etc.

It is true the covenant of the League does not outlaw war and neither does the Pact of Paris, despite its solemn and apparently clear wording. France made several reservations to the Pact, and Great Britain made one, and the net result of the reservations is that each country retains the right to engage in what it would claim to be a war of defence; that if one country violates its pledge not to go to war, all the other countries are automatically released from their pledges; that the Pact does not invalidate any existing treaty engagements and Great Britain reserves entire freedom of action with regard to those portions of the earth which she considers vital to her safety. If the United States Senate makes similar reservations with regard to the Monroe Doctrine, the reservations will become the most important part of the treaty. The Pact, therefore, outlaws war—with exceptions. So does the Covenant of The League of Nations, and the most that can be said for the Pact is that it brings

Loading Association

Seventy-three loading and shipping associations were formed this year during July, August and September. The membership in these associations is 892, including 98 new Pool members. The number of contracts is 1,784, of which 759 were wheat renewals and 133 were new wheat contracts; 632 were coarse grain renewals and 260 new coarse grain contracts. The total acreage signed up is 112,995, of which 42,768 will go through association loaders, and the balance, 70,227, over the platform or through private loaders. The average acreage per association is 1,547.

Membership Over 20,000

Since September 14th, 1,309 contracts have come into the office, representing 663 new members. This gives us a total of 34,252 contracts and an active membership of 20,003 at October 13, making an increase of 2,563 contracts and 1,325 new members since August 31st.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR FIELDMAN?

The province is divided into six fieldmen's districts; each district is in the charge of one fieldman. There is an additional fieldman with no defined district, whose work lies among the non-English people. Some of you may want to get hold of the fieldman to arrange meetings or secure information. If so, here follow their names and addresses, also the municipalities in each district.

DISTRICT No. 1

Fieldman—Watson Crossley, 431 Rosedale avenue, Winnipeg.

Roblin	Stanley	Thompson	Rhineland
Louise	Argyle	Dufferin	Montcalm
Pembina	Lorne	Roland	Morris
MacDonald	Tache-Ritchot	De Salaberry	Franklin

DISTRICT No. 2

Fieldman—T. McIlwraith, Hartney, Manitoba.

Edward	Arthur	Albert	Pipestone
Sifton	Cameron	Brenda	Winchester
Glenwood	Whitewater	Morton	Oakland
Riverside	Turtle	South Cypress	Strathcona
	Mountain		

DISTRICT No. 3

Fieldman—E. Jay Watson, Brandon, Manitoba.

Archie	Miniota	Wallace	Woodworth
Hamiota	Blanshard	Daly	Whitehead
Saskatchewan	Minto	Odanah	Elton
Cornwallis	Langford	North Cypress	

DISTRICT No. 4

Fieldman—Howard Robinson, Strathclair, Man.

Shellmouth	Russell	Ellice	Boulton
Silver Creek	Birtle	Rosburn	Shoal Lake
Strathclair	Harrison	Clanwilliam	McCreary
Rosedale	Lansdowne	Glenella	Westbourne

DISTRICT No. 5

Fieldman—J. A. Waters, Box 624 Dauphin, Manitoba.			
Swan River	Shell River	Hillsburg	Minitonas
Grandview	Ethelbert	Gilbert Plains	Mossy River
Dauphin	Lawrence	Ochre River	Ste. Rose

DISTRICT No. 6

Fieldman—D. W. Richmond—307 Ambassador Apartments, Hargrave street, Winnipeg.

North Norfolk	Victoria	South Norfolk	Portage la
Brokenhead	Springfield	Eriksdale	Prairie
Grey	Cartier	Woodlands	Bifrost
Rockwood	Assiniboia	St. Andrews	Rosser
Fisher Branch	Siglunes		St. Clements

FIELDMAN, DISTRICT 3

Fieldman McEwen has been given leave of absence, and will return to the Pool service some time in the early part of next summer. During the winter he will be on the staff of the Manitoba Agricultural College. He will act as assistant to the Professor in Economics and Sociology. Mr. E. J. Watson will be taking his place in District No. 3. Mr. Watson has had a good deal of farming experience and still operates his farm in the Togo district. He did good work for the Pool last winter in elevator organization, and assisted materially in organizing a number of associations. We ask for him the co-operation of all local officers and other members.

During the month of August the Alberta Wheat Pool received almost 4,000 new contracts.

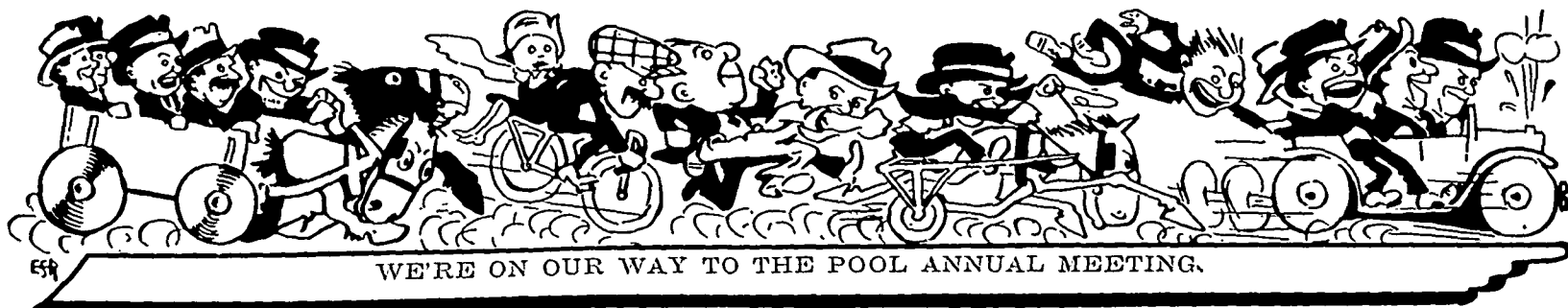
The Alberta Wheat Pool is known as the aristocrat among the Western Canadian Wheat Pools, because of the number of titled members it includes in its ranks. The latest addition is the Countess De Foras, of High River, who recently signed a contract. The list of titled persons belonging to the Alberta Wheat Pool now includes H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Sutherland, Lord Rodney and the Countess De Foras.

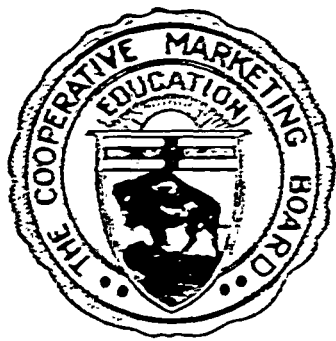
SPECIAL CANVASSES

Special canvassers, since the first one was taken on on August 13th, have been responsible for bringing in 869 contracts up to October 11th. Fourteen men were working at different times for a different number of days each. The number of contracts signed up per day on an average for the whole group since starting, is a little over two contracts.

G. W. Finch, special canvasser, while canvassing for the Pool in the district around Cartwright, was able also to obtain elevator agreements to the extent of 1,477 acres for the Cartwright Association.

Mr. Ambrose Deleurme, of Rathwell, signed up this week. He either farms himself or has control of altogether 1,440 acres.





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FEEDER LOANS

The Central Co-operative Association of South St. Paul, Minnesota, the producers' organization which handles nearly 30 per cent. of the business at the stockyards there, has organized a subsidiary, known as Central Livestock Loan Company, to make loans to its members for the purchase of feeder cattle and lambs. The control of the company is in the hands of the Central Co-operative Association, and the same board of directors serves both organizations. Loans are being made up to 85 per cent. of the purchase price on both cattle and lambs, and interest is charged at 7 per cent. All loans made by the company are rediscounted by the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of St. Paul, and only those loans which are acceptable to that institution are made. Similar associations have been functioning at St. Louis, Chicago, St. Joseph, and other markets in the United States with very satisfactory results to the feeders.

THE MOVEMENT GROWS

Some idea of the way in which the co-operative movement is growing in Manitoba may be gained from the fact that between January 1st and September 30th of this year, 124 new associations have been incorporated under the Co-operative Associations' Act. This just about doubles the number of incorporated associations in the province. The new associations incorporated this year are classified as follows:

Pool elevator associations	75
Consumers' associations	30
Livestock associations	16
Seed oat marketing association	1
Hay marketing association	1
Fish marketing association	1
	124

ADVANTAGE OF INCORPORATION

It is well known that in many parts of Manitoba collective or co-operative purchasing is being carried on by groups of farmers who are not legally incorporated for the purpose. There is nothing to prevent unincorporated groups from buying collectively, and substantial savings may often be

made by this practice, but there are many reasons why such groups should, in their own interest, become incorporated under the Co-operative Associations' Act.

An incorporated association has a legal standing. It can own property in its own name, sue and be sued, and the liability of the members for the debts of the association is limited to the amount which is unpaid on his membership fee or his subscription for shares.

An unincorporated group, on the other hand, cannot own property, it may be unable to enforce the payment of debts, and some or all of its members and officers are personally liable for the debts of the association.

Two cases have come to our notice recently in which unincorporated groups did collective buying on which a surplus was made. Those participating expected that the surplus would be returned to them, but they did not get it, and those who handled the business say they are not entitled to it. When business is done in a properly organized way there is no possibility of any misunderstanding of this sort.

An incorporated association, also, is of a permanent character. It can raise capital by the sale of shares and build up a reserve fund to extend the business and to carry it over difficult times. Only incorporated associations may use the word "co-operative" or any contraction thereof in their name. Incorporated associations also are required to comply with the Co-operative Associations' Act, which was drawn up for the purpose of protecting co-operative societies and guiding them along true co-operative lines.

The fee for incorporation under the Co-operative Associations' Act is \$5.00. It is not necessary to employ a lawyer to draw up incorporation papers, it being the duty of the Registrar to assist persons who are desirous of becoming incorporated and to prepare and have available for the use of such persons model forms of memoranda and organization by-laws, and also to be an adviser as well as supervisor of co-operative associations. The office of the registrar is in the Department of Agriculture, Parliament Buildings, Winnipeg.

MANITOBA HEMP PRODUCTS

The manufacture of hempen twine and cordage products by the Manitoba Cordage Company, of Portage la Prairie, has now been in progress for more than a year. As this company uses Manitoba hemp, it raises at least two questions, and these are; what are the advantages of hemp cordage products for farm use?—and, is hemp a profitable and beneficial crop to grow?

Owing largely to its expense hemp has been very little used in the west up to the present time, the rope and binder twine usually employed being chiefly of the coarser sisal and manila. The latter fibres have been cheaper than hemp owing to growing conditions in their various countries of origin, but there is no doubt that hempen rope is softer, more pliable and has ample strength for severe tasks. If hemp cordage of good quality is being produced in Manitoba it should be distinctly superior to imported ropes and twines of harsher fibre.

It is claimed by the rope manufacturers that hemp grows luxuriantly and brings a price that will often make an acre more profitable than when under wheat. This year doubled the hemp acreage of Manitoba as compared with 1927, and the yield is reported very good. Inquiry at the Agricultural College shows that hemp is hardy, does very well on certain lands, and undoubtedly cleans it of weeds as well as any other crop in use here. It is very luxuriant and probably its demands in moisture and plant food are fairly heavy, this being no disadvantage to a subsequent grain crop where the land is heavy and ordinarily tends to lodging.

Whether hemp is a practical crop for the individual member depends upon his farm, but as every farmer uses cordage and binder twine he will be benefiting himself and his province to make a trial of the Manitoba product.

