



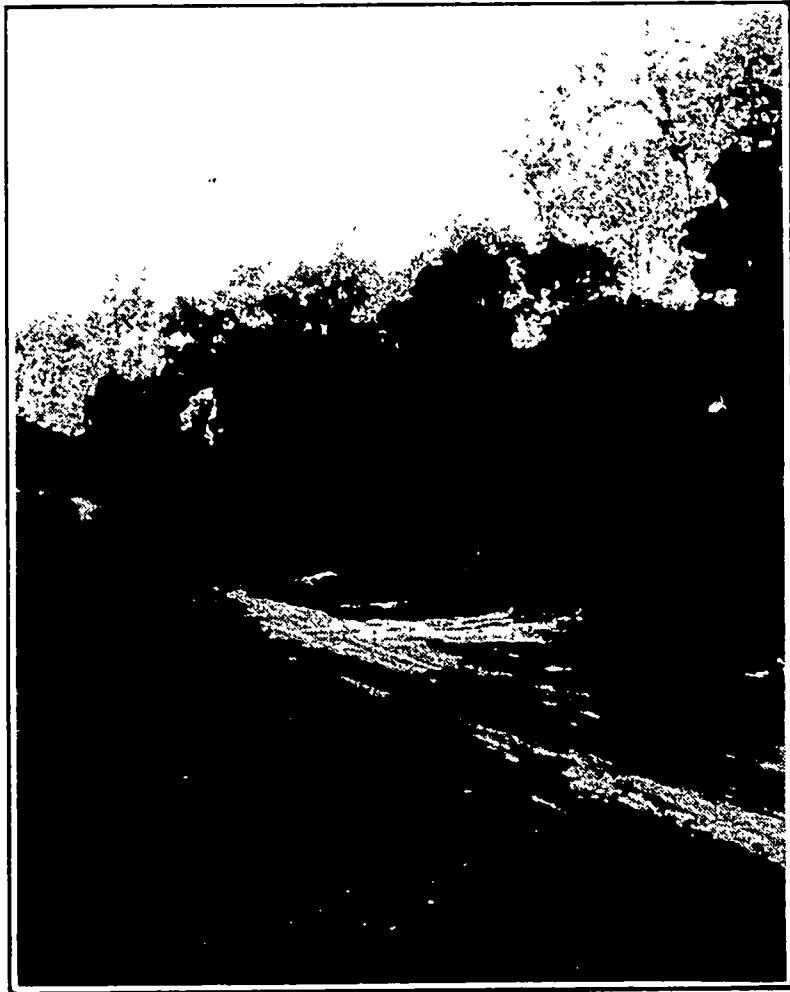
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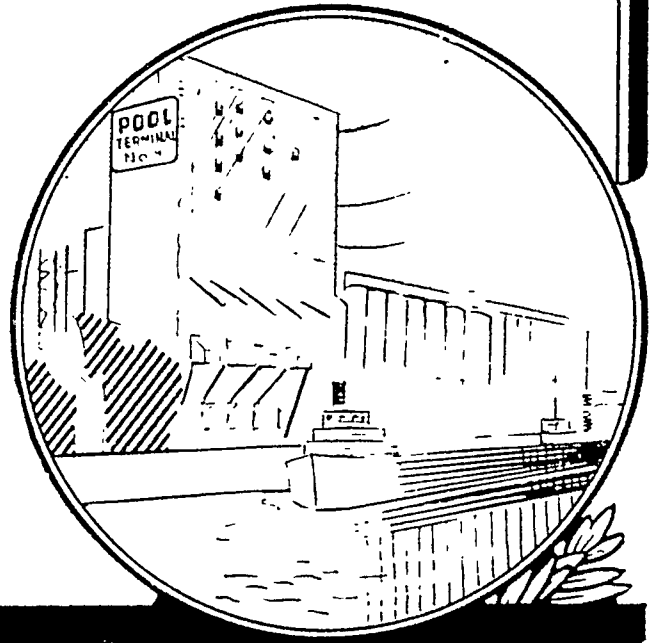
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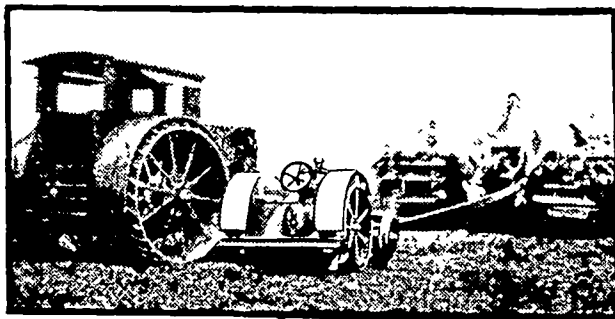
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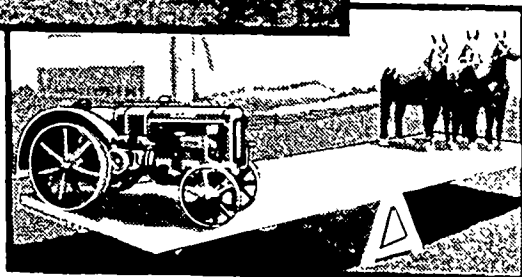
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Income Tax Amendments Urged Before Dominion Cabinet by Co-ops.

Long and Thorough Hearing Given at Ottawa to Delegation from Non-profit Organizations

The suggested amendments to the Income Tax Act, adopted by co-operative associations in the Dominion, were laid before the cabinet at Ottawa, by a delegation representing a number of co-operative associations, on December 12, 1929.

The delegation consisted of E. D. Barrow, representing Fraser Valley Milk Producers Association; E. J. Chambers, representing Associated Growers' of British Columbia, Limited, and the British Columbia Conference of Co-operative Associations; J. Hillas, representing Fraser Valley Milk Producers Association; George Keen, representing the Co-operative Union of Canada and United Farmers of Canada (Saskatchewan section); J. J. Morrison, representing United Farmers of Ontario and Canadian Co-operative Livestock Producers, Limited; Mr. Murray, representing Harrow Farmers Co-operative Association, and Lewis Duncan, solicitor for Fraser Valley Milk Producers' Association and Associated Growers of British Columbia, Limited.

The members of the Cabinet in attendance were: The Prime Minister, Messrs. Dunning, Euler, Motherwell, Veniot, Dr. King and Colonel Ralston.

The Cabinet gave the deputation a very considerate hearing, the appointment being for the hour of 11 to 12, but lasting until nearly 1 o'clock, in spite of the fact that other deputations had appointments for 12 and 12.30. Mr. Barrow opened the discussion, stating that as Minister of

Agriculture in the John Oliver government, he was interested in farmer problems, and that he had done all he could to assist the co-operative movement, and that in his opinion genuine co-operative organizations should be exempt from payment of income tax. He referred particularly to Fraser Valley Milk Producers' Association, of which he had been an original incorporator. The incorporators of the company endeavored to profit by former mistakes and to make this a thoroughly co-operative company. If Fraser Valley Milk Producers' Association was subject to income tax it would be difficult to find a genuine co-operative organization of the share capital type which should be exempt.

The Honorable Mr. Euler asked Mr. Barrow whether it was not true that Fraser Valley Milk Producers' Association disposes of the milk by retail to the consuming public. Mr. Barrow replied in the affirmative, but indicated that in his opinion this did not alter the co-operative nature of the enterprise. The honorable Mr. Dunning asked how it was possible to justify the exemption of this company from payment of income tax when interest was paid to shareholders, and the shareholders, although identical with the consignors, did not necessarily hold stock on the basis of the quantity or value of the milk consigned to the association. Mr. Barrow replied that co-operative organizations were of two types, namely with or without share capital, and that share capi-

tal was necessary in many cases. It would not be practicable to make the shareholdings fluctuate from year to year with the quantity of goods being consigned to the association; and that a question of principle was being raised. There did not appear to him to be any logical distinction between operations of co-operative companies with and those without share capital. So long as shares were not held by persons who were not dealing with the association, a share capital co-operative was just as truly a co-operative as a non-share capital company. Mr. Dunning did not appear to be satisfied with this answer, and seemed to incline to the opinion that co-operative associations with share capital would only be entitled to ask for exemption if the interest paid to the members on their shares was paid in proportion to the amount of goods sold through the association, and not according to the amount of money they had advanced to the association for share capital.

Mr. Duncan spoke generally on behalf of producers' co-operatives, stating that no application was being made for exemption of companies not truly co-operative, nor was application being made on behalf of genuine co-operative companies for exemption from the payment of income tax where a profit had been earned on non-co-operative business. What was objected to in the Act was the fact that genuine co-operative companies which were not organ-

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Together-ness

The Spirit of Co-operation Through the Ages

By F. J. GOULD

Author of "The Children's Book of Moral Lessons," "Conduct Stories," etc.

One hundred and twenty-two steps lead up the hill to the church of St. Chad, at Rochdale, in Lancashire, England. The folk of Rochdale can climb. They can climb heights that are more toilsome than

mountains. The steps of the people's stairs have often been splashed with blood, and wetted with tears, yet they labored upwards through the ages, in the



F. J. GOULD.

spirit of together-ness, the spirit of co-operation, the Wheat Pool spirit. From the top of the steps of St. Chad you can look over the plains of Lancashire, the place of crowded towns, of armies of mills, of smoking chimneys, of railways, of canals, of cotton-workers, of a wonderful corner of English civilization, of English co-operation.

I knew an old Englishman who died, aged 88, in 1906. His white locks and his white beard told of a long life spent in the service of the common people. George Jacob Holyoake was his name. He used to tell me of his friendship with Robert Owen, the apostle of co-operation. When you talked to him, you had to speak into his ear-trumpet. Deaf were his ears; but keen his eyes. He could see the little beginnings of great things. The two Saskatchewan streams rise in little sources, and pool their waters into a great river. Holyoake saw a tiny brooklet of co-operation that started running in 1843. It grew like a Mississippi, a "Father of Waters." In 1930 it rolls in strength. It was not twenty years old when, in 1858, Holyoake dipped his pen in ink, and smiled as he wrote the history of it—the

history of the Rochdale Pioneers, the history of the men and women who climbed the painful yet splendid co-operative steps.

On a dark November evening in 1843, twelve unemployed weavers met in a humble corner of Rochdale. Hollow-eyed, yet brave of heart; poor in money, but rich in faith, they drew together. Each put down twopence on a table. This was their pool, their common stock, their capital. Instead of emigrating to California, as some weavers did, they would save; they would buy a store of food and other necessaries, and sell from their own shop to their own neighbors. Each Sunday they assembled at a room where Chartists held meetings, and offered free reading of books and newspapers. Loud and eager voices talked on Sunday afternoons about the people's poverty, the people's sorrow, the people's slavery, and the people's hope. The pence and the shillings rattled in the box month by month, the coins increased and multiplied. The ragged weavers lifted their eyes towards the sky of the future. They seemed to see a wonderful vision—of busy stores, of crowding customers, of houses built by co-operation, of articles made by co-operative hands and brains, of land purchased with co-operative money, and a co-operative hotel. The summer of 1844 passed. People in Windsor Castle were excited by the birth of Queen Victoria's fourth baby. People in Rochdale laughed at the co-operative pioneers, and how the weekly twopence had been raised to the weekly threepence, and still the provision store was not yet born. But four days before Christmas, lads shouted as they ran up and down a narrow street, called Toad Lane. They grinned, they jumped, they yelled:

"The old weavers' shop is opened at last!"

The shop, on the ground-floor of a dingy warehouse, belonged to the "Rochdale Society of

Equitable Pioneers." The pioneers, or climbers, had mounted the first step. They were selling bread; they were selling butter; they were selling sugar; they were selling oatmeal; they were selling black treacle. They had two shovels. One shovel scooped sugar; the other scooped currants. The goods in the Toad Lane store were valued at £15; and Toad Lane was as proud of its co-operative baby as Windsor Castle of its fourth royal infant! And the Toad Lane toad wore in his head (as Shakespeare would say), "a precious jewel" — the jewel of equity, of justice, of fair-dealing. These bread sellers and treacle sellers were equitable pioneers.

In 1846, they climbed a fresh step, and sold butcher's meat, and even sold goods to the general public; and the number of the men and women shareholders was 110. In 1848 they rented the upstairs rooms also. Their song was "Excelsior!"—higher; and the co-operators numbered 140. In 1850, in the midst of the oatmeal and beef, and treacle, certain grim men rose up and said that the Pioneers ought not to meet and discuss social reform on a Sunday. But the answer from many throats rang out: "Every member shall have full liberty to speak his sentiments on all subjects"; and peace reigned in the Lane of the Toad, and the roll of the Equitables came to 600. In that same year, a family of pioneers moved their dwelling more than two miles. And their hearts still dwelt in Toad Lane, and they walked more than two miles, and passed many nice stores, but in none would they buy bread, or bacon, or butter, save in the poky little shop in Toad Lane. Shoes and clothes and clocks came into the programme for 1858. In that same year, people wondered when the Pioneers reported that they had killed 4½ cows! The explanation was simple. The Equitable butchers had joined with a trades-

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A Boy's Travels in Foreign Lands

Being the Personal Experiences of D. A. Kane, Superintendent of Pool Elevators.

Chap. 4. Egypt.

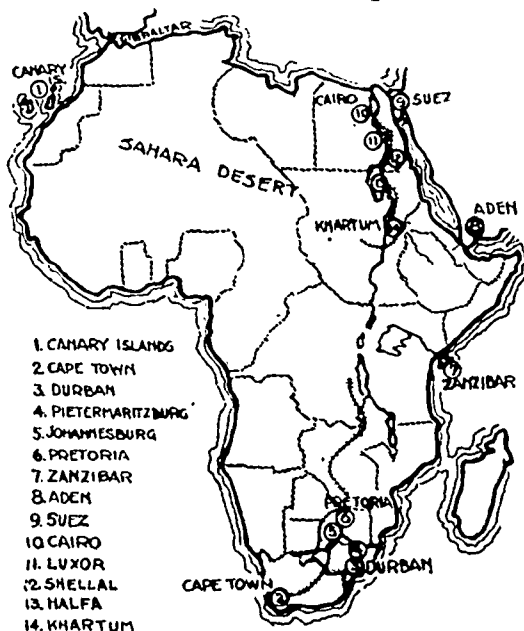
Egypt is entirely dependent on the River Nile for its existence. I was in that land for three years and only saw it rain three times. You can see, therefore, that irrigation must be depended upon. Egypt is the "Gift of the Nile," being dependent on the annual inundation of the land at flood time. During May and June the sun melts the ice and snow in the Abyssinian Mountains and they pour in yellow cascades down the Blue Nile and the Atbara Rivers, the last tributaries for a thousand miles on this wonderful river, but it takes until August before the river is in full flood. The rainy season also brings rich vegetable matter down the White Nile.