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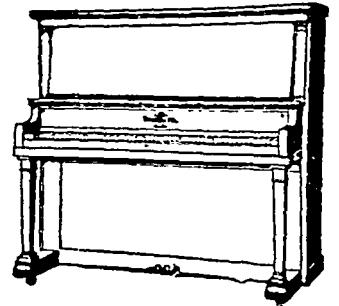
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The POOL WOMAN



BOOKS WORTH READING

The strenuous harvesting days are over and now is the time for the people on the farms to enjoy a little well earned relaxation and recreation. Summer with its outdoor life is gone, and winter with its many months spent indoors is again approaching. How are you going to employ

the long winter evenings? The thoughts of many people turn to books, and to the members of the Manitoba Wheat Pool that means the Pool library.

During the summer months we have been adding books to our already well-stocked library, and a wealth of literature awaits the eager minds of those who have learned to enjoy the companionship of books. We have opened a new



Helped by the Wisdom of Years.
Sculpture by Albert Lefevre.

section in the library; a section of books for young people. It is our hope that this section will be well patronized by the young people of rural Manitoba, and we look to the farm mothers to bring this section to the attention of their children and to encourage them to use it. The responsibility of developing in the child a love of good books rests with the teachers and parents. Reading is largely a habit, and parents can develop in their children a love of reading and a taste for good books. There are many children who like to read but because this desire is not directed into the proper channels they read books which have no educative or literary value, and reading never becomes the profit and joy that it would if it were properly directed. It is the kind of books that we read in childhood which determines the kind of books we will read in later life. The books for young people in the Pool library are representative of the finest books that have been written for children—books that will stimulate the child's growing intelligence and desire for knowledge, and train it in an appreciation

of good literature. These books are for children of eight years of age and upwards. We will be very much disappointed if this section of the library does not meet with a warm response from the young people on our farms.

One of the questions which has come much to the fore in recent years is the question of child training. The care and feeding of children, and the training of mind and character are among the most discussed problems of today, and in the United States particularly, they are given much attention. Nearly all important hospitals in the United States have a child guidance clinic, and a great deal of attention is given to the study of child psychology. The bringing up of children used to be considered the simplest thing in the world, and it is only very recently that parents have begun to realize that to so train the child that it will realize its highest possibilities, is not a simple task at all.

One of the most discussed phases of child training is the question of imparting sex knowledge. In the past it was thought that all such information was impure, and in order to keep children pure and innocent they must be kept in ignorance of sex. This idea is rapidly changing, and today most parents agree that the children should receive some instruction on this question, but many are puzzled as to how they should tell their children, how much they should tell them, and at what age the knowledge should be given. There are many opinions on just how much the child should be told and the age at which it should be told, but parents who are facing this problem and those who are interested in the whole question of child training, will find much to help them in the section of the library entitled, "Health, Hygiene and Parent Education." There has been a general awakening on these questions in recent years, and the person who wishes to keep in the vanguard of knowledge cannot afford to ignore this phase of modern thought.

I often feel disappointed at the comparatively few women who use the Pool library. The farm women of Manitoba have always displayed an interest in questions of health and child care, and I am hoping that this winter will see the library patronized in greater numbers by farm women. A new catalogue of the library has been prepared: a copy will be sent to those who are recorded as borrowers from the library. If you haven't been a borrower send now and ask for a catalogue. Don't wait till winter is nearly over—do it now.

THE PIOUS IMPERIALIST
(From The World Tomorrow.)

President McKinley tells why he decided to keep the Philip-pines:

"I walked the floor of the White House night after night until midnight; and I am not ashamed to tell you, gentlemen, that I went down on my knees and prayed Almighty God for light and guidance more than one night. And one night it came to me this way—I don't know how it was, but it came: (1) That we could not give them back to Spain—that would be cowardly and dishon-orable. (2) That we could not turn them over to France or Ger-many—our commercial rivals in the Orient—that would be bad business and discreditable. (3) That we could not leave them to themselves—they were unfit for self-government—and they would soon have anarchy and misrule worse than Spain's war. (4) That there was nothing left for us to do but to take them all, and educate the Filipinos and uplift and civilize and Christianize them as our fellowmen for whom Christ also died."—C. S. Olcott, Life of William McKinley.

A Cablegram Before Prayer

Dewey, c/o American Consul: The President (McKinley), de-sires to receive from you any im-portant information you may have of the Philippines, the desirability of the several islands, the charac-ter of their population, coal and other mineral deposits, their har-bor and commercial advantages, and, in a naval and commercial sense, which would be the most advantageous. Allen, Secretary. —Storey and Lichanco, The Phil-ippines and the United States.

POOLISH FABLES

Once upon a time there was a farmer who wouldn't join the Pool because he wanted to wait a few more years to see how it worked.

Everyone knew that this fellow was very cautious. He wore both suspenders and a belt; he always drank out of a saucer so the spoon wouldn't get into his eye; and he never spoke to a lady for fear it might be his wife. He was as wary as a flea on a hairless chihuahua. He never went to a meeting because they might take up a collection. He never went to a movie because

he might have seen the film be-fore. He never went to a band concert for fear they might play a saxophone solo.

The year after he refused to join the Pool a funny thing hap-pened. He decided to wait until he saw what kind of a season it was before he put in his crop. He waited all spring and he waited all summer—and by the time he

found out how the weather was going to turn out, it was too late to plant a doggoned thing!

Moral: Don't wait too late to co-operate!

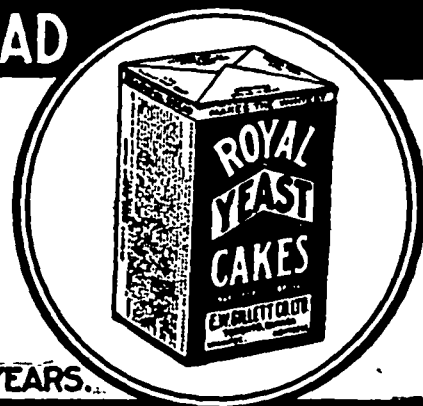
Most farmers figure that no-thing's too good for their wives—and nothing is just about all they've been getting the last few years.

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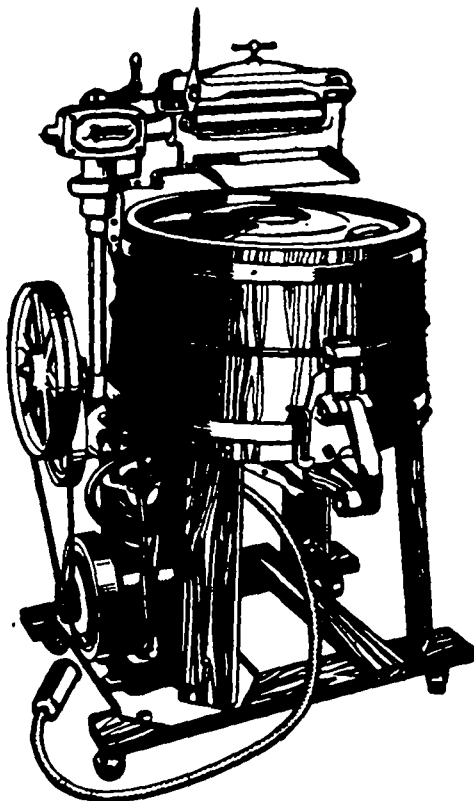
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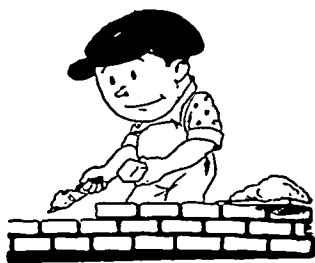
W. R. Wood, Winnipeg.

SHOULD WE HAVE A PLANT IN NORTH CENTRAL MANITOBA?

This is a question which the cream producers of North Central Manitoba will have the opportunity of deciding within the next few weeks.

For several years past, U. F. M. locals and individual cream shippers have been urging that we establish at Dauphin or at Swan River. The

requests becoming more urgent and our financial strength becoming greater, our board of directors, last spring, decided that this territory should be investigated. Consequently enquiries were started and a few meetings were held and the unanimous opinion received from all south of Minitonas, was that we should locate in Dauphin either through purchasing one of the present plants there, or by building.



"These 'Manco' bricks sure make a nice structure."

Our experience with cream has shown that it has a natural tendency to drift toward the larger centres, and at the present time there seems to be the probability that a much greater volume can be centralized at Dauphin than at Swan River; this decided our directors to first concentrate on a Dauphin plant.

Our Co-operative was first started by farmers because of a long-felt need for better conditions in marketing cream; because it helped out satisfactorily, the farmers of South and South Central Manitoba continued to give it consistent support until our make has increased from about 370,000 lbs. a year to over 1,637,000 lbs. last year; and we look upon this phenomenal increase as a good illustration of what farmers, loyal to their own organizations, can do.

Recognizing, then, that unless the people themselves want this "Service at Cost" for their cream, a plant at Dauphin cannot give the best results, a campaign for membership is now being started and will include that area bounded by Neepawa and

Gladstone on the south, by Birch river on the north, by Rorketon and Winnipegosis on the east, and by Togo on the west. If the cream shippers of this area show that they want and are willing to stand behind a plant of their own, then the producers of the Dauphin district can be assured of having a co-operative branch plant for next summer's use.

In this area it has been decided to try out the producer contract and also the system of establishing local organizations or locals. Both of these are departures from our practice in the past, but experience and changing conditions have shown that it is advisable to make these changes.

To Join Forces

While we recognize that as soon as the producers are organized sufficiently to get together, it is then for them to decide matters of local concern for themselves, yet we would recommend that our locals, in location and area, and possibly even in directorate, should be the same as the Co-operative Livestock Producers. We would point out that both of these co-operatives are dealing largely with cattle or their products, and that consequently their membership will be composed largely of the same group of farmers in each community, that any educational propaganda looking to better stock and better feeding methods will be of equal interest to both organizations. Furthermore, if one local can be made to fully serve the purpose of two it will avoid that tendency of today to establish too many rural organizations.

We realize that the officials of our company cannot alone put this movement across and make it a success, but we are prepared to do everything we can in the way of providing facilities for the producers of this area to put the movement across for themselves; and we would invite cream shippers throughout this area to get in touch with our secretary, Gordon W. Tovell, 613 McIntyre Block, Winnipeg, offering suggestions and intimating what assistance can be given in making this movement as great an asset to the farmers of the Dauphin area as it has been in the past few years to the farmers of Southern Manitoba.

What Our Members Are Saying

This fall I shipped two cars of wheat, one grading No. 1 Northern and the other No. 2. You wrote me at the time stating that you were trying for a better grade for the No. 2. While it was practically the same wheat, I hadn't much hope of a raise, but the returns have just come, and I see the car is graded No. 1. I appreciate your effort over this very much and thank you sincerely for your interest. Always wishing the Pool every success,

Nelson Graham,
Portage la Prairie, Man.

I think you are to be congratulated on the price you were able to pay on barley of 1927 crop. I hear many favorable comments on the same, and only criticism I have heard re reducing Pool payment on wheat for 1928, has been from non-Pool farmers.

Chas. Penny, Hamiota, Man.

Am enclosing herewith shipping bill for car of barley which please give your usual good attention. This being my last car this season I wish to thank you for the good service rendered.

William Lawrence,
Portage la Prairie, Man.

I have all confidence in the Pool and I think we have a good management in the Pool too.

A. L. Carlson,
Box 48, Eriksdale, Man.

Say, are you any good at figuring puzzles? If so, tell me this in the next Scoop Shovel: Without a Pool, and 700,000,000 bushels crop, what price wheat this fall? Good Lord, there is none so blind as those who will not see.

Keep a-going boys, you are doing fine, and we'll be with you when the Exchange is a thing of the past. Thanking you for what you have done so far.

A. A. Pearson,
Minitonas, Man.

A question which often comes up—Can a Pool member take wheat to elevator and sell on the open market to buy flour? I am well satisfied with the price received last year, I got about 20c more through the Pool for white spring. At the time I drew my grain in it was selling for 75c in car load lots. Best luck to the Pools.

W. Claude Grogan.

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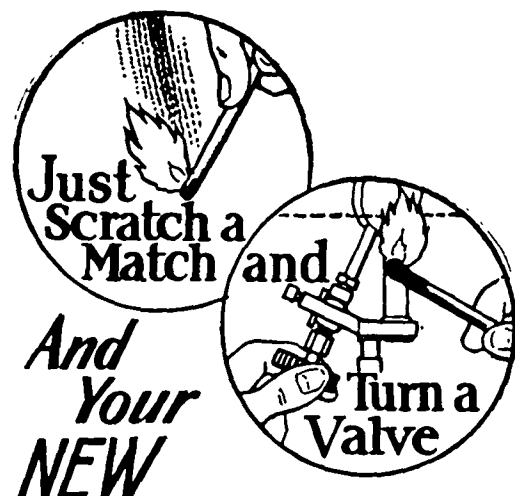
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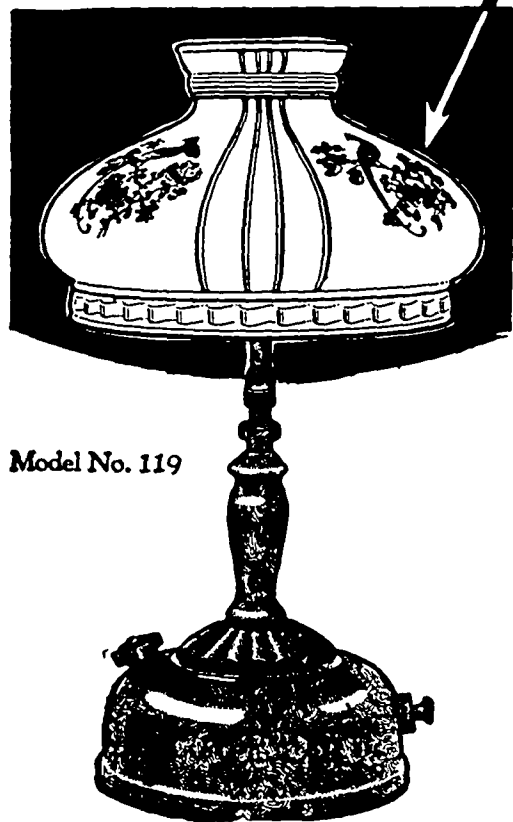
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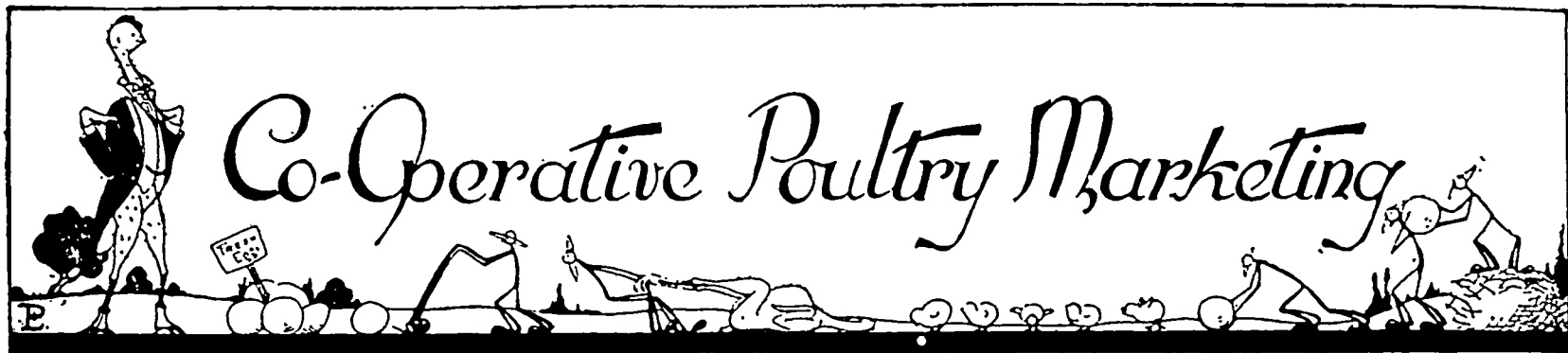
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ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE LOCALS

Beginning Monday, October 22nd, the annual meetings of our locals will be conducted throughout the province. These meetings will be attended by the district directors, and notices have gone out to all shareholders advising date of meeting.

We trust that every poultry producer will attend the meeting of his nearest local, as a complete review will be made of the past year's business, and arrangements will be completed for the efficient marketing of the dressed poultry crop of 1928.

The following are the itineraries of the directors conducting the various meetings:—

DELORAINÉ DISTRICT.

Director—W. S. Patterson.

Deloraine—Monday, Oct. 22, 2 p.m.
 Waskada—Monday, Oct. 22, 8 p.m.
 Lyleton—Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2 p.m.
 Gainsboro—Tuesday, Oct. 23, 8 p.m.
 Carnduff—Wednesday, Oct. 24, 3 p.m.
 Melita—Thursday, Oct. 25, 2 p.m.
 Napinka—Thursday, Oct. 25, 8 p.m.
 Medora—Friday, Oct. 26, 2 p.m.
 Boissevain—Saturday, Oct. 27, 8 p.m.
 Cartwright—Monday, Oct. 29, 3 p.m.
 Killarney—Monday, Oct. 29, 8 p.m.

DAUPHIN DISTRICT.

Director—C. B. McLean.

Roblin—Monday, Oct. 22, 2 p.m.
 Togo—Monday, Oct. 22, 8 p.m.
 Benito—Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2 p.m.
 Kenville—Tuesday, Oct. 23, 8 p.m.
 Bowsman—Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2 p.m.
 Swan River—Wed., Oct. 24, 8 p.m.
 Minitonas—Thursday, Oct. 25, 2 p.m.
 Renwar—Thursday, Oct. 25, 8 p.m.
 Pine River—Friday, Oct. 26, 2 p.m.
 Ethelbert—Saturday, Oct. 27, 2 p.m.
 Fork River—Monday, Oct. 29, 2 p.m.
 Sifton—Monday, Oct. 29, 8 p.m.
 Valley River—Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2 p.m.
 Dauphin—Tuesday, Oct. 30, 8 p.m.
 Rorketon—Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2 p.m.
 Magnet—Wednesday, Oct. 31, 8 p.m.
 St. Rose—Thursday, Nov. 1, 2 p.m.
 Ochre River—Thursday, Nov. 1, 8 p.m.
 Gilbert Plains—Friday, Nov. 2, 2 p.m.
 Grand View—Friday, Nov. 2, 8 p.m.

NEEPAWA DISTRICT

Director—W. S. Smith.

Arden—Monday, Oct. 22, 2 p.m.
 Gladstone—Monday, Oct. 22, 8 p.m.
 Plumas—Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2 p.m.
 Glenella—Tuesday, Oct. 23, 8 p.m.

Kelwood—Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2 p.m.
 Laurier—Wednesday, Oct. 24, 8 p.m.
 Erickson—Thursday, Oct. 25, 2 p.m.
 Clan William—Thurs., Oct. 25, 8 p.m.
 Minnedosa—Friday, Oct. 26, 2 p.m.
 Rapid City—Friday, Oct., 26, 8 p.m.
 Cordova—Saturday, Oct. 27, 2 p.m.
 Neepawa—Saturday, Oct. 27, 8 p.m.

MORDEN DISTRICT.

Director—D. W. Storey.

Elgin—Monday, Oct. 22, 2 p.m.
 Minto—Monday, Oct. 22, 8 p.m.
 Belmont—Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2 p.m.
 Glenora—Tuesday, Oct. 23, 8 p.m.
 Pilot Mound—Wed., Oct. 24, 2 p.m.
 Manitou—Wednesday, Oct. 24, 8 p.m.
 Darlingford—Thursday, Oct. 25, 2 p.m.
 Morden—Thursday, Oct. 25, 8 p.m.

CARMAN DISTRICT

Director—W. Murray.

Glenboro—Monday, Oct. 22, 2 p.m.
 Typpress River—Monday, Oct. 22, 8 p.m.
 Holland—Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2 p.m.
 Rathwell—Tuesday, Oct. 23, 8 p.m.
 Somerset—Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2 p.m.
 Stephenfield—Wed., Oct. 24, 8 p.m.
 Miami—Thursday, Oct. 25, 2 p.m.
 Roland—Thursday, Oct. 25, 8 p.m.
 Sperling—Friday, Oct. 26, 2 p.m.
 Elm Creek—Friday, Oct. 26, 8 p.m.
 Carman—Saturday, Oct. 27, 2 p.m.

SHOAL LAKE DISTRICT.

Director—W. B. Martin.

Cardale—Monday, Oct. 22, 2 p.m.
 Basswood—Monday, Oct. 22, 8 p.m.
 Newdale—Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2 p.m.
 Strathclair—Tuesday, Oct. 23, 8 p.m.
 Elphinston—Wed., Oct. 24, 2 p.m.
 Oakburn—Wednesday, Oct. 24, 8 p.m.
 Vista—Thursday, Oct. 25, 2 p.m.
 Rosburn—Thursday, Oct. 25, 8 p.m.

Angusville—Friday, Oct. 26, 2 p.m.
 Russell—Friday, Oct. 26, 8 p.m.
 Binscarth—Saturday, Oct. 27, 2 p.m.
 Foxwarren—Saturday, Oct. 27, 8 p.m.
 Birtle—Monday, Oct. 29, 2 p.m.
 Solsgirth—Monday, Oct. 29, 8 p.m.
 Kelloe—Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2 p.m.
 Shoal Lake—Tuesday, Oct. 30, 8 p.m.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE DISTRICT.

Director—W. A. Landreth.

Carberry—Thursday, Oct. 25, 2 p.m.
 Austin—Thursday, Oct. 25, 8 p.m.
 McGregor—Friday, Oct. 26, 2 p.m.
 Bagot—Friday, Oct. 26, 8 p.m.
 Oakville—Saturday, Oct. 27, 2 p.m.
 Ashern—Tuesday, Oct. 30, 8 p.m.
 Ericksdale—Wed., Oct. 31, 8 p.m.
 Stonewall—Thursday, Nov. 1, 8 p.m.

BRANDON DISTRICT.

Director—W. H. Mitchell.

Miniota—Monday, Oct. 22, 2 p.m.
 Crandall—Monday, Oct. 22, 8 p.m.
 Hamiota—Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2 p.m.
 Oak River—Tuesday, Oct. 23, 8 p.m.
 Bradwardine—Wed., Oct. 24, 2 p.m.
 Lenore—Wednesday, Oct. 24, 8 p.m.
 Elkhorn—Thursday, Oct. 25, 2 p.m.
 McAuley—Thursday, Oct. 25, 8 p.m.
 Virden—Friday, Oct. 26, 8 p.m.
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HARTNEY DISTRICT.