The Blue and the White Nile join at Khartum, and the Atbara a short distance down the river. The arable land throughout practically the whole of the Nile Valley is inundated, and the rich settlement from the dirty water renews the soil so that artificial fertilizers are not necessary. Contrary to popular belief, the annual layer of deposit is exceedingly thin, aggregating only about four and one-half inches in a century. But notwithstanding the small amount of matter actually deposited, the soil of the valley, lying for so long a period under the fertilizing water, comes forth after each inundation, fresh and reconditioned. Such a soil no cultivation can exhaust, and no abuse destroy.

The cooling of the air by the immense body of water which rolls through the valley, and the complete saturation of the earth with the flood in the heat of summer when the surrounding desert countries are burned to a crisp, constitutes the two essential advantages which Egypt has always enjoyed. To these facts she, no doubt, owes her pre-eminence in ancient history.

There have been times recorded in history when the river has not reached sufficient flood level or the flood has been too great. Both of these occasions spell disaster, and bring famine and disease, but within recent times the British

government has built some wonderful barrages and dams at strategic points, which can control a great volume of water and eliminate a lot of this trouble. Nevertheless, Egypt is still almost entirely dependent on the annual flood. Some large agricultural companies have taken over a good deal of the land in recent years, but further up the Nile the same crude methods of farming are still in use that were used three thousand years ago. The plow is nothing more than a bent stick pulled by oxen, with a protruding stick attached, on which the



driver stands to keep it in the ground.

Primitive Operations

Irrigation in some cases is also done in the same manner as when the Children of Israel were captives in this land. Earthenware vessels are lashed to a large wheel which dips down to the river or canal. This wheel is turned by camels or oxen, and lifts the water to a higher level. In some cases where the banks are steep, it is necessary to raise it more than once before it is high enough to flood the land.

Another system used is by manual labor. A small palm tree or pole is used, to one end of which is attached a large earthenware vessel, and to the other a large rock or packed clay. This is attached to an axle so that the rock will balance the vessel filled with water. Two men usually operate one of these, and work from daylight to dark, in order to place sufficient water on three or four acres of land. This, in the intense heat of the sun, means real labor, and I think Canadians would think their lot was hard if they had to work as these men do, simply to obtain the absolute necessities of life.

A Swinging Bridge

We cannot leave Cairo without a visit to the Pyramids, which, perhaps, represent the oldest

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U.F.M. Annual Convention

With 263 delegates in attendance and a number of visitors, the annual convention of the U.F.M. was held in Brandon January 7-10.

While the convention was somewhat smaller than usual—the bitterly cold weather probably having something to do with it—there was no lack of interest, and the convention as a whole was remarkably successful.

Thomas Wood was re-elected president, and F. Downey, of Kelloe, was elected vice-president. In the U.F.W.M. section, Mrs. S. E. Gee-Curtis was re-elected president, and Mrs. Jas. Elliott of Cardale, was elected vice-president.

The convention began the consideration of resolutions at an early stage in the proceedings,

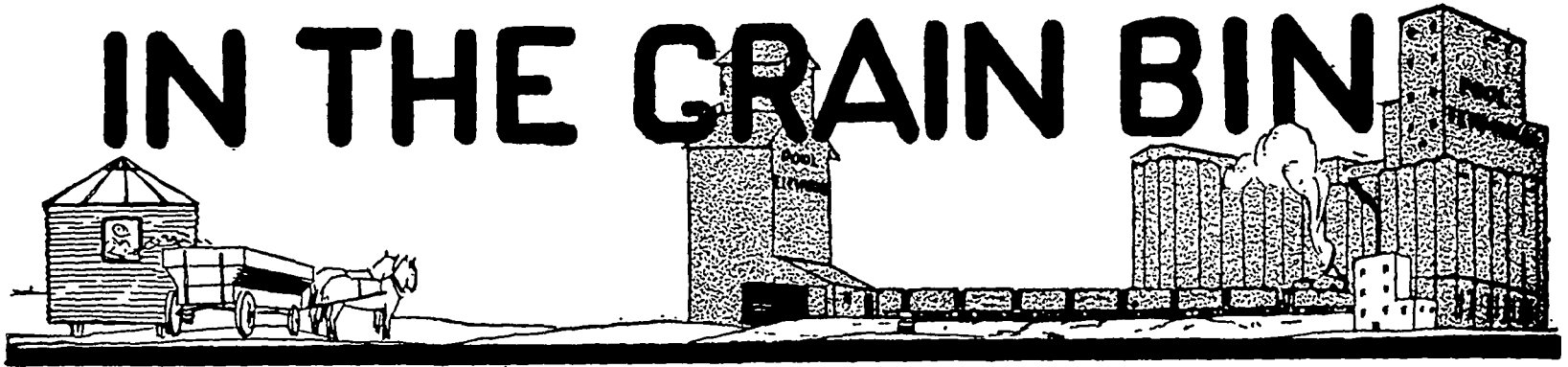
the first day seeing the passing of resolutions opposing a compulsory Pool, but supporting a 100 per cent. voluntary Pool; a demand for the recognition of a Canadian race in the Federal census.

On the afternoon of the first day the delegates heard representatives from a number of the co-operative organizations in the province.

At night Miss Mildred B. McMurray gave an interesting address on child-welfare and the work of the juvenile court. An entertainment was provided by the Brandon orchestra, and local artists.

The addresses of the presidents and the reports of the directors and the secretaries were present-

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By R. M. MAHONEY, General Manager.

REGISTERED SEED THROUGH THE POOL

At the Pool annual meeting, in Brandon, in November, the following resolution was passed:

"Resolved, that the board of directors formulate and carry out a scheme for introducing into each district a supply of registered seed at the lowest possible price or at cost."

The board of directors and myself worked on this at the last board meeting in December, and it is not an easy problem to solve.

We have, of course, the Junior Co-operators, and from what information we have, their test plots have proven of considerable value and have given some indication of what types of wheat do best in certain localities, although these tests have only been carried on for two years. Then this past year those Junior Co-operators who had plots the previous year, were supplied with sufficient registered seed to sow an acre. This has made available small quantities of registered seed in a great many districts, and we are hoping that this will be properly used this coming spring so that the supply available a year from now should be much larger. Not knowing the quantity or the kind of registered seed that might be wanted, it is impossible for the Pool to go out and buy in quantities which would have a tendency to keep the price low.

How to Get the Seed

Ready money and the bother of getting seed are often the things that stand in the way of many growers starting at least a small registered seed plot. We, therefore, decided that we might accomplish something or at least make a start in the right direction if we were to make arrangements whereby growers could write to this office for registered seed, stating the kind and quantity required. We would secure this for them at the lowest possible price, send it on to them freight prepaid and charge the cost of this seed against their future Pool payments. I do not know that this will materially reduce the cost per bushel, but it does eliminate a large part of the bother to the individual and it eliminates the need of sending cash with the order.

Quantities which can be purchased for the individual must of necessity depend upon the quantity of grain that he has shipped to the Pool. In other words, this is not a credit scheme. Seed will only be sent in quantities to members whose deliveries have been sufficient to warrant our feeling sure that their future payments will take care of the bill for seed. Also, it will be necessary that the growers' certificates have not previously been assigned to

someone else. If proceeds of growers' certificates have been assigned, then we have no protection for our account and cannot give this accommodation. If the quantity of grain shipped has been so small that the amount of future payments must of necessity be small, then the amount of registered seed shipped out will likewise have to be small. We thought we would limit the quantities shipped to any grower to, say, five or ten bushels. However, there are some growers who will want more than this and whose accounts will stand our shipping more than this.

Individual Arrangements

We do not know from whom we will get the seed. We will get the best seed we can at the lowest possible price, and we will try to ship it from the nearest shipping point to the man ordering. We cannot quote prices. It is simply a matter of the individual writing in to us, telling us how much registered seed and what kind he wants, asking us to ship it, or asking us to advise him what the price will be, so that if it is satisfactory, he can order through us. We have no objection to a grower making his own arrangements for registered seed, and we will pay his account for this seed, provided that we have been advised beforehand, who it is to be paid to, and the quantity ordered, and provided the grower's account is in satisfactory shape in the office. We do not guarantee any seed account unless we have full information first, and then only in the case of registered seed.

We do not expect huge quantities to go out under this plan, but we do think that sufficient should go out so that, with a normal harvest this year, every district should be reasonably well supplied with good seed. We do not wish to recommend varieties: it will be up to the individual himself to decide what sort of seed he wants. Every Pool delegate at Brandon was supplied with a copy of the report on the results of the last two years of work with the Junior Co-operators, and there is information in this report which should guide the average individual in deciding the sort of seed he wishes to grow. As I explained before, a two-year test is not sufficient to make us feel that we know the best variety to grow in any certain district, but it is an indication.

Order Now

We suggest that any member who is interested in this, get busy immediately, decide what he wants, write in to us and we will, in this way, be able to take care of the situation much better than if the matter is left till the last minute. We have a list of the registered seed growers in the province

which has been handed to us and which we believe is complete. We will, as I have said, order the seed out from the nearest shipping point and we will expect the registered seed growers to realize

that by doing this we are not playing favorites, but are getting it as nearly as we can to the best possible advantage of the man who is ordering the seed.

A DIFFERENT MANITOBA..

Manitoba—the name brings a picture of rolling prairies dotted with farmsteads, threaded with roads of gravel and iron which converge where red elevators



THE SCHOOL.

over-shadow villages set among trees.

But, boarding a "National" train at Winnipeg and speeding north and eastward—past Transcona, past the Hutterite farms (long and narrow like so many road-allowances side by side), past Selkirk—on north and eastward through a lane cut in the solid bush, with towns set, here and there, amid seas of stumps and the close-circled background of the forest—past all these one arrives at Pine Falls and an entirely different Manitoba.

From the lane cut through the



THE CHURCH.

bush one comes upon a model town of fine, stucco homes bordering curving streets. Here live some 1,200 good folks, enjoying all modern conveniences, electricity, sewage, waterworks, golf and steady employment.

Here is the church built by popular subscription under the direction of Rev. King Gordon, son of Ralph Connor; there is the school. Here is the hospital; yonder the picture theatre and curling rink; and there is the town's one store—the "company" store, where all the folks deal. Not always, though, for over beyond

the golf course built by the "company," is "Tin Town," a miscellaneous collection of shacks, including shops of various kinds.

Pine Falls is a "Company" town, planned, built and owned, every bit of it, by the Manitoba Paper Company. Every man in it is on the "company" pay-roll.

Over the track, there is the pulp mill, where they work—a giant structure of grey concrete. Inside, one sees the pulp-wood ground up and fed, like an inch-thick sheet of oatmeal porridge, into the paper machine—coming out the "dry end," 200 feet further on, in an endless shimmering sheet of newsprint, twenty feet wide.

Three eight-hour shifts a day, week after week, that wide ribbon of paper comes, mile upon mile—enough to print all the rumors about the Pools. Out it comes, white and clean, to be whirled into rolls of some three tons each, cut into required widths, rolled up again, packed and shipped, ten carloads every day, to the western provinces and states—to be smirched all over with head-lines about goodness only knows what goes on.

Beside the mill is a mountain of spruce in cordwood lengths, thousands upon thousands of cords, as high as the mill itself, covering the river bank and cramming the bay in the bend of the river, one hundred feet below. Most of this wood has been shipped in. Later on the company will draw from its limits, which embrace all Eastern Manitoba and far beyond the northern end of Lake Winnipeg.

And there is the river—the Winnipeg river—which gathers the waters from 50,000 sections of forest-clothed granite ridges and swamps, through a network of lakes and streams in Ontario, Minnesota and Manitoba—sweeping atween its granite banks, among its rocky islands, over its plunging cataracts, down to Lake Winnipeg.

This river was an arterial highway a century ago. Down this course McKenzie came in 1789, and Franklin in 1835; and in their wake came Wolseley with his

1,200 men to stamp out the trouble at Fort Garry in 1870.

And long before any of these, came La Verendrye, to plant his Fort Rouge where Winnipeg stands today.

Five or six miles below our town of Pine Falls lies Fort Alexander, the old Hudson Bay post. The quaint monastery and church of St. George, with its parish of French-Canadian families, are seven miles upstream, beyond the falls.

The Falls? Oh, yes, that's what fixed the site of the town and mill here. Pine Falls, capable of de-



THE HOSPITAL.

veloping 110,000 horse-power in electrical energy, was granted to the company with the pulp limit; it was to supply the needed power to operate the mill; but it has not been developed. Power for the mill is brought from the Manitoba Power Company plant, 18 miles away. For, within a 25-mile radius are power sites on the river capable of developing one million horse-power; all of them now pre-empted by various interests.

Yes, here is a Manitoba vastly different from the Manitoba of



ONE OF THE STREETS.

farm lands, that we know so well. Standing on the granite rocks above the Winnipeg River, tracing the sweep of its mighty waters between its wooded banks, and remembering that these wa-

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CO-OPERATION—SERVICE AT COST

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LOYALTY IS IMPERATIVE

It was somewhat astonishing, to say the least of it, to hear in the convention of the United Farmers of Manitoba, a voice raised in defence of competition in trade. For over 25 years the U.F.M. has carried on under the motto: co-operation, education, organization. Out of the spade work done and the seed sown by the organization there have grown a number of agricultural co-operatives in the province; these co-operatives have come together in an effort to co-ordinate and promote co-operative development, and combined they represent over 30,000 farmers in this province. They have one purpose and one only; the all-round betterment of life on the farm. And yet a delegate to the convention could get up and state that he would do business with the co-operatives only when he could do better in an immediate way at the co-operatives than he could do elsewhere and some other delegates, but fortunately only a few, could applaud the statement.

How can a co-operative be built up if the members are so lacking in loyalty as that? Co-operation does not pretend to offer an invariable immediate advantage; it does not enter into price-cutting competition. It does claim to deal fairly and honestly and always it asks the members to do their part in keeping the organization efficient. In consumers' co-operation the purpose is to sell at a fair price and to return to the member all of the price he paid that was over and above the cost of doing business. In co-operative marketing the purpose is to get for the producer a fair price for his product and to sell it for him at cost. The two-fold purpose of producers and consumers co-operatives in their capacity of trading organizations is to establish what the medieval schoolmen called "the just price," the price that is fair and right as between buyer and seller. The "just price." Our co-operators should carry the phrase as a motto on all their business literature.

A co-operative should be efficiently managed; it should give the best of service at the minimum of cost, but no co-operative can give the best of service at the minimum of cost if it has members who can be lured away from it by the bait of a temporary advantage. No man or woman has the right to claim to be a co-operator if he or she is not prepared to stick to the co-operative through thick and thin; to give it all the support possible; to work earnestly for its good and consistently to turn a deaf ear and a blind eye to the tempter.

This is not to ignore the fact that good intentions are no substitute for managerial ability. If members of a co-operative are not satisfied with their organization their first business is to discover the cause of the trouble and they should speak out

boldly and frankly in the business meetings. They should get the facts, find out what is wrong, and turn their hand toward putting things right. They should never forget that it is they who are in business and that co-operation means working together and not evading work and responsibility.