Director—Geo. Gordon.

Wawanesa—Monday, Oct. 22, 2 p.m.
 Souris—Monday, Oct. 22, 8 p.m.
 Lauder—Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2 p.m.
 Hartney—Tuesday, Oct. 23, 8 p.m.
 Brandon—Friday, Oct. 26, 8 p.m.
 Oak Lake—Saturday, Oct. 27, 2 p.m.
 Reston—Monday, Oct. 29, 2 p.m.
 Pipestone—Monday, Oct. 29, 8 p.m.

KILLING AND DRESSING DEMONSTRATION

Killing and dressing demonstrations will be conducted in all newly organized territory and in districts where this service has only been given once before.

Demonstrations will be under the direction of A.

C. McCullough, of the Dominion Live Stock Branch. The value of these practical demonstrations to the producers cannot be over-estimated and we earnestly request all producers who intend to market their product through the association to attend.

We can only hope to be successful as poultry pro-
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CO-OP. CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL EXTENDS ACTIVITIES.

The national office of The Co-operative League of the U.S.A., announces that in September a new course entitled Organization and Administration of Co-operative Societies was added to the curriculum of its correspondence school.

This is the sixth course offered for men and women interested in studying at home the theoretical and practical problems of consumers' co-operation. The first five courses are Business English, Business Arithmetic, Elementary Bookkeeping, Advanced Bookkeeping and Accounting, and History and Principles of Consumers' Co-operation—the first three designed particularly for students who are deficient in elementary school training and who wish to prepare themselves for advanced co-operative study.

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co-operative training schools have been held in various parts of the United States to train young people as managers, bookkeepers and for other employment in co-operative societies. But there were always many who, for financial reasons, or because of geographical distance, were unable to attend these schools in person. The correspondence school is for the purpose of enabling these less fortunate individuals in all parts of the United States and Canada to get some of the benefits of intensive co-operative education right in their own homes.

The school is administered by a special committee composed of several members of the board of directors of The Co-operative League; and the director of the school is Prof. Colston E. Warne, of the University of Pittsburgh, author of the well known book, "Consumers' Co-operative Movement in Illinois." The correcting of all papers and all the similar di-

rect contacts with the students are carried on by this trained educator and expert in the economics of co-operation.

Full information regarding the school can be obtained from The Co-operative League, 167 West 12th street, New York City.



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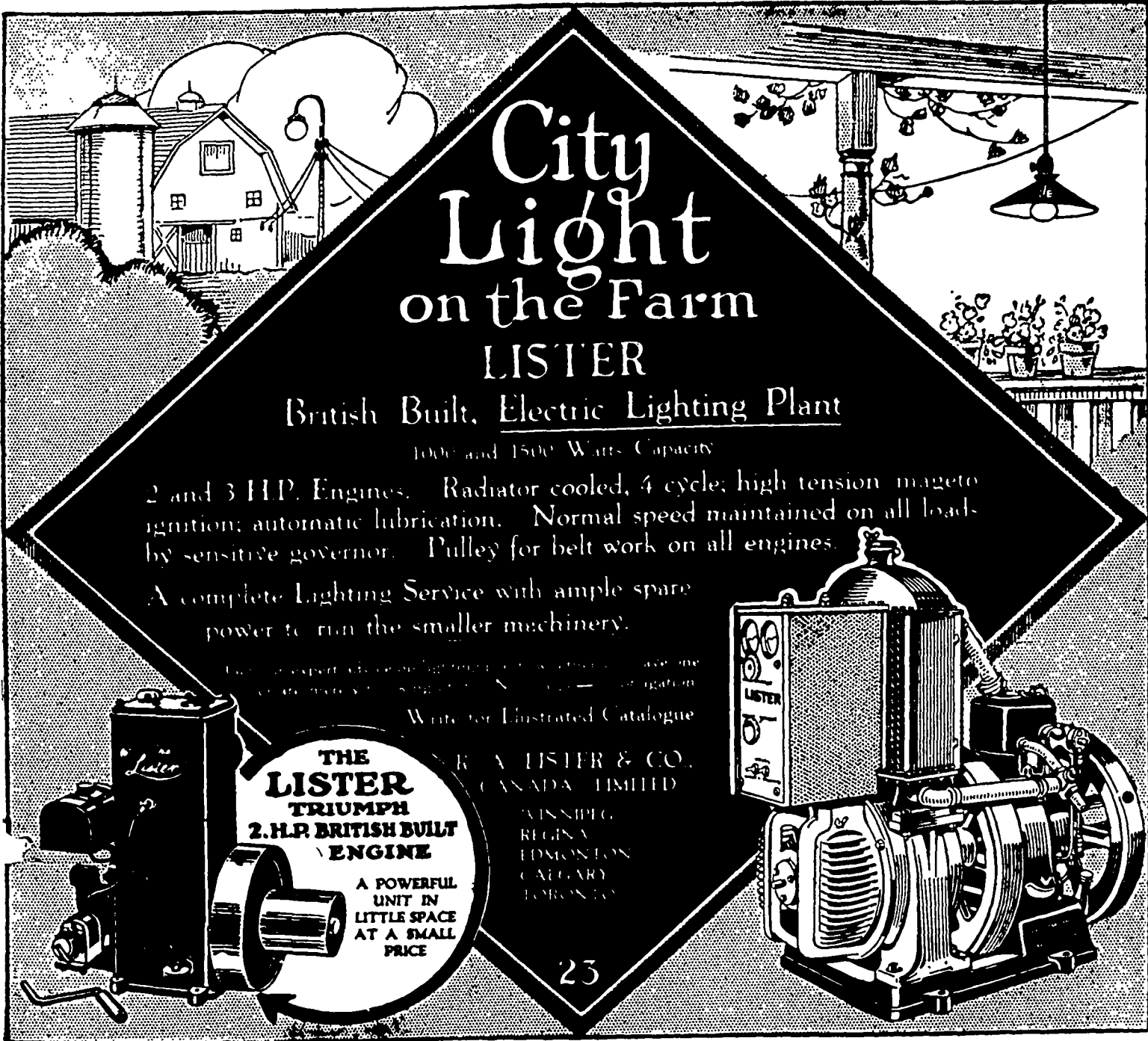
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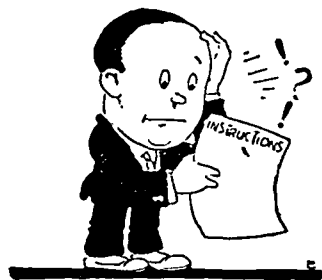
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This page conducted by **MANITOBA CO-OPERATIVE LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS, LTD., AND CENTRAL LIVESTOCK CO-OPERATIVE, LTD.**

Your Co-operative Livestock Marketing Organization during the month of September, handled 207 cars of livestock. In comparing that with the amount of stock handled by other firms we find that your organization is the third on the list, the two high firms on this market handling mostly non-co-operative stock.



What a Life!

During the month of September prices paid for livestock reached the highest mark for a considerable number of years. Those interested in the co-operative marketing of any commodity, are naturally estimating the surplus or profits derived in the handling of any commodity by a dealer. In the case of livestock we are unable to estimate the profits, but we do know this: that a great majority of dealers buying livestock do it with the intention of making money, and reports that we have had indicate that the harvest made by those men during August and the first three weeks in September was a bountiful one. The argument then repeats itself: Would it not be wise for producers of livestock all over this continent to market their livestock in a co-operative way?

The dealer in a large majority of cases is not out in the country buying livestock with the intention of giving any continuous service to the producer. This has been proved during the past two weeks when our livestock market took a considerable slump. On enquiring from a number of our shipping managers they inform us that dealers are not scouring the country as they did while the prices were high.

We have had producers write and tell us that they have been offered prices above what they realized from your organization. Is it not possible that those prices were offered with the intention of working against your livestock marketing organization? We have also had letters from producers who felt that their animals were not sold as high as they were worth. Here we are facing a question that will be contentious for a long time to come. In our sales staff we have men who have been selling livestock for a great number of years and are good judges of cattle. Our system of selling is, to sell each individual animal on its merit. The producer is not on the market continually, and therefore, not

in the same position to judge the value of the animals as is the salesman who is on the market all the time.

A fairly large percentage of our cattle, hogs and sheep coming to this market, are feeders and stockers. They are mostly going to eastern and southern markets. All reports point to the fact that we have here in Manitoba, as well as in Saskatchewan and Alberta, a fair amount of rough feed; also a fair amount of coarse grains such as oats and barley, together with screenings. Would it not be advisable for our producers to look into the feasibility of feeding some of those cattle during the coming winter? The price for cattle at this time, to our mind, makes it a fairly sound investment to keep your stockers and feeders at home, rather than ship them to the market to be passed on to somebody else for feeding purposes. Others who have no cattle, but ample feed, might buy, jointly with your neighbor, perhaps, a carload of feeder cattle. Those cattle, coming to the market during the winter months, will come in condition ready for the packer buyer to put into immediate consumption. Any enquiries from our producers will be looked after immediately on receipt of same. Give this your earnest thought.

NEWS FROM MANITOBA AND SASKATCHEWAN

The completion of harvest offers about the best time of the whole year to complete organization in your district associations. Our field men are now preparing to get out into the various districts for the purpose of assisting.

We receive a number of letters asking for organization work to be undertaken in various parts, and we are looking for further letters to the same effect. Send in your enquiries and we will have someone in your district to work with you.

MARKET REVIEW

The market during the past two weeks has taken a considerable drop—in the neighborhood of 1½¢ per lb. on most classes of cattle. We do not look for an increase in prices, but we do feel that our market has struck the low mark and that we will have a steady to strong cattle market on the present basis. We may see a little rise in prices if the number of head coming to market is somewhat less than the present run. On the other hand, if

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CO-OPERATIVE POULTRY MARKETING

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ducers, when we learn to market a high grade, finished product.

REPORT NUMBER OF BIRDS

We take this opportunity of drawing to the attention of our members the importance of reporting to your local secretary the number of birds you are going to market. Unless you pass this information along to your local secretary, it is impossible for him to report to head office. We cannot operate efficiently if we have to guess at the requirements to meet your volume for shipment. Please fill out the form on the bottom of your notice and give it to your local secretary now.

CO-OPERATIVE SELLING AND BUYING IN PENNSYLVANIA

Data for co-operative selling and buying by Pennsylvania farmers have been compiled by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture for the last four

years. The figures show that the volume of business, as measured in dollars, has increased from \$32,400,000 to \$47,700,000, an increase of more than 47 per cent.

More than 80 per cent. of the co-operative business consists of the sale of milk and other dairy products. The co-operative marketing of fruits and vegetables accounts for about 3 per cent. of the total business, and the purchase of supplies represents about 15 per cent. of the co-operative business.

CO-OP. ELEVATORS SUGGESTED FOR ARGENTINA.

A communication in a recent issue of La Co-operacion Libre,

published at Buenos Aires, Argentina, urges the wheat producers of that country to form co-operative associations for owning and operating elevators in the wheat producing sections and at the principal export cities, that grain may be under the control of the producers until it reaches the buyers in the world markets. In the past, South American wheat has been moved to market in sacks, but it is now pointed out that it will be necessary to move the grain in bulk if it is to be marketed most economically and to the advantage of the producers, also that the producers should be the ones to introduce a new system of marketing.

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CHANGE OF SECRETARIES

It is with great regret that we have to announce the resignation of Miss M. E. Finch who has for the past number of years been the secretary of the United Farm Women of Manitoba. For some time Miss Finch has been desirous of completing her studies for her university degree. Last year she secured six months leave of absence to attend the University of Chicago. Her decision to continue her studies during the coming winter was rather unexpected, but when an opportunity presented itself to attend Brandon College, she felt it was too good to lose.

She will be greatly missed by Central Office, where her untiring energy and cheery smile helped keep things going when the work was mountains high. Her many friends throughout the province will join in wishing her well wherever the future may find her.

Mrs. Anna Gray, of Neepawa, has been appointed to succeed Miss Finch, and took over her new duties on October 9th. We hope that all our locals will welcome Mrs. Gray to the U.F.M. family, and help to make her duties pleasant and her work worth while.

JOINT BOARD MEETING

The U.F.M. and U.F.W.M. boards met in central office on October 10th and 11th to plan fall and winter work. A night

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT.

Now that threshing is over and the hard work of the season nearly completed, our thoughts turn to the welfare of the U.F.M. Association. The association is our assurance against the encroachments of other highly organized bodies, who directly or indirectly derive a part of their profits from our products.

The U.F.M. year ends on the 31st of October, and annual meetings of locals, district conventions, and renewing of memberships are the order of the day. When a farmer pays his membership, he simply pays his annual premium that insures him of a square deal. Co-operation is our watchword. Let us all unite in an effort to get the best results for our year's work. Join the U.F.M. and help the Central Office to do its best work in our own interest.

—THOMAS WOOD.

session was necessary on the first day in order that the agenda might be disposed of in the two days.

The annual convention will be held on January 8, 9, 10 and 11th in Brandon. It is expected that the district conventions will be held consecutively during the two

weeks from October 22nd to November 3rd, and subject to the ratification of the district boards, they will come in the following order:

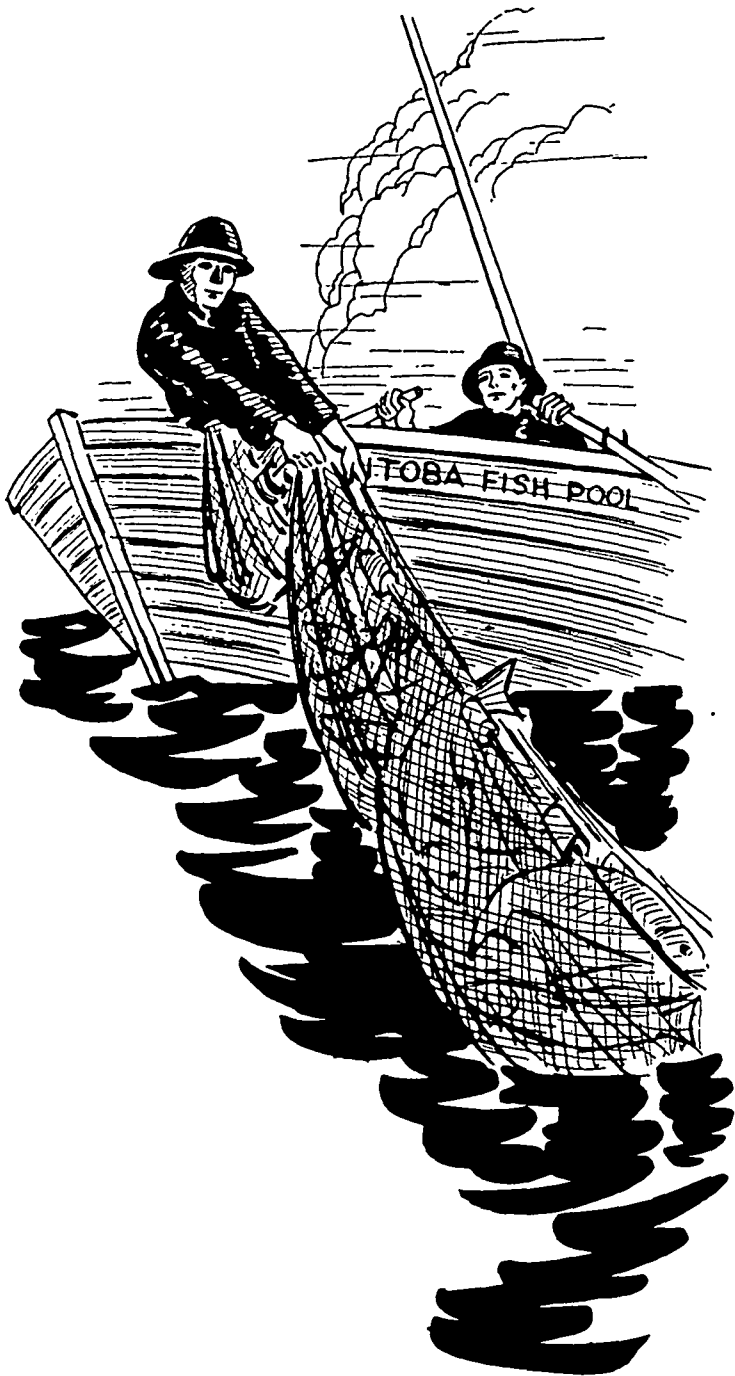
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- ProvencherOctober 27th
- Swan RiverOctober 29th
- DauphinOctober 30th
- NeepawaOctober 31st
- MarquetteNovember 1st
- PortageNovember 2nd
- SpringfieldNovember 3rd

A membership drive is planned to follow the Wheat Pool Annual Convention, which is set for November 6, 7, and 8. The drive will commence on November 11th and continue throughout the two weeks following. It is essential that this drive meet with unqualified success, and we sincerely hope that five thousand members will be added to our roll. It has been done before and it can be done again.

EXPERIMENTAL FLOUR MILL

It has been proposed that the federal government should erect and operate an experimental flour mill on a commercial basis, in order to test the milling value of various grades and varieties of wheat. At the request of the board members, Mr. E. B. Ramsay, of the Central Selling Agency, discussed this matter

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We, fishermen, who have formed this organization are practically your neighbors. Most of us take our fish from Lake Winnipeg and Lake Manitoba. It is our living, the same as grain growing is yours. We have learned the benefits of co-operative marketing from you. Now help us to take full advantage of our lesson by buying your fish direct from us.

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I would like you to send me full particulars of prices as soon as your members begin bringing in fish.

EXPERIMENTAL FLOUR MILL

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with them, offering suggestions as to the location of the mill and its administration. The following resolution was passed and has been forwarded to the prime minister:

"Whereas, it has been proposed that the federal government construct a mill for commercial experimentation in the milling of wheat; and

"Whereas, such a mill would serve the interests of the wheat producer.

"Therefore, we, the board of directors of The United Farmers of Manitoba, urge that the government erect and operate the said mill under the Department of Agriculture, whose duty it is to safeguard the welfare of agricultural interests."

It is hoped that the mill will be erected in Winnipeg where it will be possible to secure samples of every grade and variety of wheat produced in Western Canada.

WINTER WORK

Suggestions for a fall and winter programme have been compiled by central office. With the approval of the board, these are now being printed, and will be used during the drive as campaign literature. They will also be sent to all locals as a basis for planning the programme for fall and winter meetings.

The board decided to continue the inter-district debating series for the coming year. Although there has been some discussion of the value in proportion to the cost, it is generally agreed that the series is well worth while.

A FUR CO-OP.

Fur ranches and trappers have recently organized the Alberta Trappers and Muskrat Breeders' Association, Ltd., and have received a charter from the provincial government. In addition to co-operative marketing of products and co-operative purchase of supplies, the organization proposes to encourage specialization in all phases of the industry.

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Saint John	—Dec. 7—S.S. Montclareto Glasgow, Belfast, Liverpool
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IN THE LIBRARY

Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed,
and some few to be chewed and digested.—Bacon.

(By The Editor)

Winter is close upon us again, and with it comes the opportunity for steady reading—reading with a purpose. There was a fairly good increase in the number of people using the Pool library last year, the book circulation being over one thousand. This is not bad for a beginning, but it ought to be much bigger for this coming winter, and the library offers plenty of scope for taste if the inclination is there for educational literature. There are now over 2,500 volumes in the library and two new sections have been added, one on health, hygiene and parent education and a juvenile section.

The section on health and hygiene was added to help in the movement for the improvement of public health and the dissemination of information on personal hygiene. It is more realized today than it ever has been that it is not enough to have a medical profession and medical institutions; the individual must know something about himself and about the way the machinery of his body works. Of equal importance is it for parents to know how to care properly for their children and what kind of training children must have if they are to get out of life and to put into life all that good citizenship means. And when the individual understands all that is demanded by adequate standards of health, hygiene, and parenthood then he or she is the better equipped to take part in the movement to secure better public health services.

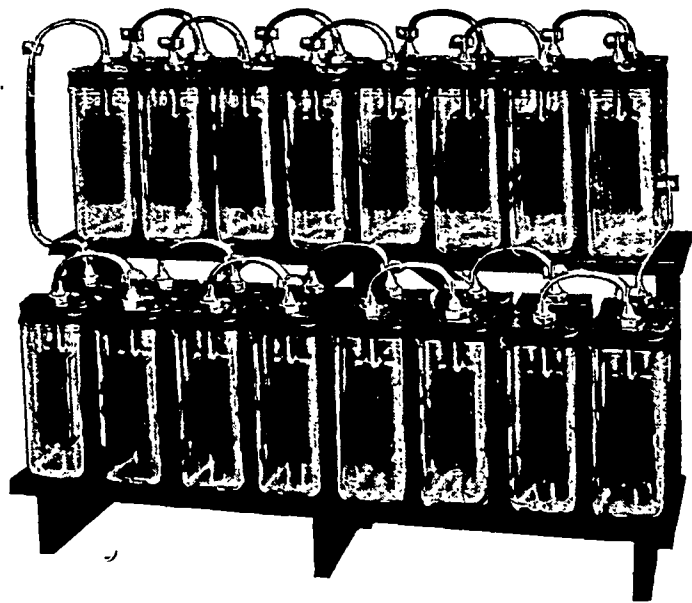
The juvenile section is intended to provide reading supplementary to public school courses and also to stimulate a desire for informative reading among our young co-operators. We have books that give a touch of romance to history, that tell of the past in a way that cannot be done in a school text book (or at any rate is not done), tell of other lands, inspire through the lives of the heroes and heroines of history and satisfy the curiosity to peep into "nature's infinite book of secrecy." This section contains the best we know of in the way of books for

young people, say from eight years of age upwards, written to arouse their interest in literature, history, the world and its peoples and science. We hope our Pool members will encourage their children to make use of this section of the Pool library.

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The old catalogue is completely

exhausted; a new catalogue is now in the hands of the printers and will be ready about the end of this month. The printing of this catalogue costs money, and the librarian has enough Scotch in him to deplore the waste of even a nickel. So in order to avoid waste we will only send catalogues to Pool members who ask for it and those who are recorded as borrowers. Every user of the library should, of course have a catalogue, and we would urge that



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There is nothing in this wide world that can take the place of a good library as a means of adult education. All over this continent educationists are urging the establishment of rural libraries, and while the Pool library does not cover all kinds of reading, being entirely educational, no library on this continent gives the service to its rural borrowers that the Pool library gives to Pool members. It costs nothing to borrow from the Pool library. There is no fee and there is no postage to pay. The

Pool pays the postage out, and with every book there is enclosed a stamped and addressed label for its return. A university education is practically laid at the door of every Pool member. Isn't that worth taking advantage of?