Loyalty is the characteristic of a good co-operator. He does not believe that competition is the life of trade. He knows that competition has created more evil than good and that it has been necessary for the good of society to restrict competition by legislation. The co-operator knows that whatever of good there is in private trade can be conserved and turned to the general good through co-operation. He knows that co-operation demands building together and consequently he is not to be turned from his purpose by any temporary concession held out by the enemy. He knows that there would be no concession if the co-operative were not there, and that the whole object of the concession is to put the co-operative out of business and allow the competitive system once more to gather in its profits. It is surprising that after 25 years of exhortation by the U.F.M. it should be necessary to remind even a few members of the organization of these simple truths.

INTRODUCING MR. GOULD

In this issue of The Scoop Shovel we begin a series of articles on "The Spirit of Co-operation Through the Ages," by F. J. Gould. The series is intended primarily for our young co-operators but the articles should be read by adults as well. Truth to tell, most adults enjoy the literature which is written ostensibly for the younger folk and anything that is written by F. J. Gould is good for old and young alike.

Mr. Gould has spent a lifetime (he has just passed his 74th birthday) in the work of humanizing knowledge, and in making of education a great deal more than the training of memory. He is known internationally as a demonstrator on moral education and is an honorary secretary of the International Moral Education Congress. No educationist today would deny that the fundamental purpose of education is to mould character, but it takes a lot of searching in the practical work of our schools to discover any application of that fundamental principle. Mr. Gould has pressed it for half a century. He believes in systematic moral instruction in the schools and he is the author of many books designed to help the teacher and the parent so to mould the mind of the child that its life may be one of service to humanity. That is his ideal of education and that ideal will illumine the series of articles which he has consented to write for The Scoop Shovel. He is a great teacher and we believe he will have

an appreciative class in the readers of The Scoop Shovel. We hope our adult readers, teachers and parents, will bring this series of articles to the attention of the boys and girls. It would be a good idea to get them to cut out the articles and preserve them for future reference.

INSURANCE FOR FARMERS

Of the resolutions passed by the convention of the United Farmers of Manitoba the most important, in relation to the place of agriculture in the social order, came from the board of Directors. This resolution authorized the board "to investigate the possibilities of a scheme of agricultural insurance," to seek the assistance of the United Farmers of Alberta and the United Farmers of Canada, Saskatchewan Section in the investigation and to report to the next convention.

The Scoop Shovel has at various times urged that farmers should give attention to the question of insurance against the risks that are incident to their vocation. In these days when social insurance is accepted as a responsibility of government in almost every highly organized state and when industrial workers are securing insurance against

unemployment and in fact other contingencies that are beyond their control, farmers as a vocational class should be giving thought to the question of obtaining for themselves a similar kind of protection. There is, unfortunately, a tendency among farmers simply to protest against this kind of legislation and one Canadian farmer's paper—which really ought to know better—has stated that farmers can provide for themselves against sickness, crop disasters (which may be taken as the equivalent of unemployment) and old age, and industrial workers ought to do the same. The simple truth is that neither industrial workers nor agricultural workers as a whole can provide adequately against the adversities contingent upon their vocation and it is recognized today that it is a duty of society so to organize its economic system as to take care of all those who contribute to its welfare. That is, the welfare of all those who do socially useful and necessary labor ought to be a first charge against the entire economic system of the country. That is the justification for a scheme of agricultural insurance, part of which, at least, will be a charge on the whole of society. We hope to see the three farmers' organizations of the prairie provinces get together and work together on this important question.

ON THE SEVENTH FLOOR



Part of the Manitoba Pool Staff in the Wheat Pool Building.



By F. W. RANSOM, Secretary.

THE PRICE OF DEMOCRACY

Criticisms are sometimes made of organization expenses. Take the field service: it costs around \$30,000 a year, and what do we get for it?

Meetings cost a lot of money, and what results are secured?

The Pool elevator policy provides a system that costs more than if all the elevators were run as a line. The critic asks, what results can we show for this additional expenditure?

The answer to all these questions may be stated in this way: We have an educational system in Manitoba that costs the people of the province somewhere around ten million dollars a year. What do we get for it? Not an easy question to answer, but would any one want to do away with our schools, colleges and university? Of course not. The schools provide the individual with the means of ascending the human scale. Education is for the purpose of carrying society onward to the good life.

The expenditures in organization activities in the Pool are primarily for the purpose of promoting the good life through co-operation and of providing the means whereby the members may control and direct their association.

The success of the Pool depends upon the extent to which the members assume their responsibilities and give the Pool direction. The more democratic we become and the more successful we make the institution, the more we develop those qualities in the individual which make for a better order of society. Co-operation means putting democracy into business, and an organization department with a fractional cost per bushel is necessary—it is the price of democracy!

DEFERRED RESOLUTIONS

Following herewith is a report on the action taken by the board of directors at their meeting on December 18th, with respect to the resolutions referred to them by the delegates at the annual meeting:

Delegate Representation

The secretary was instructed to work out plans of local representation on such basis as would provide on the present membership, a delegate attendance of 300, of 350 and of 400.

The basis in use up to this year and set out in by-law No. 10, is: 1 for the first 75 or part thereof, and 1 for each succeeding 50 or part thereof.

That gave a total representation possible for the last annual meeting of 422, (actual attendance was 411 and six members of the resolutions committee).

On a basis of 1 for the first 105 and 1 for each succeeding 70, a total representation of 301 is possible; 1 for the first 90 and 1 for each succeeding 60 makes a total delegation of 345 possible; 1 for the first 75 and 1 for each succeeding 55 allows for 396 delegates.

Notices of Annual Meetings in Other Languages

When considering this resolution the directors were of the opinion that it was meant to include local annual meetings as well as the annual general meeting, and approved of the same. It will go into effect at the time of the annual meetings this year.

Local Annual Meetings in June

After discussing this it was agreed to continue the present practice of each director arranging the date of the meetings in his district in or about the month of July.

Registered Seed

On this the board agreed that any member wanting registered seed should apply to the office, and the Pool will supply a quantity, the value of which is not to exceed the estimated amount of further payments due the grower on deliveries made by him to the Pool.

Interprovincial Newspaper

This was taken up at the board meeting, but was held over for the report of the interprovincial educational committee.

Amendments to Charter

Sections 6 and 8 of the Pool Charter amendments were submitted to the annual meeting of delegates for their approval and acceptance. Resolutions were passed, asking the lieutenant-governor to bring said sections into force.

Section 6 of the amending act fixes a time limit of one year within which the Pool is liable to account. In other words; the right to demand a further accounting shall cease twelve months after the adoption of reports on Pool operations by the annual meeting.

Section 8 of the amending act provides for the settlement of disputes by arbitration.

These two sections were proclaimed by the lieutenant-governor on January 16th.

FIELD SERVICE

In discussing the fieldmen's activities, the board decided that for the remainder of the winter they should devote their main attention to school house meetings, and, where good attendance can be assured, to general public meetings at central points. The matter is to be further discussed at the fieldmen's and elevator superintendents' conference, on January 13, 14 and 15.

Meetings provide the best and most economical medium by which the members inform themselves on the Pool and learn of the co-operative movement.

It is the business of the fieldmen to make the personal contact as much as possible with the members. To call on and visit with each one in his home is practically impossible and very costly, but if a number gather together in a school house or hall, then the personal contact is made in one visit and relatively at a small expenditure.

Here is an opportunity for the local boards. They should meet with the fieldmen and decide the points at which they wish meetings held.

LOCAL SECRETARIES---ATTENTION!

128 meetings have been held in 66 locals for the purpose of hearing a report from the delegates. Only 34 of these meetings have been reported to the office. Now some of our local secretaries are falling down on the job. It is up to them to keep us informed as to what transpires at the meetings—the nature of the discussion, the resolutions, etc. It is one of the ways by which we keep that farmer viewpoint—so essential in a farmer-owned organization.

There are also quite a number of local board meetings that have not been reported.

Now, you secretaries, we don't want to be checking you up like this all the time, so the next time you are in town for your supply of "Baccy," don't forget to slip in to the post office and mail those minutes.

NEWS ITEMS

In a typical year, 2,518 men are killed in coal mine accidents, and 181,300 accidents occur involving loss of time because of injury.

Metal mining seems somewhat less hazardous; in a typical year, 430 men are killed and 30,350 men lose time from injuries.—U.S. Bureau of Mines.

The Montreal Star on December 10, carried an article giving the views of P. C. Armstrong, Quebec Agriculturist, who has returned from Europe where he made a study of grain problems. The article says in part:

"Probably in staying out of the market until supply and demand readjusted itself, the Canadian farmers and their agencies, not only saved Canada from a huge loss of money, but perhaps even averted a crisis in the grain market. The men responsible for the cautious marketing of Canadian wheat are to be commended for saving millions of dollars to the country rather than be criticized for rash speculation."

A. J. McPhail, speaking at Indian Head, says:

"Regardless of the statements which may have been made in the last few months, the Wheat Pool is still following the policy it laid down in its first year of operation, one that has for its end the securing of a good average price every season, selling wheat when there is a demand for it and refraining when no one wants to buy."

Another definite policy of the Pool, Mr. McPhail said, was to endeavor to avoid taking risks or taking the attitude that the organization knew exactly whether prices would go up or down. "No one knows that," he said. "We try to avoid 'hunches.' We cannot take a risk like the big grain operator can. If he loses all, he really loses his own money. If we followed his system and lost, we would lose the money of our members. We have been placed in charge of the sale of wheat of 140,000 farmers, and it is their money and their confidence we would lose if anything went wrong."

There are 165 points in Manitoba having deliveries of 75,000 bushels and over, at which there is no Pool elevator. Following is a classification of the same:

Shipments	No. Points	Av. % Pool Receipts to Total Shipments
75,000—100,000	51	37%
101,000—150,000	58	27%
151,000—250,000	34	22%
Over 250,000	22	16%
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There are 19 elevator associations to be reorganized prior to July 31st, 1931.

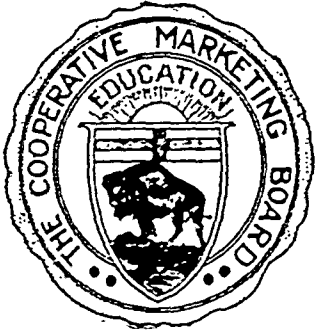
There are 5,202 coarse grain contracts expiring with the delivery of the 1929 crop; of these 1,030 are on the "inactive" list, leaving 4,172 coarse grain contracts to be renewed.

DEDUCTION CERTIFICATES

Commencing with the 1928 crop, two forms of deduction certificates will be used; one for elevator reserve and one for commercial reserve. Heretofore one certificate has been issued covering both reserves. Should the delegates at some future time demand the refund of elevator reserves, leaving the commercial reserve intact to provide against contingencies, then they can be repaid by merely calling in the elevator reserve certificates. But if in such event both reserves were included in the one certificate, then a good deal of difficulty would be created and probably misunderstanding.

ANNUAL MEETING---1930

To avoid the same difficulty that we had this past year in securing a hall, and to avoid confliction of dates, the board discussed the date of the next annual meeting, and decided upon the first Tuesday in November.



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A GROWING FAMILY.

Co-operation, as might be expected, was very much to the forefront at the annual convention of the U.F.M., held at Brandon, January 7 to 10. The Wheat Pool programme on Thursday evening was a great success, and the large audience thoroughly enjoyed both Mr. Burnell's thoughtful and interesting address and the musical numbers, which included both the sublime and the ridiculous. Earlier in the convention, representatives of all of the provincial-wide co-operatives and some Dominion organizations operating in Manitoba were given an opportunity to extend greetings and say a few words about their aims and achievements, and the delegates were evidently impressed with the progress that is being made in the peaceful revolution that is taking place through the substitution of co-operation and service for capitalism and profit, both in the marketing of produce and the purchase of farm and household supplies.

The U.F.M., with a good deal of justification, claims to be both the father and mother of most of the co-operative organizations in Manitoba. At the age of twenty-seven it points with pardonable pride to a family of ten sons and daughters, several of whom have children of their own in branches, subsidiaries and affiliated locals. The U.F.M. moreover is still young, and if the rearing of this large family has been somewhat of a tax upon its strength, there is no reason why, with the support of its children, it should not soon be showing new vigor and continue the good work.

On behalf of The Co-operative Marketing Board, the writer hereby offers and promises every possible assistance when any further increase in the family takes place. The registrar will have to charge a small fee for the issuing of the birth certificate, but The Co-operative Marketing Board, having

been endowed for the purpose of administering Manitoba's share of the Wheat Board surplus, is conducting a free clinic for the purpose of giving information and advice, which it is hoped will at least assist in seeing that the infant co-operatives brought into this hard world will be born under the best possible conditions, and will be given a chance to grow up into worthy members of the family.

Protect the Name

Co-operators in Great Britain are endeavoring to secure the passage of legislation restricting the use of the name "co-operative" to institutions conforming to the recognized principles of the movement. In this respect, Manitoba is in advance of the old land, both the present Co-operative Associations Act and its predecessor of 1916, providing this protection. In Manitoba every association incorporated under the Co-operative Associations Act must observe three principles; first, the voting rights of the members must be equal regardless of the number of shares or memberships held by each; second, there must be no voting by proxy; and, third, the distribution of the surplus, if any, must be wholly or in part according to the patronage. The act also provides that every association incorporated under its provisions must include the word "co-operative" in its name, and, on the other hand no person, firm or corporation doing business in the province may use the word "co-operative" or any contraction thereof in its name, unless it is incorporated or registered under the Co-operative Associations' Act.

Two instances have recently been discovered of the unauthorized use of the co-operative name. When interviewed, the managers both pleaded ignorance, and said they had adopted the name "co-operative" because they thought it would bring them business.

Both have adopted new names as a result of the warning given. If any reader is aware of the improper use of the word co-operative, he should inform the secretary of The Co-operative Marketing Board, who will see that corrective action is promptly taken.

Co-operation Abroad

In Great Britain, membership of the fourteen largest co-operative societies at the beginning of 1929 was as follows: London, 295,678; Royal Arsenal, 217,671; Birmingham, 135,077; Liverpool, 118,552; Leeds, 105,638; Barnsley, 82,452; St. Cuthbert's (Edinburgh), 69,817; Plymouth, 68,341; South Suburban, 61,674; Newcastle-on-Tyne, 61,303; Manchester and Salford, 57,632; Bolton, 53,749; Derby, 52,132; Leicester, 51,942.

The 1928 statistics of the Co-operative Union show the essential soundness and progressiveness of the British movement. There are 5,885,135 co-operators divided among 1,245 retail societies which have an annual trade of nearly \$1,047,000,000, yielding a surplus of \$123,800,000. Share and loan capital amount to just under \$600,000,000. The number of workers in these societies increased 9,633 to a total of 167,576. The educational activities of these organizations were allotted over a million dollars. The total trade of the English Wholesale was \$438,600,000, and this represented 50.81 per cent. of the retail co-operative trade in England, Wales and Ireland.