Let us have a real drive on the library this winter. Nothing would give us greater pleasure than to work overtime or increase the staff to keep the demand supplied.

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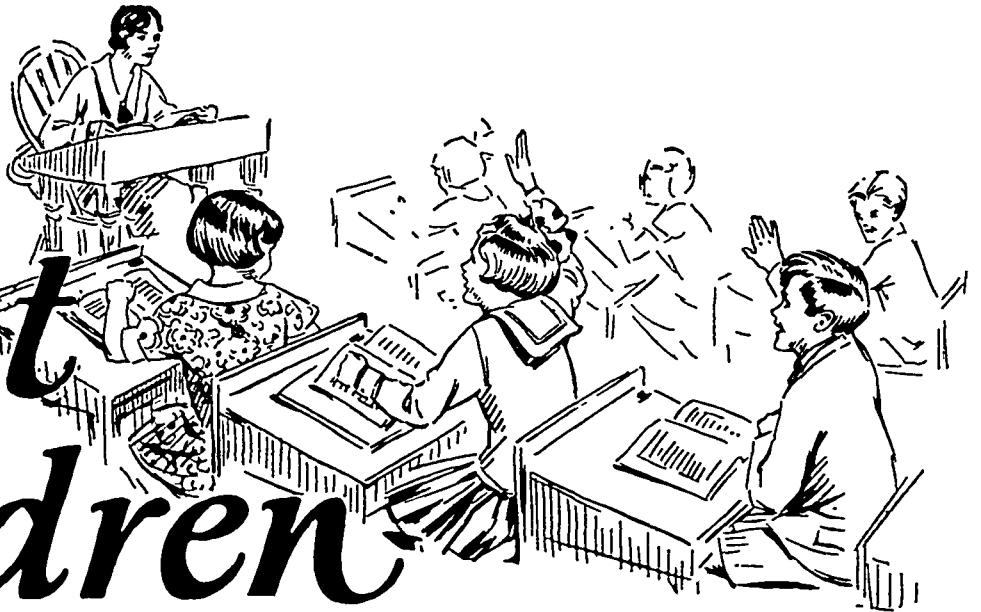
Copies of the proceedings of the Pool conference at Regina, last June, are now ready for distribution. It is a book of 178 closely printed pages and contains a vast amount of information on

co-operative marketing and co-operation in general. A copy will be sent to any member of the Wheat Pool on request.

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Co-operative Education and What to Read on Co-operation, is the title of a pamphlet just issued by the Manitoba Pool. The contents are made up of two papers by Mr. Hull—the former being a paper read at the Pool international conference at Regina. The other paper is a guide to reading on co-operation, all of the books mentioned being available to Pool members from the Pool library. If you would like a copy of this pamphlet a request will bring it to you.

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THE SEED GROWERS' MEETING

Those farmers who have good seed, and a surplus of it, will have an excellent opportunity to display and sell their wares at Brandon, Nov. 8th. This is the occasion of the Manitoba Seed Growers' Association annual meeting, and as it fits in with the annual meeting of the Manitoba Pool, which commences Tuesday, Nov. 6th, a better field for sales would be hard to find.

The question of good seed is getting more important every day, and those delegates to the Pool annual meeting who can be present at the Seed Growers' discussions will find it well worth while.

Arrangements have been made for seed samples to be displayed during the days of the Pool meeting, so the owners of spare seed will do well to have a sample in the exhibition. There will be no prizes awarded.

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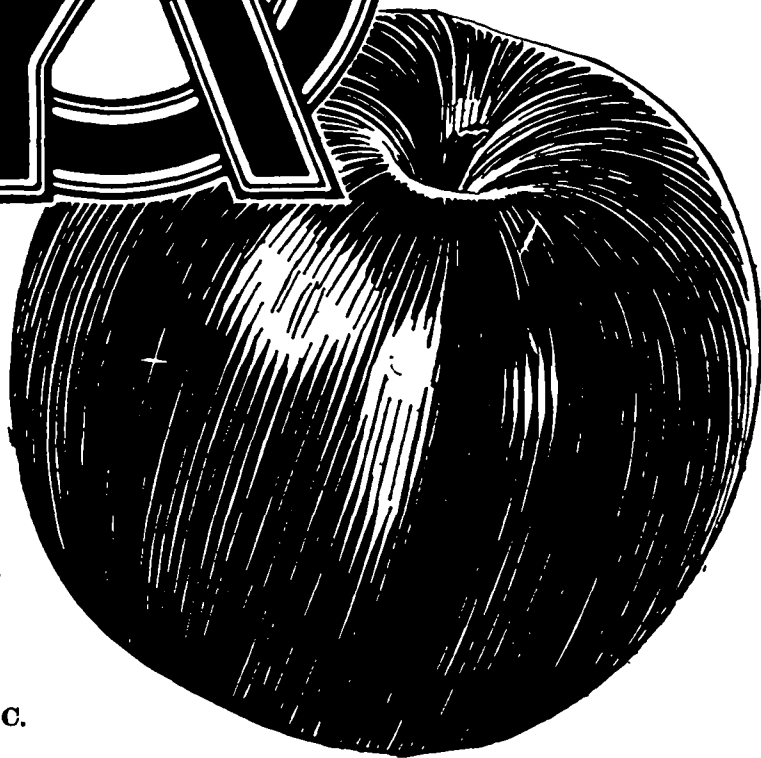
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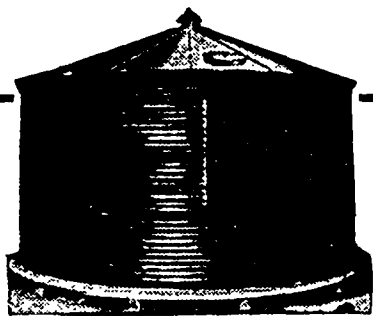


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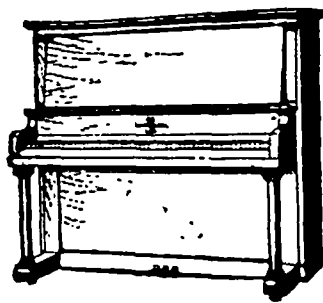
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Spartacus Leads the Way

By C. H. Creed, Jr.

Wretched in mind and body the farmer reclined and gave himself over to despair. What was the good of laboring further. What good came of endless toil and production. The fruit of his labor was taken from him at the price set by his oppressors. The necessities of life came to him through the channels of that same monopoly. The taxes paid by wealth were added to the goods he bought and his own taxes were paid from his insufficient store. In spite of his strivings his standard of living was visibly sinking and though he carried the nation on his back, he was but a slave. If there was deliverance it was not manifest to him. He could not dare to hope.

In utter subjection he relaxed in mind and muscle until there came to him that mental blankness which precedes sleep, and across his conscious field there swept the tones of a soft and measured voice. "Rouse not, move not. I am the Spirit of Time. Thou art one of my creatures. 'Tis written that my works shall show progress. Upon the mistakes and the inefficiencies of the past shalt thou build. I shall lead thee into the bygone times when others were even as thou. Then shalt thou observe and in thy observing thou shalt think. Rouse not. Move not, but come."

A sense of rapid transition came over him as he lay. A wonderful panorama of events unreeled themselves so rapidly that he could not consider them as they passed. Flickering lights and shadows beset his vision and his body seemed to sway with incredible lightness, when all of a sudden all was stilled. His mind cleared, and voices of men came to him as he stood. He was in a huge hall filled with strange people, all men of fierce countenance and belligerent bearing. By their attire and weapons he knew them as men of ancient Rome, and when the group nearest him engaged in heated discussion he knew that he was among a gathering of gladiators.

"Ho, Sporus," said one, "I have

lost my bet upon thee today. Ten sestertia did I place upon the Gaul, Berbix, to kill thee, but thou didst not conquer and now my sestertia are gone."

"Thou hast been well served," replied the Gladiator, Sporus, "for placing thy money upon a wretched Gaul as against a Roman. Bethink thee next time and place thy wagers on the short sword of Sporus."

"Wagers on Sporus?" came the voice of the Giant Niger, as, throwing his net across his shoulder he joined the group. "Dost thou not know that tomorrow Sporus shall fall victim to my net and trident? I have seen it written in the lists. Thou hast been a good friend and comrade to me, Sporus, yet tomorrow must I meet thee and kill thee."

"Aye, Sporus," said Nepimus, the thoughtful. "What thou hast meted out to so many must some time come to thee. We are but slaves who compete with each other to the enrichment of our masters, and in the competing and the killing of our fellows we ourselves must die. Would that our swords could be turned upon the soft bodies of those who compel us to the lists."

"Hush, Nepimus, knowest thou not that thy words are treason, that did they come to the ears of our masters, thy noble form would adorn a wooden cross and thy blood flow upon the highway instead of the arena in gallant battle?"

"Aye," replied Nepimus, "I acknowledge the treason. Yet am I no more a traitor than all of these who have come here at the bidding of Spartacus!"

"What is this of Spartacus?" asked Sporus. "I but followed the crowd hither. What hath Spartacus done?"

"Hast not heard? Today Spartacus, who because of his strength and prowess hath had nothing to fear from us in the arena, killed his opponent before Caesar. When he broke the helmet clasp of the dead man, behold it was a boyhood friend. When Caesar and his

soft-handed train applauded the deed it sickened his soul. He hath changed. He cares not for Caesar, and in this meeting he calls for rebellion against slavery. He hath talked against tyranny and even now the guards form to take him and us. Ah! Spartacus is here. He is about to speak. Listen, Sporus, and think."

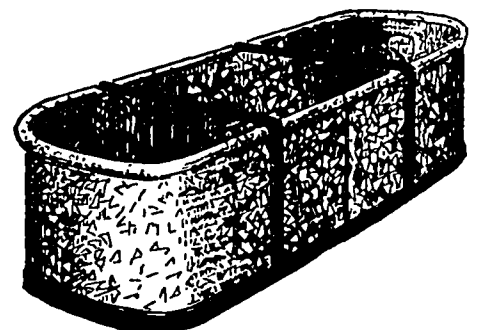
A mighty form had mounted to the raised dais at the end of the hall, and, with extended arms beseeched silence. The disarray of his attire and the stains upon his armor were mute evidence that he appeared as he had come from the arena. Two piercing eyes blazed forth from his strong and intelligent face as he began in lowered tones to tell of the olden days when, as a lad, he had been a simple shepherd untrained in the ways of combat. How as a slave he had been trained to the use of the weapons of the arena, and his voice exulted as he exclaimed, "Rome, Rome, thou hast been a tender nurse to me. Thou

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SPARTACUS LEADS THE WAY.

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hast taught me to wield the sword, to drive it through rugged brass and warm it in the marrow of my foe." Then after giving the masters credit for teaching him their arts, he came to the tragedy of the day, the death of his friend in the arena. "They have taught us their arts," he shouted, "and we use them upon each other for their pleasure. Better we should use them in securing our liberty, for we die but once. Better it be to die in honorable battle against our oppressors than as vile slaves to be dragged writhing from the arena." A murmur of assent ran through the assembly of gladiators, and, sensing their agreement Spartacus continued: "If you are beasts, then remain here like fat oxen awaiting the butcher's knife, but if you are men, follow me, strike down the guards, and instead of fighting each other fight together against the oppressor."