Traveller (to porter): "How long will the next train be?"

Porter: "Engine and six carriages."

Traveller: "You're smart, aren't you?"

Porter: "No, sir. Smart's gone 'ome for 'is dinner."

"Why is Mabel so angry? The papers gave a full account of her wedding."

"Yes, they put. "Miss Blackfield was married to the well-known collector of antiques."

A CONTRACT POOL IN AUSTRALIA.

"A voluntary contract wheat pool will operate in Victoria this season, under the auspices of the Victorian Wheat-growers' Corporation, Ltd.

"The terms of the contract entered into between the corporation and the grower provide that the contract will not operate for the coming season unless at least 40 per cent. of the land in Victoria sown to wheat be signed up for the pool. More than the required acreage has been secured, and the contracts will therefore be binding for the coming season.

"The method of marketing, adopted by the corporation is being

tried for the first time in the Southern State, and is similar to that which has been operating successfully in Canada since 1923. Following the decision of the corporation to inaugurate the contract system, organizers were sent throughout the wheat areas of the state, and were well received by farmers, despite the fact that the season has been very poor in many of the wheat districts of Victoria, the sign-up among wheat growers has proved highly successful. Some of the areas of the state where the wheat crops have practically failed altogether were not canvassed, but given a normal season next year, the corporation hopes that the

acreage signed up will be considerably in advance of this year's figures. It is stated that in a great many districts contracts signed represent over 80 per cent. of the wheat acreage, and in some places the figures show a total of 90 to 95 per cent.

"Wheat will be accepted into the pool only from those growers who signed contracts to deliver the whole of their marketable surplus of wheat to the pool, while in past years any grower could pool any portion of his wheat. Under no circumstances will wheat be received from any grower who has not first signed a contract. The term of the contract is three years.

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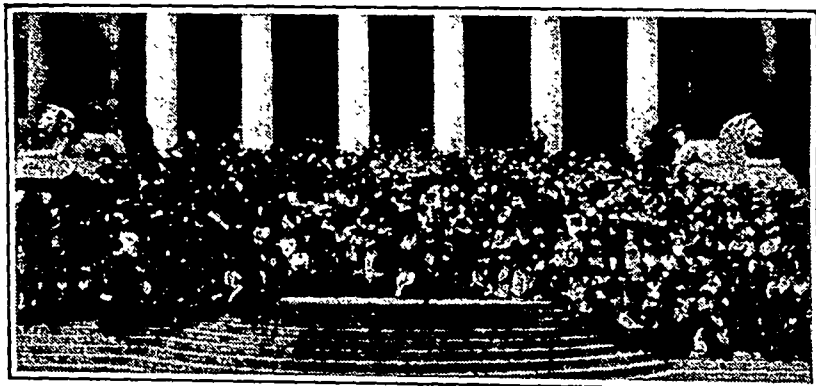
The editor has asked me to bring to the attention of the readers of this page the series of articles which begins in this issue of *The Scoop Shovel*, by F. J. Gould. Mr. Gould was for many years a teacher and he has written a number of books, some of which we have in our Pool library, on moral instruction in the schools, a subject in which, I am sure, all our farm women are much interested. He is writing these articles for the younger folk, but I feel sure the older people will learn a lot from them.

In this first article he tells the story which cannot be told too often of the Rochdale pioneers, the men and the women who laid the foundations of the great English co-operative movement and set an example which has led to the spread of co-opera-

business would bring far more benefits to them than they could get by dealing where the profits went to somebody else and so they went past the big stores straight on to their own little store in Toad Lane. And soon the store was not big enough; the membership grew and the business grew and the store of the Rochdale pioneers today has more members than the Manitoba Wheat Pool and its business runs into millions of dollars. Out of the store in Toad Lane the movement spread until today there are well over a thousand co-operative stores in Great Britain and the great co-operative wholesales of England and Scotland with their own factories and workshops and even their own tea plantations in Ceylon and ships to carry their tea and other goods.

And women contributed as much as men to this marvelous development. They are the buyers of the household and their loyalty coupled with the ability to manage in the men gave to the world the co-operative movement.

WOMEN CO-OPERATORS



Typical Congress of the Women's Co-operative Guild of Great Britain.

tion all over the world. He tells of a family which moved to a distance of over two miles from the co-operative store in Toad Lane but, he says, "their hearts still dwelt in Toad Lane and they walked more than two miles and passed many nice stores but in none would they buy bread, or bacon, or butter save in the poky little shop in Toad Lane." And who did the buying of the bread, the butter and the bacon?—The women. It is not too much to say that the loyalty of "The Woman with the Basket," the wives of the working men of Rochdale was one of the main factors in making a success of this humble beginning. They were not to be tempted by the "today's special" and cut prices of the private stores; they knew that their own

Where Women Must Help

I think our farm women of Manitoba could give support to our co-operative movement such as the women of Great Britain have given to their movement. They have the organization through which to give it. The English women co-operators in 1884 formed their Women's Co-operative Guild and today it has about 60,000 members all working not only for their co-operative stores but for the principles and ideals of the co-operative life. They have their annual congress like the annual convention of the U.F.W.M. and they discuss the same questions affecting the home, the school and the community as our women's organization in Manitoba. For after all, the most important of the problems of life are the same for men and women no matter in what country they live and in the principles of co-operation we have the best solution of these problems. Loyalty to the co-operative movement of Manitoba should be the motto of all our farm women and they should stand firmly by the movement because it means better farms, better homes and in every respect better living. Co-operation is not merely a way of doing business—a way of selling wheat, or cattle or eggs, or a way of buying things for the farm or the home—it is a way of living, and for women at least it is important to know that from the very earliest days of organized self-help co-operation has placed men and women on a plane of equality. Mr. Gould will, in his article, show us something of this larger meaning of co-operation in history.

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.)

We have just added to the Pool library Sir James Jeans' latest book — "The Universe Around Us." Here is a treat for those interested in astronomy and kindred subjects. Do you want to know how old the universe is, how it began and how it will probably end; do you want to know if it is finite or infinite and how astronomers are probably now looking right round or across it; do you want to know how far away the stars are and why some are bright and some dull; do you want to know how space is occupied and how our own solar system figures in it; do you want to know how our men of science can tell you the weight of stars that are billions of miles away; do you want to be staggered by measurements like this—12,000,000,000,000,000 miles which according to Sir James is the distance between the galactic nebulae, or like this—3,000,000,000,000,000,000 miles, which, he says, is the distance round the universe according to the Einstein theory? If you want to know about these and a host of other staggering facts and speculations about what you see when you look up into the starry heavens read Sir James' book. It ought to give us all a very humble feeling, but after all we have got to live and look after the affairs of this world whether the galactic nebulae are three quintillions of miles away or only next door so to speak, and when Sir James tells us that our own earth will maintain the human race for a million million years we may take heart and keep on building. They may need co-operative societies 1,000,000,000 years hence, just as much as we need them now.

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Here is a list of the books which have been added to the library since the supplementary catalogue was issued. Readers should keep this list by them:

Canada.

361. The Backwoods of Canada. Catherine Parr, Trail.

362. These Be Your Gods. Leslie Roberts.

Agriculture.

A. 209. Too Many Farmers. Wheeler McMillen.

A. 210. Sheep. Archer B. Gillan.

A. 211. The Small Grains. M. A. Carleton.

A. 212. Elements of Agriculture. W. Fream.

A. 213. Farm Machinery and Farm Motors. J. B. Davidson & L. W. Chase.

A. 214. Types and Market Classes of Livestock. H. W. Vaughan.

Biography.

B. 357. Pioneers of Reform. D. C. Johnson.

History.

D. 417. The Struggle for the Freedom of the Press. W. H. Wickwar.

Economics.

E. 394. The Story of Money. Norman Angell.

Literature.

G. 307. What Can Literature Do For Me? C. Alphonso Smith. Today and Tomorrow Series.

G. 308. Heraclitus, or the Future of Films. Ernest Betts.

G. 309. Isis, or the Future of Oxford. W. J. K. Diplock.

G. 310. Eos, or the Wider Aspects of Cosmogony. J. H. Jeans.

G. 311. Mrs. Fisher, or the Future of Humor. Robert Graves.

G. 312. Automaton, or the Future of the Mechanical Man. H. Stafford Hatfield.

G. 313. Typhoeus, or the Future of Socialism. Arthur Shadwell.

G. 314. Metanthropos, or the Body of the Future. R. C. Macfie.

G. 315. Kalki, or the Future of Civilization. S. Radhakrishnan.

G. 316. Eurydice, or the Nature of Opera. Dyneley Hussey.

G. 317. Hibernia, or the Future of Ireland. Bolton C. Waller.

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Right here, let us thank our members and local committees for their loyal support in assisting the management of your Association to assemble and load a greatly increased volume of dressed poultry.

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Dressed Poultry Volume and Prices 1929

The volume for 1929 exceeds 1928 shipment by 18 carloads and amounts to 1,550,000 pounds. Our membership was increased during the dressed poultry pool period by 1,634 members, and the total is now over 14,000.

The previous five years of success and high prices, followed by the condition of the market for the season just completed, will bring back to our minds the conditions of 1923, and how much more the members of the Poultry Pool received (barring a few isolated cases) than non-Pool shippers, and, notwithstanding the fact that your Association marketed 1,000,000 pounds more this season than in 1923. The prices are, Turkeys, 6c; Chickens, 7c; Fowl, 4c; Ducks, 4c; and Geese, 2c, higher than for 1923, and we think this should prove very satisfactory to our members.

The Sales Department marketed over 13,000,000 pounds of poultry and dozens of eggs for the four Western Provinces in 1929.

The following are the net prices to our members: Special Turkey, 26c; "A" T., 24c; "B" T., 21c; "C" T., 16c; "D" T., 10c; and Old Toms and Hens, 20c. Special Milk Fed Chicken, 26c; "A" M.F.C., 24c; "B" M.F.C., 20c. Special Selected Chicken, 24c; "A" C., 21c; "B" C., 18c; "C" C., 14c; and "D" C., 10c. Old Rooster, 13c; "A" Fowl, 18c; "B" F., 16c and "D" F., 12c. "A" Ducks, 18c; "B" D., 16c and "D" D., 10c. "A" Geese, 16c, "B" G., 14c and "D" Geese 10c.

We commenced to mail final payments on January 10th and the balance will follow as quickly as possible.

Grading of Dressed Poultry:

There has been some criticism over our shipping circuits throughout the three provinces, re the new Government Regulations in respect to grading.

We have made a number of inspections on cars going through Winnipeg and are satisfied that very little of the product has been undergraded. Many sections of the West, due to scarcity of feed, marketed the poorest finished product that we have seen for many years.

In view of the general market conditions during the past season, we anticipated a carry-over of several cars until after Christmas. However, we are very pleased to report that the entire product of the three Prairie Pools was cleaned up without any cars being left on our hands. While the prices paid to our members are much lower than for 1928, we feel confident that they will be approximately 5c per lb. higher than those paid by independent dealers.

Excerpt from Montreal Sales Office Report:

"Another dressed poultry season has just been completed and we have handled a much larger volume than ever before, and whether or not the final returns will prove satisfactory to our members, we can only say that we have put up one of the hardest struggles to maintain and secure reasonable prices that we have ever come through during the past seven years of operation; yet we cannot refrain from stating that we have every reason to believe that our members will get a better price than any unorganized producer on this continent."

Looking Ahead

Now that the dressed poultry season is over, let us all turn our attention to the approaching egg season and see what can be done to improve the quality of Manitoba eggs and also to make an improvement in marketing of culled live hens. Improvements can be made in a great many ways. For instance: more care and attention to regularity in feeding; more scientific methods; clean feed; clean water; more sunlight in the hen house; more sanitary and better ventilated hen houses; by "Swatting the Rooster," and producing non-fertile eggs.

The new Dominion Egg Regulations which will be brought into effect this season will, we feel certain, be a big factor towards improving the egg quality, so let all merchants and producers give it their strongest support.

The Annual Meeting:

The eighth annual meeting of the Manitoba Co-operative Poultry Marketing Association, Limited, will be held in the Norman Hall, Sherbrooke Street, Winnipeg, on Wednesday, February 12, 1930.

Registration of delegates will commence at 8.30 a.m. and the meeting will be called to order at 9.00 a.m.

IN THE LIBRARY.

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Science.

- F. 511. Ends of the Earth. Roy Chapman Andrews.
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 F. 517. Essays on the Evolution of Man. Elliott Smith.
 F. 518. The Universe Around Us. Sir James Jeans.
 F. 519. The World and its Meaning. Geo. T. W. Patrick.
 F. 520. Sterilization for Human Betterment. E. S. Gosney & Paul Popenoe.
 F. 521. The Way of the Sea (Corridors of Time Series.) Harold Peake & H. J. Fluere.
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 F. 523. The Quest for Certainty. John Dewey.
 F. 524. Parenthood and Child Nurture. Edna D. Baker.

F. 525. Bookless Lessons for the Teacher-Mother. Ella F. Lynch.

F. 526. A short History of Science. W. T. Sedgwick and H. W. Tyler.

Sociology.

H. 673. The Story of Government. Sir Chas. Petrie.

H. 674. What is Communist Anarchism? Alexander Berkman.

H. 675. International Relations. R. L. Buell.

Education.

H.E. 141. Stories for Young Hearts and Minds. F. J. Gould.

H.E. 142. Conduct Stories. F. J. Gould.

H.E. 143. Life and Manners. F. J. Gould.

Juvenile.

J. 446. A Boy Scout Around the World. Palle Huld.

J. 447. Leaves from the Golden Bough. Lady Frazer.

J. 448. Cease Firing. W. Hurbert.

"What did father say when you told him you were going to take me away from him?"

"He seemed to feel his loss keenly at first, but I squared things with a good cigar!"

A DIFFERENT MANITOBA.

(From Page 7.)

ters, after flowing quietly through the 300-mile expanse of Lake Winnipeg, are tumbled down the Nelson river, into "the Bay," and so to the ocean — remembering all the wealth and variety of resource along that course, and on the familiar prairies to the west—truly we think, our Manitoba is well-named "The Land of the Great Spirit." E. S. R.

The Pontiac Car given away in connection with the McGregor Curling Club Draw, was won by John Alexander, Strathclair, Man., Ticket No. H-6620.



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Work in this variety creation line is still going on and recently two extraordinarily valuable varieties of wheat, Reward and Garnet, have been put out. There is every reason to believe that these two between them will do even more than did Marquis to extend Canada's wheat belt northward.

Coarse grains, grasses and clovers while possibly of not quite such great economic importance as wheat are nevertheless of tremendous significance in the building up of a country. Work with these has not been neglected and to-day varieties that have been introduced or improved by Federal Department workers take a most prominent place in Canadian Agriculture.

THE SEED BRANCH

Good rotations, suitable cultural methods and right varieties are all essential but without good clean viable seed, of whatever

variety and species, all effort is futile. With this situation in mind the Seed Branch of the Department was organized and now carries on its work.

Seeds are marketed in Canada subject to the provisions of a Dominion law designed to protect purchasers against fraud and the trade from unfair competition and to help our producers put a good article on the market and harvest generous crops.

The grades and standards of quality provided in this law serve as the bases for trade. This law, along with several other laws of similar import, is administered by the Dominion Seed Branch which maintains laboratory and inspection services throughout Canada.

Copies of this law and particulars in respect to its administration may be obtained from the Seed Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

INFORMATION

Many reports, bulletins and circulars dealing with crop production, varieties, and seeds generally, are available for the asking. Drop a note (postage free) to the Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, asking for what you want or for a list of publications. They cost nothing and may be of very great value to you.

Seed preparation time is now here. Do not delay in the getting of the seed ready. It may mean many dollars and much anxiety saved.

Very much useful information and not a little inspiration may be drawn from these publications. Ask for them.

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Co-Operative Dairies

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THE FINAL ANALYSIS

We thought it would be of interest to our co-operators to know how their plants stood in the competition for butter at the large fairs throughout the Dominion. We must keep in mind the fact that, in these competitions, your co-operative plants come in contact with the best producers and manufacturers in the Dominion.

Dominion Champions

Another interesting fact is—your Brandon and Winnipeg plants are tied for the Dominion Championship Honor, this is a very strange coincidence, but speaks very highly for the fine quality of cream produced, also the efficient manner in which it has been handled. The winnings of each plant, in detail, are listed below:

Winnipeg—	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Brandon	1	2			
Calgary	1		1		
Edmonton		1	1		
Regina	1	2			
Vancouver	1	3			
Victoria	2	2			
New Westminster	1	3			
Toronto National	2	2			
Ottawa	1	1			
London	2				
Toronto, Royal	4				
	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>2</u>		

Tie for second highest score at Vancouver.
Third highest average score at New Westminster.

Brandon—	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Brandon	3				
Calgary		2			
Edmonton	2				
Regina	2	1			
Vancouver	1	2			
Victoria	3		1		
New Westminster	2	2			
Toronto National	3		1		
London				1	1
Ottawa	1	1			
Toronto Royal	4	1			
	<u>21</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

Bronze medal, third highest average score at Brandon.

Bronze medal, third grand Championship at Edmonton.

Highest average score at Victoria and New Westminster.

Dauphin—	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Brandon	1	2			
Calgary		2			
Edmonton	1	1			
Regina		3			
Vancouver		2			
Victoria		2			
London	1				
Toronto Royal	2				
	<u>5</u>	<u>12</u>			

Silver medal for second highest score at Brandon.

Giving a summary of the season's winnings at the different exhibitions of the three plants of the Co-operative Dairies, combined they won 42 firsts, 37 seconds, 4 thirds, 1 fourth, 1 fifth prize, a most remarkable performance.

Special Mention

Your co-operative plant at Brandon comes in for special mention for the splendid record of operating for the season and producing butter free from yeast or mould. No doubt you read of this in the last issue of the Scoop Shovel. This reflects great credit, not only on the efficiency of the plant, but on the producers of cream, as it must have been handled in a particularly clean manner to produce results of this kind.

Count 'Em

In computing the total scores, each first counts for eight points; each second, seven points; each third, six points, etc. A little figuring shows that your co-operative plants at Brandon and Winnipeg have each a total of 252 points. This makes a tie for the Dominion Championship—the first time, in the memory of the oldest inhabitant, that two plants of the same organization have tied for this honor. Your co-operative plant at Dauphin also made a mighty good showing.

In the final analysis, the success of a co-operative depends on the members—beginning with the care taken to turn out a high-grade product and then the application of truly co-operative principles throughout all the devious details of marketing—so that the member gets the fairest return for his work.

Manitoba Pool Fieldmen Meet

A conference of Pool fieldmen and elevator superintendents was held in Winnipeg on January 13, 14, 15. There were also in attendance the directors, Reid, general-manager of Saskatchewan Pool Elevators; T. Guild, director of field service, Saskatchewan, Pool council; T. J. Murray, K.C., and some members of the staff. Secretary Ransom acted as chairman. In his opening remarks he dealt with the comparative price argument, pointing out that the only sound basis upon which the membership can be built up and maintained is in the belief in co-operation as the means to create a better order of society, and to bring about social and economic justice. The future of the Pool lies in the young people and the development in them of the spirit of co-operation — the teaching of the co-operative idea in the schools.

The subject of meetings was introduced by fieldman Richmond. He divided them under three classifications—local board meet-

ings, school house meetings, and general meetings, and stated that each had a distinct purpose. He believed those held in the school houses were of the most importance because it was there that the farmer felt most at home and entered most readily into discussion. They were best for the personal contact. Both these and the public meetings, he said, had to be organized to assure attendance, and the means employed were:

1. The support of the local officers.
2. Personal notice.
3. Use of the local newspaper.
4. Telephone and posters.

In the afternoon, Mr. Burnell spoke on general organization. We had, he said, to get away from the direct use of Pool propaganda and make the contact with the member by indirect methods, through services. Sympathy, and the support of those in other vocations might be secured if we set out to assist other

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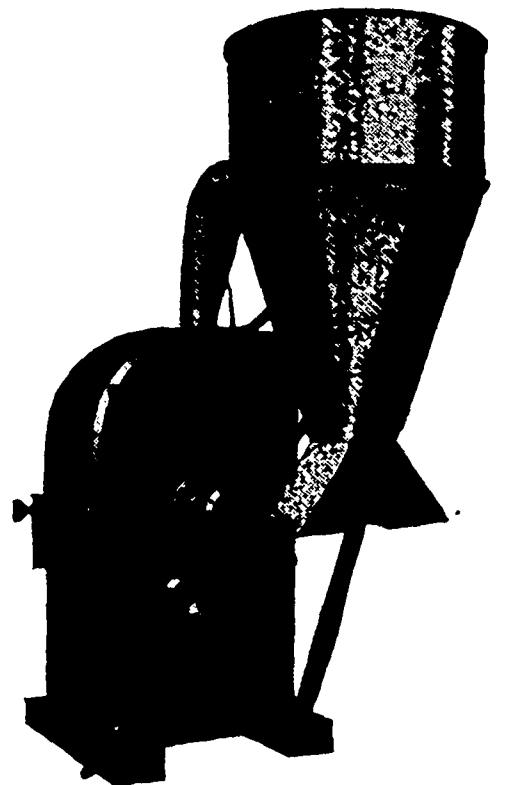
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Co-operative Livestock Marketing

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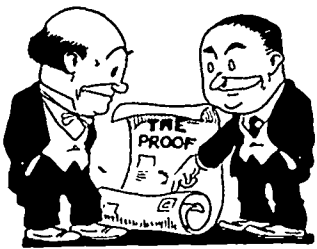
BUSINESS IN 1929

During the year 1929 there was a total of 12,412 carloads of livestock received at the Union Stockyards, St. Boniface. Below is a comparative statement showing the share of this total handled by each of the various firms:

	Carloads
1st, Central Livestock Co-operative	2,980
2nd,	1,479
3rd,	1,266
4th,	1,162
5th,	1,012
6th,	975
7th,	953
8th,	645
9th,	566
10th,	565
11th,	482
12th,	327

The showing of your Co-operative livestock marketing organization (which handled just over 24% of the total) is highly satisfactory and the outlook

for an even better year in 1930 is encouraging indeed. Producers are swinging in-to line with their neighbors in rapidly increasing numbers—and your Co-op. will soon embrace by far the greater percentage of livestock producers in our province.



Why the Contract?

At a recent livestock meeting someone asked the question "Why do we sign a contract?"

The question is pertinent and deserves the serious consideration of every producer who earnestly desires the success of the Co-op.

The Manitoba Co-operative Livestock Producers was organized as a business institution on a province-wide scale for the purpose of merchandising the livestock products of its members. As a business institution it had to enter into certain definite contracts with other business concerns in order to carry out the purpose for which it was set up.

The first of these concerns was the bank. The Co-op., when it started into actual business, had no "tangible assets" in the ordinary sense of the term. It had, on the other hand, a very "tangible liability" in the form of a loan from the Co-operative Marketing Board. The loan had been extended to it to carry on organization work.

Philanthropists? Not Quite!

Bank managers, as individuals, may sometimes be philanthropists—but as bank managers, never! And yet the banks were quite willing to finance a marketing concern whose only asset was something less than 2,000 signed contracts of Manitoba farmers. Why? Because they saw by these contracts that these farmers had registered in a clear and business-like manner their decision to control the sale of their products through an organization of their own.

The Proposition Looked Good

The proposition looked good to the hard-headed banker and his judgment has been fully justified by the subsequent growth in membership and volume of business achieved by your Co-op. This success did more than demonstrate the soundness of the Co-op. as a business proposition—it emphatically demonstrated the loyalty of the farmers who made up the membership, and their ability to direct their own livestock marketing organization.

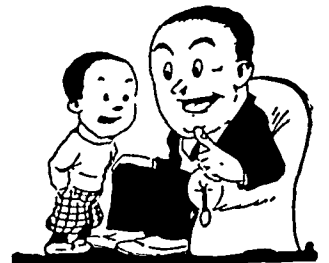
Next, the Co-op. had to enter into business arrangements with salesmen, clerks, accountants, stenographers, etc.—then with other sales organizations similar to itself,—all on the strength of the individual contracts of its members.

Remember This

Remember this, the "producer contract" is the foundation stone of the entire organization. It is not a document, signed in a moment of foolish enthusiasm, which compels the producer to abide with its terms long after cold reason has shown him his folly.

The contract is a business-like and practicable method of securing for the producer a voice in the merchandising of his own product. It is absolutely in line with the most approved methods of modern business. It is our "tangible asset" — the concrete evidence of your determination to work with your neighbor for the benefit of both.

It must be gratifying to all our members to know that this "tangible asset" has increased appreciably—that now well over 6,000 Manitoba livestock producers have contracted with each other to sell their livestock together. It must be gratifying, too, to know that the business of your Central increased over 60% during 1929—and that everything points to a bigger and better year in 1930.



MERI-KA-CHAK— HIS MESSAGE

At last the booklet that so many boys and girls have been waiting for is nearly completed. In it, as he would have us tell it, begins the Message of the great chieftain Meri-ka-chak (the Friend of all Men) to our own boys and girls. The verses are all written, the pictures all drawn—and all sent to the printer. Soon the printer will send us back thousands of copies of the Booklet (it has 32 pages and bright pictures) and we will be ready to send them out. Every Booklet is to go—Free—to a boy or girl. Leaflet "E" the last of the series, will be out in the mail before you read this. If you miss it—or if you have missed any of the other leaflets—write in to the Manitoba Co-operative Conference, 8th floor Wheat Pool Bldg., Winnipeg, and we will tell you how to get the Booklet—free. Here is one of the stories told by Meri-ka-chak:



Moos-Toos, The Bison.

Listen to a tale recounted
By my kind old nurse Wen-o-nah
In my far-off days of childhood.

"Long ago" Wen-o-nah told me
"There was warfare without
ceasing

'Twixt the timber wolves and
bison.

Though the bison were the
stronger

Yet the wolves were easy victors;
For they kept in packs together
While the bison wandered singly.

Fierce and cunning are the grey
wolves,

When they spied a single bison
From his comrades separated
Silently they raced towards him
And from every side attacked
him.

As he charged the wolves that
faced him

They would scatter, but behind
him

There would come a deadly on-
slaught—

Cruel fangs would snap his
tendons.

Helpless, he would falter, stumble,
Weakened, fall an easy victim

To the cunning of the wolf-pack.
So, at last, they learned their
lesson;

They, to win, must band together.

Now, when through the snow-
clad forests,

Howling sweeps the gaunt, grey
wolf-pack

Swift the bison form a circle,
In the centre place the young ones
While around them, stand the
strongest

Shaggy shoulder touching
shoulder.

Never yet the wolves have
broken

Through that circle of protection.
Those who, hunger-maddened,
try it

Are hurled backwards, dead or
dying.

"Ever Since" Wen-o-nah told
me,

"Have the bison kept together."

"There goes a man who has done
much to arouse the people."

"Great labor agitator, eh?"

"No, manufacturer of alarm
clocks.

Maid: "Neighbor wants to borrow
your set of Shakespeare, mum."

Mistress: "Can't she borrow a
volume at a time?"

Maid: "No; she wants four volumes
to raise a bridge table."

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GIVE US A SIGN.

Folks who are well up on their Old Testament remember how often the prophets of old pointed out to the people of their day something as a "sign" that their words were truth. And may we say, without the least irreverence, that the folks of today are equally insistent in their demand for a "Sign." In business, as in individuals, it is "by their fruits ye shall know them." But today a most promising business may yield a reduced harvest or may be choked out altogether by the weeds of opposition unless the spring tooth of publicity is assiduously and persistently utilized in cultivating its field of opportunity.

Submitted Herewith.

Our Consumers Co-operatives, striving to do business at cost, have cut advertising to the minimum. We are, however, submitting herewith a proposition that we believe is a good investment for locals. It is a sign, as illustrated above. Running along the ridge of the local warehouse it enhances the appearance of the building and announces in letters bold that here a progressive Consumers Co-op. is open for business.

The Sign of a Co-op.

This sign will be metal on a strong framework, fixed to the roof with seven pairs of angle irons—a strong permanent job. The name of the local will be painted in dark green on a background of battleship grey—the colors of the Co-op. Wholesale. The price? Purchased singly, this sign would cost the local about 12½ cents a day for one year; if a number of locals bought such signs for their oil stations, the cost would be considerably reduced. And the value of such a sign on all Co-op. oil plants—announcing, so that he who runs may read, that each was a unit in the Consumer movement — can hardly be over-emphasised. Your

office will furnish further information upon request.

We Roll Up Our Sleeves.

Now the holidays are over — we are all lined for a big year. There is every evidence that our movement will expand rapidly during 1930. From every corner of the Province folks are writing in asking "How do we go about organizing a Consumers Co-op.?" Your office usually replies in a letter advising that a meeting be called, a provisional board of seven be appointed and an active canvass be launched for members. For the average gas and oil plant some \$2,500 capital should be raised, by selling shares of \$25.00 each, the necessary equipment (tanks, etc.) may be bought for cash.