A mighty roar of acclaim burst forth to be followed on the instant by a cry of, "The guards! the guards!" Into the hall burst the guards of the emperor, and even as the short sword of Sporus smote deep into the helmet of a minion and the trident of Niger waved aloft, the scene faded from the vision of the silent watcher.

Again came to him the soft and measured tones of the Spirit of Time. "Thou hast witnessed the revolt of the Roman slaves. Thou hast seen how they began to use against their masters the very weapons and arts of the masters themselves. I will show thee the outcome. Rouse not. Move not, but come." In a flash the watcher found himself standing on a stone highway. For miles in either direction it was lined with crosses standing stiffly erect, and on each cross a naked human figure hung dying in agony. So close together were the crosses that the dying men could converse, and as he stood spellbound, the nearest sufferer groaned and spoke. "How bearest thou, Sporus, dost still think it better to die on the cross than impaled by my trident?"

"Aye, even so, Niger, for at

least I die at the hands of my enemy and not at thine, my friend, and I die my own man, not Ceasar's."

"Perhaps thou speakest right, Sporus, yet it is strange that we are here when for two years we have met and defeated the strongest forces that Rome could send against us. Almost we were victorious over Caesar, yet here we hang, and I would that thou hadst thy good sword to make a quick end of me, friend or no friend."

"Friend, Niger, for two years thou and I have fought proudly side by side, and not once in that

time have we raised hand against a brother slave. Take that thought with thee in death and be comforted even as I."

"Aye, Sporus, it comforts me, that thought, and to think that once I would have slain thee but for this rebellion. Yet why hang we here, the strongest and bravest of all. Nepimus, thou wert close to Spartacus, canst tell us the reason?"

On the other side the drooping head of Nepimus slowly rose as he made answer. "When Spartacus died we were lost. He alone was our leader. Of all the rabble who joined us for their liberty

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there was none to take his place. Even I, who am called 'the thoughtful' could think but over a spear. With Spartacus living, we lived and prevailed; with Spartacus killed, we die also. Yet I have courage in the thought that some day the brothers will arise, even as we, with plenty of leaders, and follow our example to success. I die in the wish. Farewell."

Like a flash the scene disappeared from the consciousness of the beholder. Again the multiplicity of lights and shadows, of scenes and events, flickered across the vision of the watcher. Once more he lay where he had started, and in his ear came the calm voice of the Spirit of Time.

"Think. Thou hast witnessed the power of co-operation, and thou hast seen how competition among themselves held them in slavery. Where thou and thy fellows compete thou but diest in the market place. It is written that my works shall show progress. The inefficiency of the past is no more. Today there is many a Spartacus. Even now they call upon thee from the strongholds of their co-operative marketing institutions to join in the battle. Canst thou not be as Sporus and Niger, and fight as

brothers? Sleep no more. Arouse! Move!"

And the farmer. He straight-way became as Nepimus, the thoughtful, and thenceforth through the various pools and co-operatives he gave battle to the common enemy as did Sporus and Niger. And ever as he remembered the Appian way lined with crosses he rejoiced in that he had for his leaders many a Spartacus to show him the way to victory.

LIVESTOCK MARKET REVIEW.

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CONSUMERS' CO-OPERATION IN MANITOBA.

(From Page 3.)

mismanagement must primarily be attributed to inefficient direction. The manager is a hired and, in a sense, an irresponsible official. The business is not his property; often he comes in from the outside and has no local interests; he does not enjoy the profits which may accrue under his management, and he has not invested much, if any, capital of his own in the institution. The directors are, however, elected to office as trustees for the members who own it. They are entrusted with just those duties of direction and supervision which the private trader personally exercises. Boards of directors of co-operative societies, unlike the private trader, are not in continuous touch with the business operations, and cannot have the conduct of the employees daily under observation. Direction and supervision must, consequently, be more systematic. It is imperative that more precise and extensive business data should be available, and at more frequent intervals, than is absolutely necessary in the case of a rural store which is under the constant observation of the actual proprietor. Without such information regularly supplied, there can be no intelligent appraisal by the board at their meetings of the condition of the business, nor would they be in a position seriously to direct the manager, or to check him up as to the degree of efficiency with which he is discharging his duties.

As elsewhere, the writer found in Manitoba that usually these necessary directorial duties were not being completely exercised, and that the lack of adequate business information of necessity caused some boards to function principally as advisory committees. Information was given by the present writer as to the data which, in his judgment, should be regularly furnished to the board at its meetings, and he urged it should be made the subject of comparison with information previously given, that intelligent discussion should take place thereon as to its effect, and as to the policy which should be

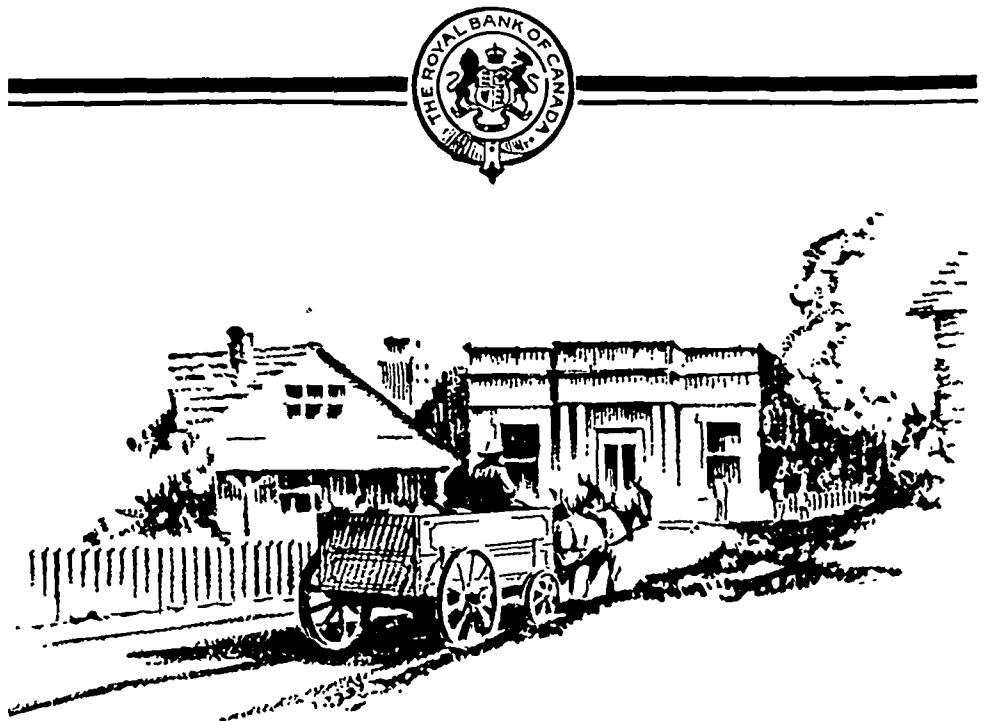
adopted to cure any defects in management, administration, or financial policy thereby disclosed.

The writer of this criticism is actuated only by a desire to be of service to the societies. He wishes it clearly to be understood that the expressing of these views is not intended as adverse criticism of the directors concerned. Usually they appear to give regular attention to their duties, and unselfish service to their societies.

It is the duty of the organized movement to provide the means whereby directors may become efficient, and it is doing so to the extent of its limited facilities, just as it is the duty of directors to take advantage of it.

The writer has been much surprised at the willingness of western farmers acting as directors of co-operative societies to assume heavy personal risks with banks

and other creditors in the interests of their societies. They have shown readiness to assume the same without any expectation of personal gain, and for the general advantage of the community. There are risks which it is unfair to expect them to undertake, and should be unnecessary if there were a full realization of the duties demanded, and the proper policy to be followed in the financing of a community business. If, however, financial aid should become necessary beyond that provided by the share capital investment, and the same is obtained from banks and other creditors who expect directors to assume personal responsibility to them therefor, the directors should not actually carry more than their fair share of the responsibility as individual members. Before indemnifying creditors



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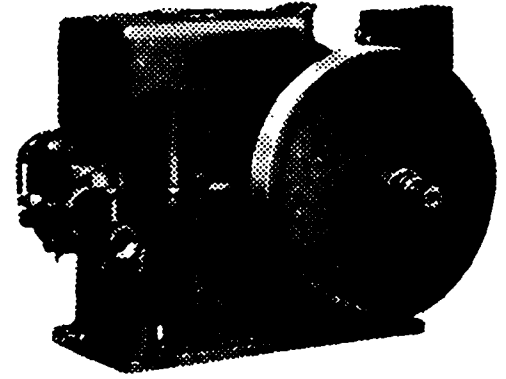
Arising out of the lack of strong and systematic direction is the problem of credit trading. The future of some societies is seriously jeopardized by unregulated credit being given out of all proportion to the volume of business done. Credit is undesirable, but may be necessary in the case of some farmers' societies. If it is given at all, the granting or withholding of such a privilege should not be left to the judgment, or caprice, of the manager. It is a responsibility the directors themselves should assume upon a definite plan.

From the viewpoint of the public advantage, nothing whatever can be said against consumers' co-operation. It cannot, however, thrive on its reputation. Co-operative undertakings must be at least as efficiently and scientifically operated as private concerns. Farmers organized for co-operative distribution would restore the dying commercial life of the rural communities. It is said that the operating costs of departmental stores in the United States average 30%; the writer has it on what appears to be good authority that it costs around 27% in Canada. In the statistical business reports sent monthly to The Co-operative Union of Canada by the majority of its affiliated societies, it rarely happens that even the gross profit exceeds 18%. The managing director of a leading self-service chain store grocery corporation, some time ago gave his operating cost as 10%. In the statistical business information for June last, circulated by The Co-operative Union on August 31st, of nineteen of its affiliated societies, eleven showed an operating cost of less than 10%, ranging from as low as 6.7%, and all those societies had to serve their members with every article handled, and one society delivered the merchandise to their homes.

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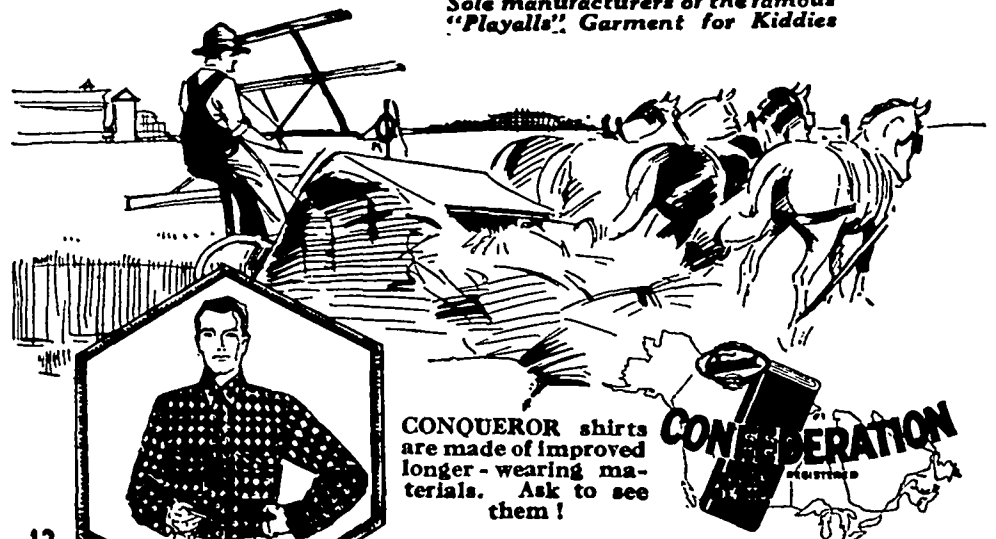
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REBELS AND REFORMERS.