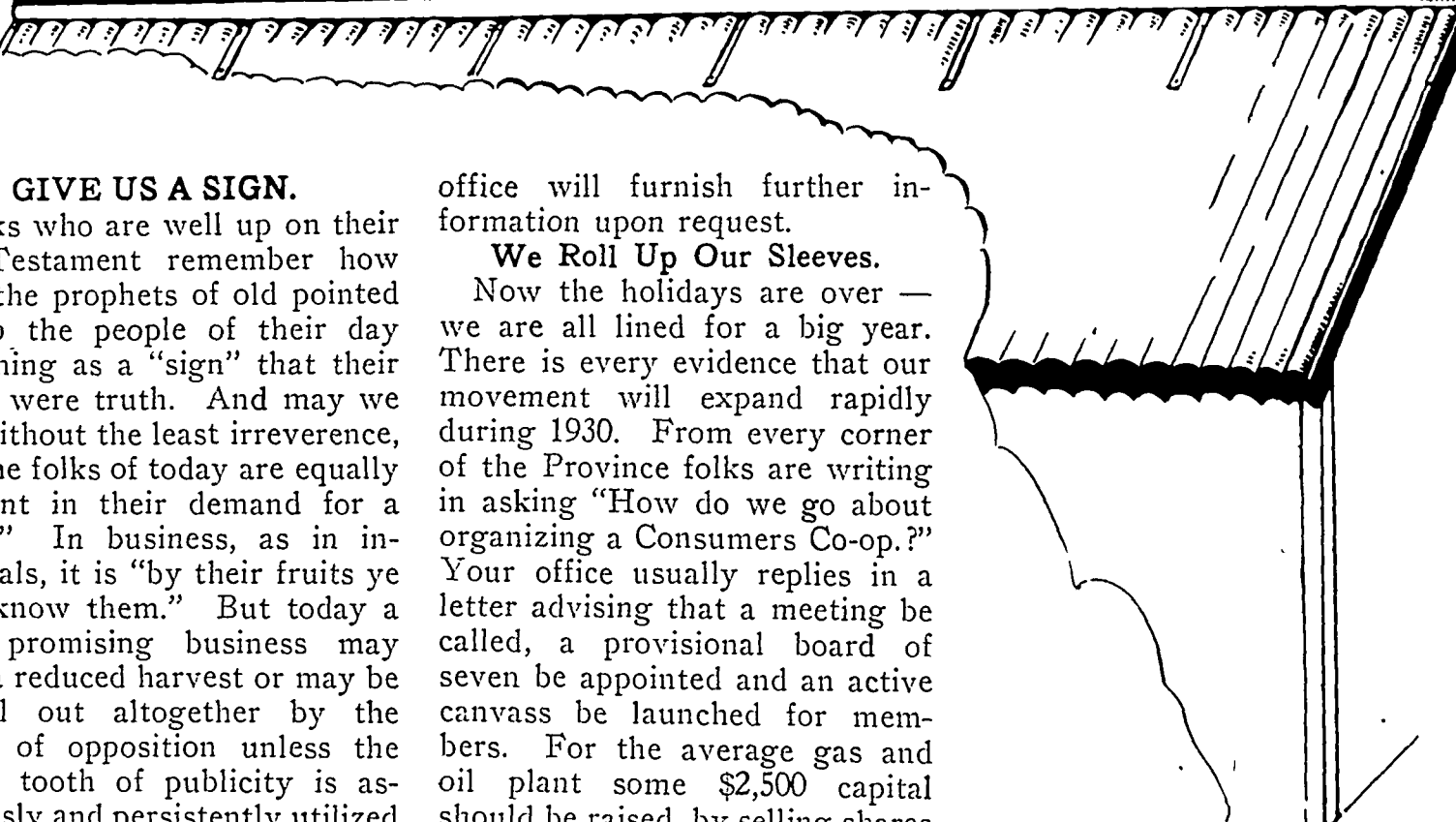
And After That

The folks who are really interested in the inquiring district usually get busy; then a fieldman calls along to help and head the local toward successful operation. The financial statements of the various locals, coming out now, are showing just how successful many of the locals have been in giving service and earning dividends for the folks who use the Co-op. For instance—one member joined a local some three months before the end of 1929; he paid for one share—\$25.00; he bought a lot of goods and in that three months earned patronage dividends totalling \$50.00.

Last Month's Message.

On this page last month several items were submitted for the consideration of members at their local annual meetings. Some annual meetings have already been held; at these the items submitted were discussed and in an encouraging number of cases the members responded loyally.

After all, the Wholesale is the business of the members—it is completely in their hands. The direction of its affairs must be the subject of your candid consideration. You have laid on your



officials the responsibility of handling your business in the best way. Last year has demonstrated emphatically the potential usefulness of your Wholesale. We believe that, to reach its full usefulness, your Wholesale should be more adequately financed. But the decision is yours.

AN AFRICAN EGG POOL.

That there is world-wide virtue in pools is being demonstrated daily, and "The Rhodesia Herald" of October 11, 1929, carries an account of the annual meeting of the Rhodesian Egg Circle. The balance sheet, showing 4,152,036 eggs handled, clearly demonstrates that this is one of those circles that take in a lot of territory.

Hon. R. A. Fletcher, Minister of Agriculture for Rhodesia, showed that the egg circle there functions in exactly the same direction as our own Egg Pool, when he wrote as follows: "I can appreciate the value of the work you are doing in the poultry industry in both stabilizing the local market and in establishing an export trade."

The business of the egg circle is steadily increasing, according to the chairman, P. H. Gresson, although several difficulties have been encountered in the past year

in the way of increased rates, railway strikes, etc., which increased operating expenses without returning bigger prices. As a result of those drawbacks a deficit of £526 (\$2,630) had to be met out of reserve, giving proof once more that a strong reserve may become a necessity to the survival of any co-operative under certain circumstances.

In the past two years, the Rhodesia Egg Circle has handled eggs to the value of £75,800 (\$379,000), and has given very general satisfaction, adding to the great mass of evidence which shows a well-managed co-operative to be the best known means of distribution.

POOL REPRESENTATIVES TO MEET BRITISH CABINET.

At the request of the Right Honorable J. H. Thomas, Lord Privy Seal, in the British cabinet, and in fulfillment of a promise made to Mr. Thomas at a conference held by him with the Canadian Wheat Pool in Winnipeg last September, three representatives of the Pool left in the middle of the month for London to meet Mr. Thomas and other members of the British Government. The Pool representatives are A. J. McPhail, president of the Canadian Wheat Pool; D. R. McIntyre, eastern sales manager, and W. A. MacLeod, Director of education and publicity for the Canadian Wheat Pool.

Mr. Thomas who is minister of unemployment in the British government, made it clear while in Winnipeg that his main purpose in coming to Canada was to explore every avenue for securing a more uniform flow of outward and return cargoes between Canada and the United Kingdom. Various suggestions were discussed with pool representatives for ensuring a more even and regular movement of Canadian wheat to British ports.

While in the Old Country the pool representatives will meet Henry J. May, secretary, and Sir Thomas Allen, one of the directors of the International Co-operative Alliance, in connection with a proposed conference of producers' and consumers' co-operative organizations to be held next spring.



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as much as
the hired man*

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THE CONVENTION.

Now that the annual convention for 1930 has passed into history we can only trust that the good feeling in evidence there will be radiated out into the country by the delegates as it has already been to some extent by the radio. The efforts of every member are necessary to carry the U.F.M. to red-letter achievements.

Many delegates voiced their regret at the absence, in hospital, of Mrs. Anna Gray, whom an infected hand prevented from attending the convention.

There were 263 delegates present, and together they passed a large number of resolutions bearing on taxation, old age pensions, mothers' allowances, child welfare—these being in the forefront—, also farmers' debt adjustment, life memberships, licensing and bonding produce dealers, etc. One hundred per cent. co-operation was favored, but not compulsion as a means to it. The educational program was reviewed, especially regarding the question of a gramophone in the schoolhouse. Good roads, future organization and financing, banking reports, and a proposal for further consolidation of the U.F.M. alliance with co-operative institutions, were subjects of debate.

Officers.

The election of officers resulted in the following list:

For president, Thomas Wood, for his third term of office; vice-president, F. Downing, after three ballots.

Mrs. Gee-Curtis was again returned to the presidency of the U.F.W.M., and Mrs. Elliott carried the ballot for vice-president.

T. Turnbull was again appointed auditor.

The junior oratorical contest was well received by the delegates, and it is hoped that this

work may expand since the juniors will be the leaders of the association in a very few years. The competitors were:

Ivy Hales.....Forrest
Iris Tompkins.....Carman
Gerald Habing.....Hazelridge
Alvin Smith.....Minitonas

The first prize was awarded to Ivy Hales and second to Gerald Habing both speaking on the subject of "Science and Invention." Alvin Smith also spoke on this subject whereas Miss Iris Tompkins spoke on the inspiring subject "Romance of Co-operation."

U.F.M. Annual.

The U.F.M. annual was seemingly appreciated, and a great many favorable comments have been received. Nevertheless, readers will find a number of errors (typographical, etc.) in the annual. Those who were most concerned in getting out the annual realize the shortage of time, unavoidable delays, etc. but experience will, doubtless, help in a better production for 1930.

Essay Contest.

"Why the Farmers need the U.F.M."

1st prize—Chas. Lucas, Gordon Local.

2nd prize—A. Harland, Rathwell, Local.

3rd prize—Fay Aurelia Stewart, Minitonas.

We wish to thank the judges for their interest, also those who took part, and Henry Birks & Son, who donated prizes. The only identification marks on the essays, when placed in the hands of the judges, was a number. It is almost uncanny when we note the winning numbers, 7, 3 and 11, or as the darky would say: "Sebben come Elebben," — and the dice were not loaded.

Remember the Slogan contest as appeared in the November num-

ber of the Scoop Shovel closes February 15th. Send them in at once. D. R. Dingwall's are assisting central office in putting over this contest.

On page 92 of the U.F.M. annual you will see another contest. See your local secretary re this.

The evening programs were greatly enjoyed by those listening in.

Tuesday we had Miss McMurray speaking on "Child Welfare and Juvenile Court Work."

Wednesday Mr. Arkell, Dominion Livestock Commissioner, and W. Crawford on Livestock Credit; Hon. T. A. Crerar on the U.F.M. Retrospective and Prospective." Hon. Robert Forke and Hon. John Bracken also gave inspiring addresses.

Thursday—Wheat Pool night. Mr. Burnell, as speaker of the evening and Mr. Syd Barnes and his troupe from the office as entertainers. Leaving the icing of the cake until last, we were again favored by Miss Flora Matheson, "The Wheat Pool Girl." Her imitations of the bagpipes carried Peter Wright, Scottie Wood, and John Allan back to Scotland. She was "A' yae oo."

Friday evening was taken up with the final debate. Selkirk defeating McDonald by a narrow margin. The question being Co-operation vs. Socialism. The Kiwanis furnished the evening's entertainment which was enjoyed to the full. Mr. Dafoe's address on the Canadian Constitution was one that will be remembered for years to come. Some of the members were anxious to know if copies could be procured. Central office will deal with this matter and report to locals later.

Ben Lewis, director for Selkirk sang and made a real hit with the listeners in. The singing of "God Save the King" closed the 1930 convention.

ON THE LAKES.

The Manitoba fishermen, both Pool members and those outside, are away up on the lakes for the winter fishing. The season commenced November 10th. The Fish Pool operates 20 stations on the different lakes; fresh and frozen fish are now coming in to these.

To date, the catch is very much lighter than last year. This, combined with the fact that the fishermen are united in their Pool, means that prices are higher. The Pool has paid its members first and second payments for fresh fish shipped in during November.

Recently, our fishermen, headed by Mr. G. Fjeldsted, Fish Pool director from the Lake Winnipeg district, met Hon. Donald G. McKenzie, to discuss the new regulations. This winter the catch on Lake Winnipeg is to be limited to 5,000,000 lbs of tulibeas — some 225,000 of this limit was caught in the fall season.

WINNIPEG CONSUMERS ORGANIZE.

Feeling that the time had come to form a consumers co-operative in the City of Winnipeg, a number of people, deeply interested in co-operation, met last October, and launched the Winnipeg Consumers, Co-operative, Ltd. Success has already marked their efforts. The organization has not only over 100 members enrolled, but is supplying them with coal.

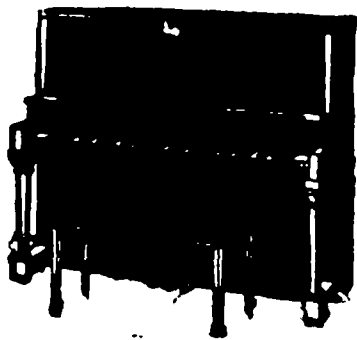
Residing in Winnipeg are hundreds of people who were members of co-operatives in the Old Country. These are displaying a lively interest in the new organization, and many of them are rallying to its support. A particularly noticable feature in the drive for members, is the enthusiasm shown by Wheat Pool members, residing in Winnipeg. "Just the thing we want here," is what they say, and several have already joined.

This new organization will do much to bring the producer and consumer together, and will strengthen the bonds between the rural and urban worker.

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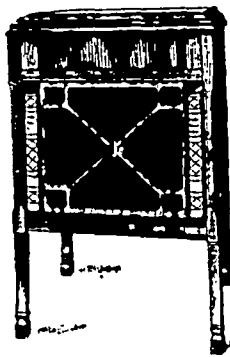
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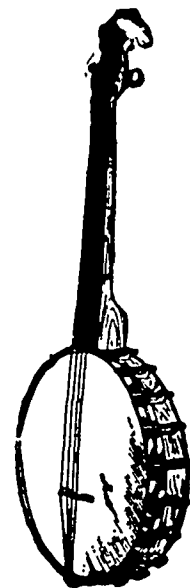
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MANITOBA POOL FIELDMEN MEET

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institutions serving rural life and encourage any movement for the betterment of community life.

Beautifying elevator grounds indicated a desire for something more than a grain handling facility. The Junior Co-operative Seed Growers is a work carried on by the young people for the production of better seed; it has the whole-hearted support of the members and the co-operation of the Agricultural College, and the experimental farms. We should encourage membership in the other co-ops. and particularly use our influence to help strengthen the U.F.M.

W. L. Watt dealt with "making the local function." He stressed systematizing our work. There are, he said, matters of detail that local men can and should attend to, leaving the fieldmen with more time to attend to other duties. Some locals have appointed a canvasser for each of the townships in the municipality, and these men share responsibilities with members of the local

board and make for greater efficiency.

S. M. Gibson gave a report showing the number of elevator associations to be re-organized and number of coarse grain contracts to be renewed. He thought that joint meetings with the U. F.M. would be of value to both organizations, and suggested that the matter be taken up with the local boards.

On Tuesday, Mr. Kane, superintendent of Pool elevators, spoke of the danger of over-commercialization. The elevators, he said, are not operated for the purpose of making a profit but to render all the services that such a handling facility can, and should render, at cost. Details of elevator operation were gone into, by the conference, Mr. Kane giving much information.

In the afternoon, Mr. Mahoney spoke on the co-ordination of elevator superintendence and field service, showing how the duplication and unnecessary travelling could be avoided with the proper direction of all their efforts.

H. F. Donovan and W. Cross-

ley showed how the idea might be applied with respect to checking up on non-deliveries, but they pointed out the most important factor in this particular connection is the local board, and the officers must realize their responsibilities for the loyalty of the membership in the elevator associations.

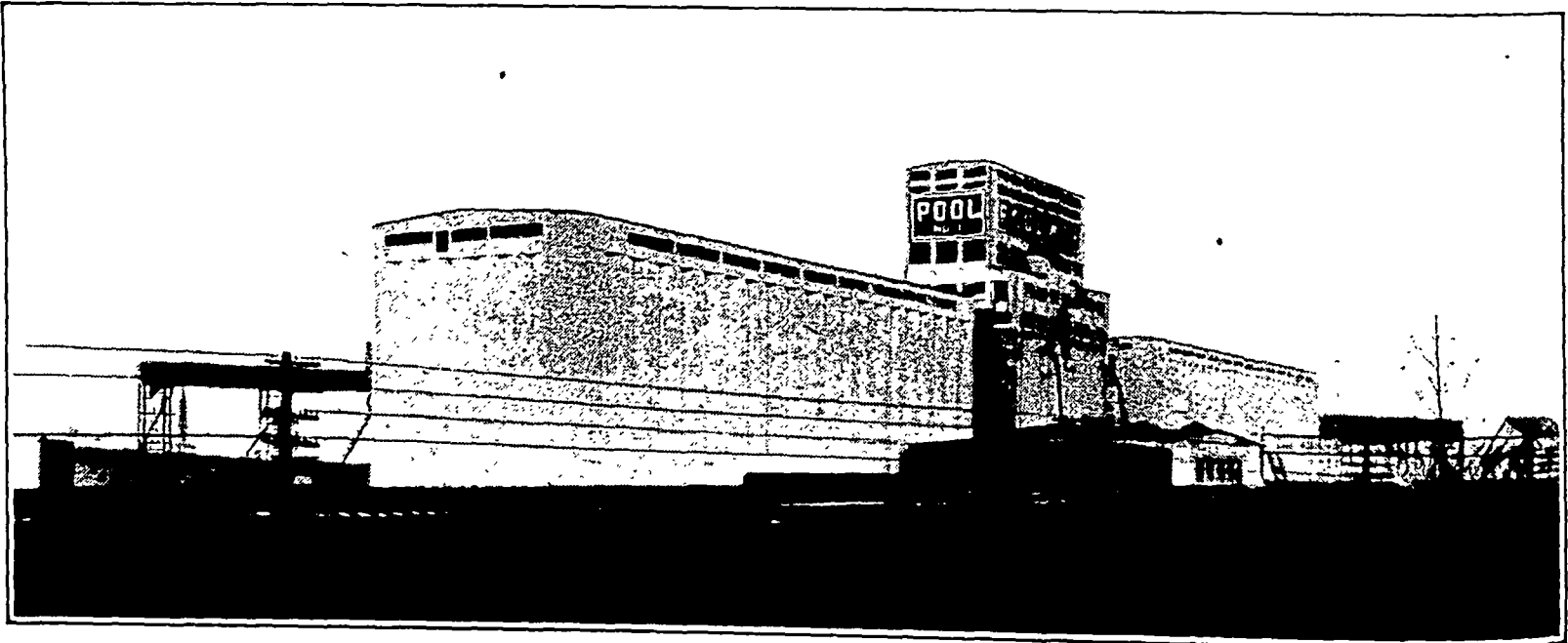
George McIvor, General sales manager, gave a very informative address on sales policy. He stated that had we during the last year, dumped our wheat on the market in competition with the Argentine wheat, not only would there have been no final payment, but we would probably have taken some 15 cents less than we have already received.

P. Wright, Pool grain inspector, stated that in 1928 grades had been raised on over 300 cars; during the last year and up to January 14th, grades had been raised on 136 cars and the dockage checked on 126 cars.

Perhaps the most animated discussion took place on Wednesday when G. H. Chapman and E. Jay Watson put forward the question,

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LARGEST AT ANY SEAPORT.



ALBERTA TERMINAL, VANCOUVER, POOL No. 1.

A regular "mammoth of the seven seas" is the terminal elevator, Pool No. 1, at Vancouver. Owned by the Alberta Pool this terminal has just been extended by a new storage annex with a capacity of 2,750,000 bushels, thus bringing the total capacity up to 5,150,000 bushels, which is second only to Pool No. 7 at Fort William.

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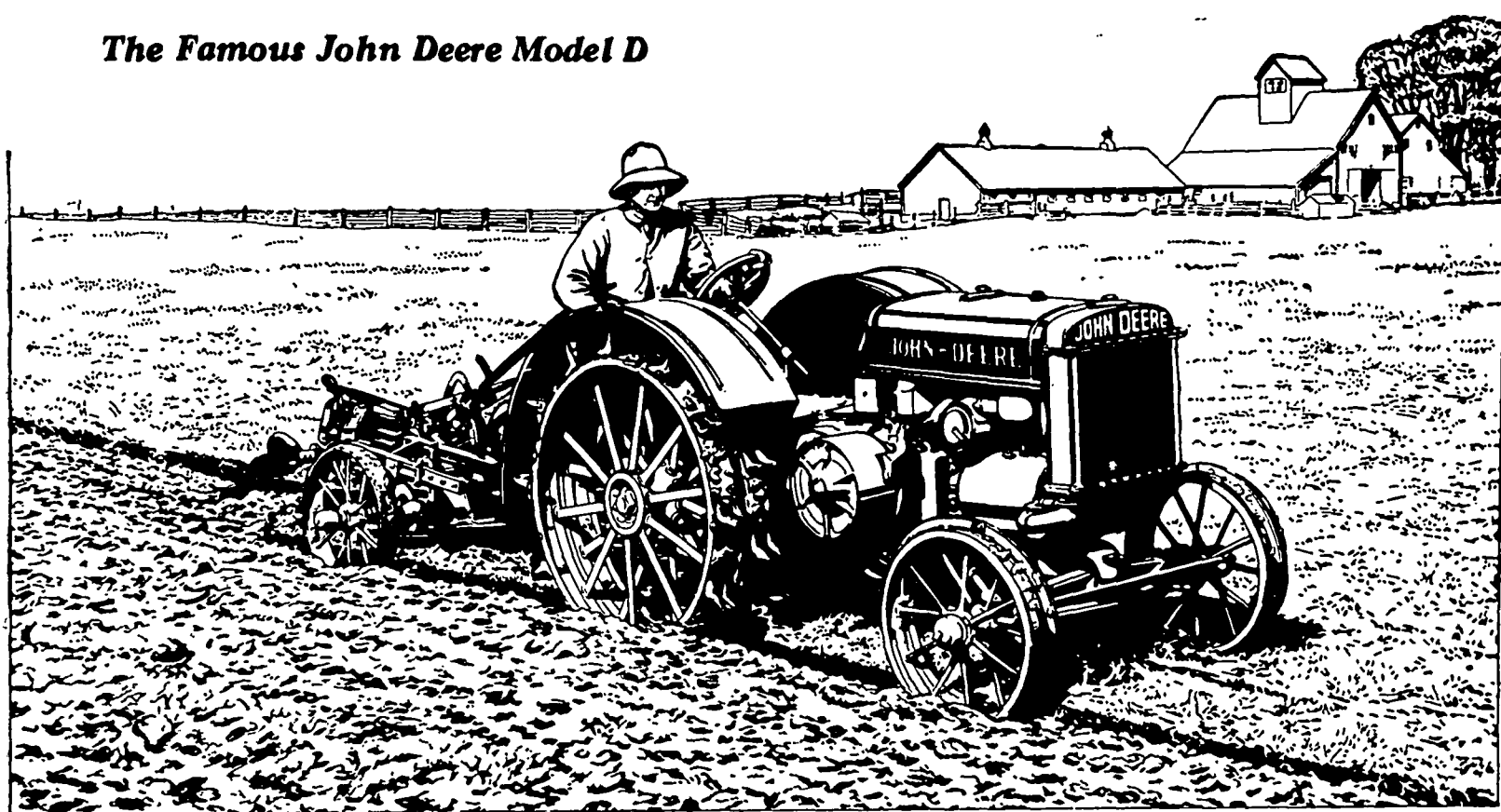
Port Arthur, who rank among the foremost designers of grain terminals in the world, built the new extension during 1929, and incidentally added to their long record of excellent service to the farmers, having built all terminals put up by farmers' organizations since the farm movement extended into the elevator business.

The Alberta Pool has always looked to the Pacific seaboard as

the natural outlet for its members' wheat, and about 70 per cent. of the crop of that province was actually shipped westward in 1928-29.

The new annex alone required in its construction 800,000 board feet of timber, 1,800,000 lbs. of reinforcing steel, 60,000 barrels of cement, 40,000 cubic yards of concrete and 1½ miles of conveyor belt.

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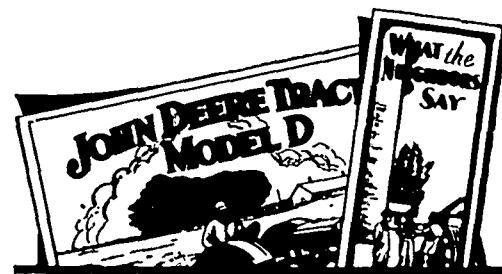
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The Ontario Onion Pool

The Ontario Onion Growers' Cooperative Limited, popularly called the Ontario Onion Pool, was organized during the fall of 1927 and the winter of '28, in response to a general appeal from the rank and file of the onion growers, particularly in Leamington, for some type of cooperative marketing agency. For ten years preceding this the Erie Cooperative Limited had been the chief marketing agency for onions, and for several years before that an organization known as the Leamington Onion Growers' Association had served as a selling agency for the majority of growers. Both of these were cooperative only in the sense that the cost of selling was pro-rated among the members in proportion

to the number of cars shipped and supplies were sold at cost to members. Otherwise, each grower received the invoice value of each individual car which he shipped, less the cost of selling. Five cars going out to five different markets in one day, might bring five different prices, and instead of receiving the average for the day, each grower would get a different price.

For several years prior to 1927, members had been deserting the "Erie," and in that year it finally closed its doors. The onion market was badly demoralized, and growers were receiving only half what the market would have paid if it had been properly fed.

An attempt was made in mid-season to form a new organiza-

tion, contracts were printed, copying the Wheat Pool form of marketing agreement almost verbatim, except for inserting the word "Onions" in place of "Wheat," and deleting such clauses as were not applicable to onions. A hasty canvas of growers resulted in signing up sixty per cent. of the Leamington growers, but in the two smaller districts of Erieau and Jeannette's Creek, jealousy and suspicion of anything emanating from Leamington was very apparent, and less than twenty per cent. signed up. The matter was thereupon dropped.

In December of 1927, two men were appointed from each of the three districts to draft a constitution for a marketing agency modelled on the Wheat Pools, but adapted to the needs of a semi-perishable product. Once again the Wheat Pool Marketing Agreement was used as the basis for the marketing contract, advice was secured from the Director of Cooperation for the Ontario Government as to by-laws, and a provincial charter was secured on January 5th, 1928. An intensive canvas of growers finally resulted in securing 90% of the 1928 acreage signed up to five year contracts. No paid officials were appointed until July 1st, 1928, when a manager was hired, and on July 12th, the first carload of onions was shipped. It was not until July 15th that a stenographer-bookkeeper was added to the staff, and a month later three shipping clerks. This staff handled a volume of sale in six months amounting to half a million dollars.

The membership of the Onion Pool is confined at present to two counties, Essex and Kent, in the southwest peninsula of Ontario, the two most southern counties in Canada. The total acreage covered under the marketing agreements does not exceed 2,500 acres, only three-fifths of which is normally planted in any one year. The number of members is about 125. The average value of business per member in 1928 amounted to approximately \$4,000.00, and the value of the crop approximately \$330.00 per acre.

The system of "pooling" or averaging prices had to be modified considerably to accommodate the semi-perishable nature of onions and the seasonal market. Norm-

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ally, the very early market is the highest, and to encourage early production, the first few weeks' shipments are averaged weekly until such time as every grower has some onions ready. From then (usually around September 1) until December 1, the whole three months are pooled and an average price paid for each grade.

By December 1, all onions unsold must be put in frost-proof storage. Each grower has the choice of storing what he has left and making or losing on the winter market, or of including them in the summer pool. In order to assure each man having the same proportion of his crop left on December 1st, shipments during the season are made by allotment. Each man's crop is estimated and divided into five equal "allotments." Every member must have an opportunity to ship his first allotment before any one starts on his second, and so on.

All onions, whether stored individually or by the Pool, are sold during the winter through the agency of the Pool and at the price set by the management. Members storing their own onions receive the market price for the week during which they are sold, while onions taken over by the company are pooled along with the fall sales, and the growers receive the average of the whole thing. There is an agitation at present to prohibit private storage and have everything averaged, but the difference in the keeping quality of various lots of onions is a serious obstacle. Naturally, growers whose onions will keep the longest think they should get the most money.

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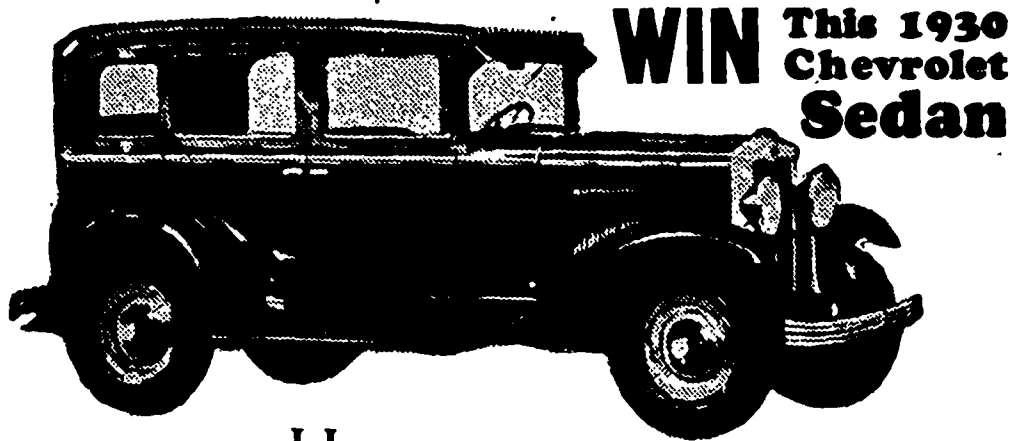
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MANITOBA POOL FIELDMEN MEET

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"Can the interests of the Pool best be served by special effort to increase the membership or by some further development of the co-operative spirit in the present membership?"

This led to pertinent questions as to whether the price argument or the idealism of the movement had the strongest appeal. "If price levels are your only argument, you are licked" said one, whilst another replied, "You cannot build solely on sentiment." Common ground was reached in concluding; the co-operative movement satisfies all human needs, and to build on a permanent foundation the appeal must be made to both the ethical and the material, without stressing one more than the other.