(From Page 4.)

Hardie's name prominently before trades unions, co-operative and reform associations throughout the country. In 1889 he founded the Labor Leader as a monthly. It became a weekly in 1894, and Hardie continued to edit it and to get it on a firm financial basis until 1903, when he turned it over to the Independent Labor party, which still runs it with the name changed to The New Leader. In 1892 a group of single taxers and reformers in general invited Hardie to contest West Ham in the general election of that year.

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He accepted, ran as a straight independent labor candidate, and won by a majority of 1,232 over a Conservative opponent. In the next year the Independent Labor Party was born at a conference in Bradford, attended by delegates from various labor and socialist organizations. Hardie was elected chairman, and when Parliament opened, although he appeared in the House as a "one-man party," he knew he had an organization behind him in the country.

His first speech was on the unemployment situation, and there was a large attendance, Britain's upper class being curious to hear what this reputed firebrand—who had ignored all the conventions regarding the attire of a member of Parliament, who had thrust a cloth cap among high silk hats and appeared in common tweeds where only broadcloth should be seen—had to say on questions that had previously been settled by his betters. Hardie moved an amendment to the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, regretting that nothing had been said in the speech about the prevailing distress from unemployment. His amendment was seconded by a Tory, and, on a division, he was supported by 107 Liberals and Tories. He also had the grim experience of listening to a Liberal-Labor member denounce his amendment in the name of British labor.

In 1894 the I.L.P. ran a can-

didate in a bye-election in Attercliffe. He was put in the field because the Liberals refused to accept a local Liberal who had been nominated by the local trade union organization. The I.L.P. candidate was defeated, but that is not what makes the event historic. The action of the Liberals settled certain matters in the mind of James Ramsay MacDonald. He was converted to Keir Hardie's political methods (they had never disagreed as to objects), and he joined the Independent Labor Party to be, as Hardie himself put it, its "greatest intellectual asset."

The Liberals were not quite sure what the labor movement really meant. It had only one man in the House, but its growth outside seemed ominous. On one occasion Sir William Vernon Harcourt, Liberal leader in the House, in an attempt to be funny, described the Opposition as being no longer "true blue"; instead there was "the faded yellow of Birmingham, a little dash of green from Waterford, and a little splotch of red from West Ham." A writer in the Labor Leader replied:

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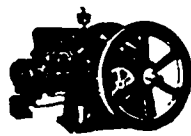
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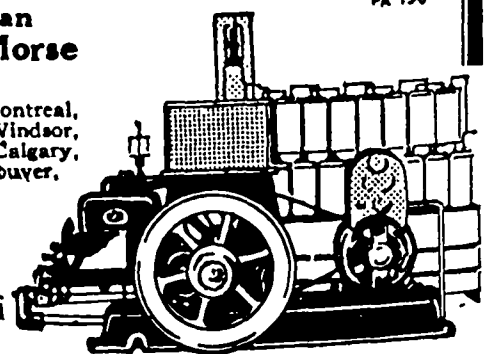
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 Think you it can be ever so?
 Sir William V. we tell you, no;
 And all your mocking Parliament.

In the general election of 1895 the I.L.P. ran 28 candidates. They were all defeated, Keir Hardie going down with the rest, thus ending the "one man party" in the House of Commons. The following year he contested unsuccessfully a bye-election in Bradford. The activity in the country, however, had gained and was gaining strength daily, and in January, 1900, a conference was held in Edinburgh, attended by delegates from trade unions, trade councils, co-operative organizations, I.L.P. branches and others, the object of the conference being to get a common ground for political action and to formulate a programme of social measures upon which all workers could unite.

Following this conference which was called by the Independent Labor Party, another conference on a national scale was held in London in accordance with a resolution passed by the Trades Union Congress. This conference was attended by 129 delegates representing about half a million trade unionists and about 70,000 organized socialists. Here Hardie moved his famous resolution for a "distinct labor group in Parliament who shall have their own whips and agree upon their policy," and "members of the Labor group shall not oppose any candidate" whose candi-

dature was being promoted by any organization represented at the conference." The resolution carried, and the Labor Representation Committee, with James Ramsay MacDonald as secretary, was the result.

In the general election of 1900 the party ran 15 candidates. Two were successful, Hardie at Merthyr, a constituency which stood by him till death separated them;

and Bell, at Derby. Then came the notorious Taff Vale decision making trade unions legally liable for the acts of their members. Labor was thoroughly aroused, and in the general election of 1906 the party ran 50 candidates, 29 of whom were returned. Shortly after the election the Labor Representation Committee became the Labor Party; the thing for which Hardie had worked so

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strenuously and with so much self-sacrifice had been achieved. Henceforth the workers were to be represented in Parliament by their own representatives, acting independently of all other parties and enunciating policies formulated by the workers themselves.

Hardie was, of course, elected the first leader of this new party, but hard work and enforced penurious living had undermined his health, and he surrendered the office about a year later. He had resigned from the chairmanship of the Independent Labor Party for similar reasons in 1900, but he was re-elected in 1913, and he presided at the celebration of the party's twenty-first birthday in 1914.

Foremost among those who looked upon war as the most horrible thing in modern civilization, a senseless, degrading and brutalizing thing, and a formidable obstacle to world unity among workers, Hardie not only put himself on the side of peace during peace, but faced popular odium by staying on the side of peace during war. He was with those who denounced the Boer war; many times during his resolute campaign against the war he faced angry mobs and was saved from their fury only by bodyguards of devoted followers. When the Great War came he was still on the side of peace, but his heart broke as he saw it destroy the international concord of labor which was a part of his own life work. With the hand of death upon him he wrote in the Labor Leader:

"When the war is only a stinking memory of a blood-stained nightmare and we are again face to face with the real things of life, then surely there will be a great and mighty agitation for the complete enfranchisement of democracy, man and woman alike, who will then be able to win control over both domestic and foreign policy and break the rule of those to whom imperialism and militarism mean wealth and power, and to instal all the peoples of all lands in authority and thus bring plenty, peace and concord to a long-suffering race."

A few months later the illness against which he had fought for years forced him to his home in Cumnock. But the rest was now unavailing. He had exhausted his

vitality in the cause of humanity. Pneumonia set in, and at noon, on September 26, 1915, the "member for the unemployed," the first proudly class-conscious representative of British labor and the builder of the national labor party, passed peacefully away.

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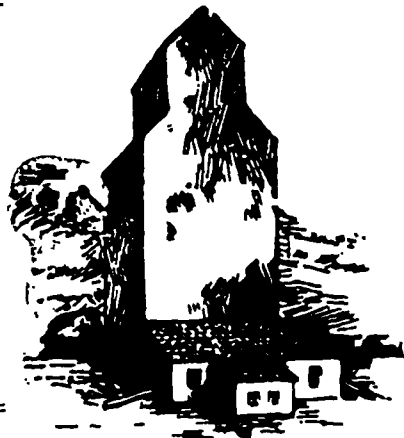
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By Sandy Fraser in Carmangay Sun.
 A farmer there was who'd been raising wheat,
 Even as you and I.
 Who sometimes hadn't enough to eat,
 And it seemed he could never make both ends meet,
 If his hands kept warm he froze his feet,
 Even as you and I.

Oh! the way he slaved and skimped and saved
 As he strove success to win,
 And watched his wife just wither away.
 With the brutal toil she'd to do each day,
 While he would peddle his cream away
 And feed his children the skim.

He was one of those chaps so infernally wise,
 He'd admit he was nobody's fool.
 When he sold his wheat on track or street;
 He'd give you the news when you chanced to meet
 That once again he'd the market beat,
 And he had no use for the pool.

He had been seen in a new felt hat,
 Even as you and I.
 And he'd talk right up and tell you flat
 That he wasn't a chap that would fall for that,
 And on him no grafter would ever get fat.
 Even as you and I.

And only a fool would join the pool.
 He knew, for he knew it all.
 We were paying officials such big pay
 That they'd be buying us out some day—
 Oh! they'd give us the double cross some way,
 We were heading straight for a fall.

Now it isn't the shame, nor it isn't the blame
 That stings like a white hot brand.
 It's the cursed foolishness of a jay
 Who sees them stealing his crops away
 And willingly hauls them more each day,
 And will not understand.

He was skinned at last to his foolish hide,
 Even as you and I.
 They didn't take that, though they may have tried;
 And the poor old fellow was thrown aside:
 His stomach lived on though his head had died;
 Even as you and I.

But his day soon passed and he died at last;
 And he never had seen the light.
 And he never learned what most of us know,
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Paddock: "Yup."

Stile: "What made you decide to quit farming?"

Paddock: "The sheriff. He decided me. He just came around and said, 'You won't need to work the old place this fall, Gus. The mortgage has been foreclosed.'"

Stile: "Well, well; so they've taken over your place?"

Paddock: "Yup. All except the liabilities."

Stile: "Oh, I see. Miranda is goin' to town with you?"

Paddock: "Yup. It was all arranged last year. The dealer who bought my crop; he said, 'You sell to me and I'll fix it so you'll be able to move to town.'"

Stile: "And did he keep his promise?"

Paddock: "Thunder! He more'n kept his promise. He fixed it so I had to move to town. Sometimes I kinda wish I'd taken the offer I got on my farm a couple of years back."

Stile: "What was that?"

Paddock: "Oh, a fellow came and said he'd give me something for my place, and I said, 'What?' And he said, 'A bag of fertilizer.' That was a pruddy good offer."

Stile: "Well, you're better off now, anyway."

Paddock: "You bet I am. I'm thinking of going to a place where I get three meals every day; with nothing to do but sleep and eat; with a nice roof over my head and no taxes, or interest, or rent to pay; where everything is free, and....."

Stile: "Gosh! Where's that?"

Paddock: "Jail!"

Stile: "Well, gotta go, old man. Remember, if worst comes to worst, you can always count on

one thing."

Paddock: "What's that?"

Stile: "Your fingers! So long."

WHY HE WAS THERE

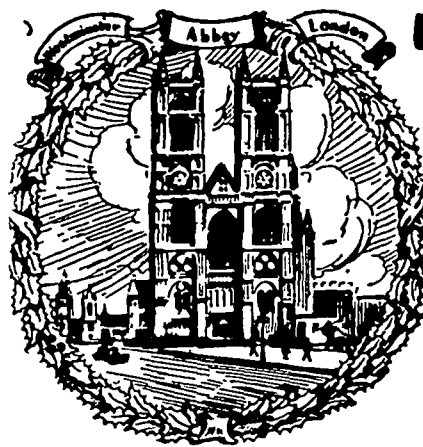
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The man replied:

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of course, was my brother, because he was my father's son; but he was also the son of my wife's stepdaughter, and therefore her grandson, and that made me grandfather of my stepbrother. Then my wife had a son, so my mother-in-law, the step-sister of my son is also his grandmother, because he is her stepson's child; my father is the brother-in-law of my child, because his step-sister is his wife; I am the brother of my own son, who is also the son of my step-grandmother; I am my mother's brother-in-law; my wife is her own child's aunt; my son is my father's nephew; and I am my own grandfather. That's why I am here, sir!"



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