The conference was stimulated when T. Guild, director of field service, spoke of activities in Saskatchewan. He said there is a noticeable trend to broaden the scope of the work, and the time will come when the fieldmen will not only act as such for the Wheat Pool but for all the Pools, the Co-ops. and the Agricultural College as well.

J. T. Hull made a valuable contribution in the afternoon, on co-operative education. No co-operative organization will live without spiritual zeal, he said. All life and all recorded history is filled with numberless instances of the instinct to associate. We

can find stimulation in reading of the lives, sacrifices and struggles of the early co-operators, and like them we should state boldly that we are out to establish an order of social and economic justice.

V. Poloway stated that 15% of our rural population and 10% of the Pool membership is non-English. He spoke of the conditions in these communities, and added that due to the difficulties of language and understanding they were entitled to sympathetic treatment and consideration.

Each of the directors spoke and brought forward some practical suggestions. They endorsed a general policy of co-operation with other co-operatives and the U.F.M., emphasizing strongly the need of a strong educational body in Manitoba.

PEACE.

(By Edwin Markham.)

Rejoice! O world of troubled men,
For Peace is coming back again;
Peace to the fields where hatred raves,
Peace to the trodden battle graves
'Twill be the Peace the Master left,
To hush the world of Peace bereft;
Again the shell-torn hills will be
All green with barley to the knee;
Again in rent and ruined trees
Young leaves will sound like silver seas;
And a great hush will softly fall
On tortured plain and mountain wall.
And men will wonder over it,
This red up-flaming of the Pit,
And they will greet their friends
and say:
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U.F.M. CONVENTION.

(From Page 5.)

ed on the Wednesday morning. An important resolution of this day's session was one calling for an investigation of the possibilities of a scheme of agricultural insurance by the Board of Directors with instructions to report at the next convention. The co-operation of the farmers' organizations in Saskatchewan and Alberta was to be sought in this investigation.

It was announced that a membership of the U.F.M. showed an increase of 20% over last year, the paid-up membership now standing at 4,784.

At night Mr. H. S. Arkell, Dominion Live Stock Commissioner enthused the audience with an eloquent advocacy of co-operative marketing in the course of which he urged that the Provincial and Dominion Governments should give a solid backing to the co-operative movement.

The Hon. T. A. Crerar reviewed briefly the history of the U.F.M. and spoke warmly of the work of the organization for the future.

Premier Bracken spoke upon some of the problems of the pro-

vincial government, and Mr. F. W. Crawford told of the efforts of the Manitoba Livestock Company to provide facilities for the development of sheep breeding in the province.

On Thursday the delegates reaffirmed the policy of the organization against a protective tariff, and protested against "the action of the poultry Pool in asking for the increase of the duty on eggs, and for the permanent maintenance of an arbitrary valuation of frozen eggs for customs' purposes, because such action places agriculture as a whole at a serious disadvantage in resisting the demands of other industries for increases in the tariff."

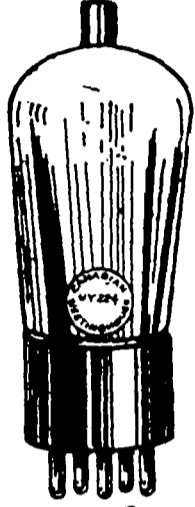
Another resolution opposed all assisted immigration, and the convention also approved of the Mafeking cut-off to The Pas.

There was no debate on the question of the U.F.M. receiving grants; the convention, without discussion, approved the policy adopted last year and made a "final appeal" to all co-operative organizations to help in the finances of the U.F.M.

Thursday night was "Wheat Pool" night and a programme of

entertainment furnished (with one exception) by the staff of the Wheat Pool, was greatly enjoyed by the delegates. The exception was Miss Flora Matheson who
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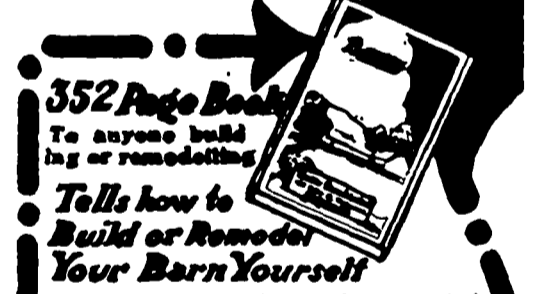
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appeared before the convention for the fourth year in succession. The Manitoba Wheat Pool quartette consisted of Misses Edith Metcalfe and Frances Raven, with Messrs. J. O. Daley and Syd Barnes. All did solo numbers and Mr. Barnes kept the

audience informed, and also in gales of laughter, with his introductions. F. D. Bradbrooke gave banjo solos.

Mr. C. H. Burnell told the convention something of the work of the Co-operative Conference and the great need for systematic

co-operative education and of the efforts that are being made to bring about a united co-operative movement in the dominion.

On Friday the convention voted upon the place for the next convention—the vote favoring Portage la Prairie.

Among the resolutions passed at the last session were the following: The institution of a system of debt adjustment in the province; the establishment of an industrial training school for delinquent girls; an amendment of the Execution Act exempting from seizure six horses instead of four as at present; enforcement of the Produce Dealers' Act, and such amendment of the act as may be necessary to safeguard the shippers of produce; the establishment of November 11th, "Armistice Day" as an annual holiday and a day of remembrance in place of the present "Thanksgiving Day."

The convention also approved of a proposal for a membership campaign and the appointment of a committee to meet with the Co-operative Conference with a view to the co-ordination of the educational work of both organizations, another resolution calling for a conference composed of three members from the U.F.M., three from the U.G.G., and three from the Co-operative Conference with the object of "consolidating the activities of our commercial farmers' organizations, and establishing them on a truly co-operative non-competitive basis."

An excellent debate was staged at the last session on Friday night, the subject of the debate being: "Resolved that the highest social development will result from the adoption of co-operation rather than of socialism." The judges gave a verdict in favor of the affirmative. All four of the debaters spoke well and their subjects showed that considerable study had been given to the subject.

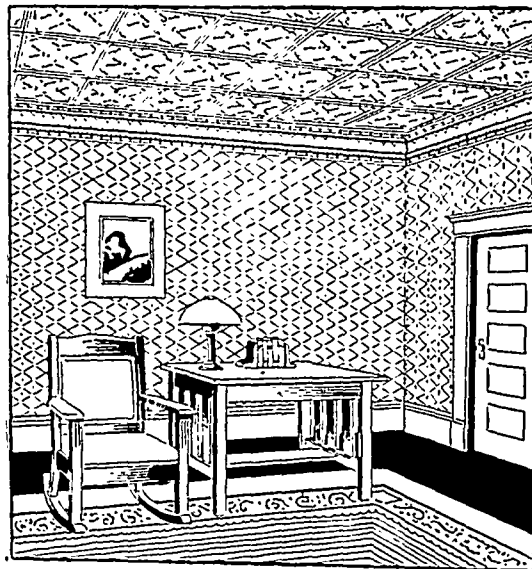
Dr. John W. Dafoe, editor of the Free Press, outlined amendments of the Canadian Constitution which were necessary to meet the changed political status of Canada. The convention completed its programme. There were not the usual number of resolutions to be referred en bloc to the board of directors for consideration.

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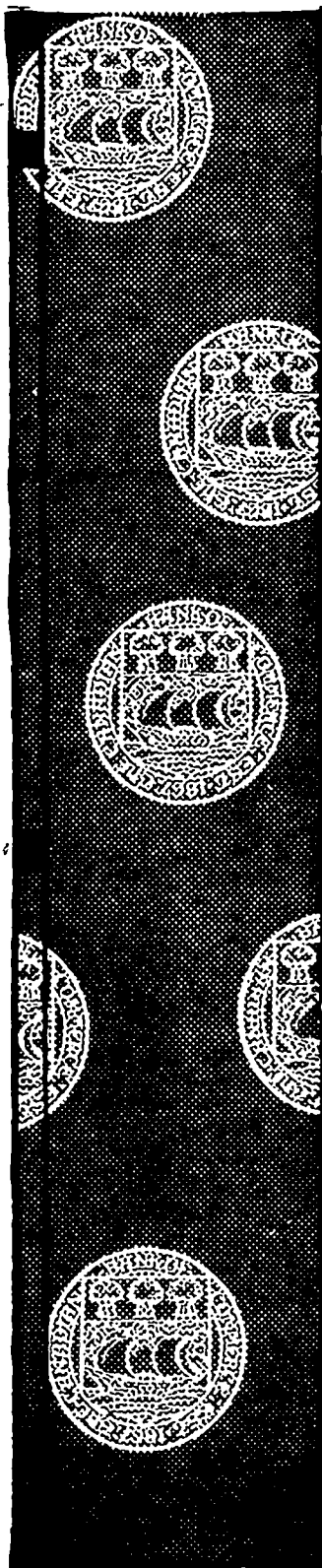
When the river is in flood this is a scene well worth the time spent in watching. One section allows down traffic and one up. There will, perhaps, be one or two hundreds boats to pass through the up section in the short space of one hour, and any that do not get through are compelled to wait for the opening next day. The current at the bridge is fast at flood time, so that considerable difficulty is experienced in getting the boats through. The boatmen fight and struggle for position, and before the bridge has been open for many minutes it becomes a struggling, fighting mass of boats and irate humanity. River police try to regulate the traffic, but all in vain. It is not uncommon to see free fights with oars or whatever may be handy, to get the best position, and not uncommonly the odd boatman goes with the river, never to be seen again.

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The Pyramids

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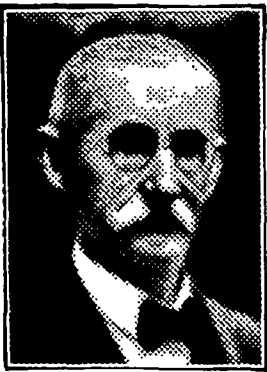
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which carries us for eight straight miles to the pyramids and the Sphinx. On arrival, the size and solemn grandeur of these buildings immediately impress you, and in my particular case it was with a feeling akin to awe that I approached the base of the largest, called Cheops. It is said that three hundred and sixty thousand men were employed for twenty years in the building of this great monument, which was to be used for the mortal remains of the ruler Khufu. It was originally 480 feet in height, but the apex has been broken away, so that it is now only 450 feet. Each side of the base is 716 feet in length, the slant being 574 feet. The structure of the one pyramid contains nearly ninety million cubic feet of masonry. It stands precisely on the thirtieth parallel of latitude. This may be either by accident or design, but the four sides face the cardinal points of the compass. On the north side, precisely in the centre and fifty-two feet above the original ground level of the pyramid, an opening is cut. This was only discovered in recent years by an officer of the Royal Engineers. This opening leads to a descending passage three feet broad and four feet high, which leads downward at an angle to a chamber hewn into the rock foundation more than one hundred feet below the ground level of the base. This chamber lies in a perpendicular line six hundred feet directly under the apex of the pyramid.

Two other chambers are also cut into the stone, and it was in the solemn stillness of these chambers that the stone coffins containing the royal mummies were laid to rest. When the opening was discovered and the vaults entered, it was found that the sarcophagus had been broken open and the bodies removed. This was, no doubt, done in the ages of antiquity, as no historical record can be found regarding same.

There are three pyramids in this particular group. The second in size is almost as large as Cheops, but the construction is not nearly as perfect. Huge slabs of stone, some of them weighing fifty tons, are cut and fitted with the exactness of the works in a watch. It is difficult to discover the joints on the in-

side where wind and sand have not been able to destroy. No cement or mortar was used to set the stones in this tremendous structure, which goes to show the perfection of the work.

What suffering the building of such a useless monument must have caused! The people belonged to the state and were called off the land by the thousands to do slave labor on the building of a tomb for a despotic monarch, but how little it meant insofar as he was concerned. His body was taken from the grave and probably destroyed, and it now stands a monument to engineering and labor, built in an age when machinery was said not to exist. It will always be a world wonder, and looks as though it will stand for all time.

There are about seventy pyramids in all, but the others are puny as compared to the two large ones mentioned.

The Sphinx

The Sphinx should be mentioned. This great image stands north of the second great pyramid. The figure is hewn out of solid rock, has the body of a crouching lion, and the head of a man. It is one hundred and ninety feet in length. Between the paws, which are extended to a distance of fifty feet, is a monumental stone bearing the name of Khafra, who is said to have dedicated the image. The shoulders are thirty-six feet in breadth, and the head measures, from top to chin, twenty-eight feet six inches. In a land like this where awe-inspiring monuments and temples are plentiful, the immensity of the image impresses one, and you wonder why it was made and what it was used for. No one knows definitely, but perhaps some day our Egyptologists will unearth something that will reveal the secret.

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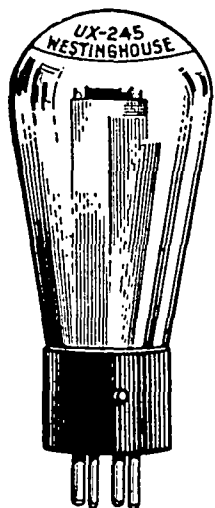
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Mr. Chambers pointed out that under the act as it is at present, money obtained by a co-operative for capital purposes, can be dealt with by the department in three different ways, depending on the accidental form of incorporation. He considered that where monies are obtained by co-operatives for capital expenditure, they should not be treated as income in that year.

Mr. Hillas dealt with the share capital of Fraser Valley Milk Producers' Association, and pointed out that while the company had started with the rule that members should subscribe for stock in proportion to the milk consigned by them to the association, it had been impossible to adhere to this rule strictly, due to the great influx of soldier settlers in the Fraser Valley. All the consignors, however, were required to be shareholders, and when producers ceased to deal through the company their shares were redeemed and they ceased to be shareholders.

Mr. Keen spoke on behalf of the 36 consumers' co-operative societies in Canada, and pointed out that such societies made savings for their members, but did not make profits. He stated that savings dividends paid in cash to the members were allowed as deductions by the department, on the theory that they were trade discounts. He considered the ruling correct, but for a wrong reason, and pointed out that where it was impossible to pay these dividends in cash in any year, the department taxed the association on them as if they were income. Payments in some cases could not be made where the farmers had been unable to pay the association for the goods purchased. The result was that those associations which were least able to stand it were required to pay income tax, for a reason which he considered unsound.

Mr. J. J. Morrison spoke on behalf of the Canadian Co-operative Livestock Producers, Limited, and supported the application.

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inet by one of the speakers, that the United States had legislated on this matter in 1919, and had amended its act in 1921, again in 1924 and again in 1926. The amendments appear to have given general satisfaction in the United States. The United States is dealing with a problem which is similar to the problem here, and the co-operative organizations here would be satisfied with an amendment to the Canadian act in similar terms. The American section was read to the Cabinet, but Mr. Dunning objected to the provision which permitted co-operatives to pay interest to their members. Certain other members of the Cabinet, however, were in favor of this provision.

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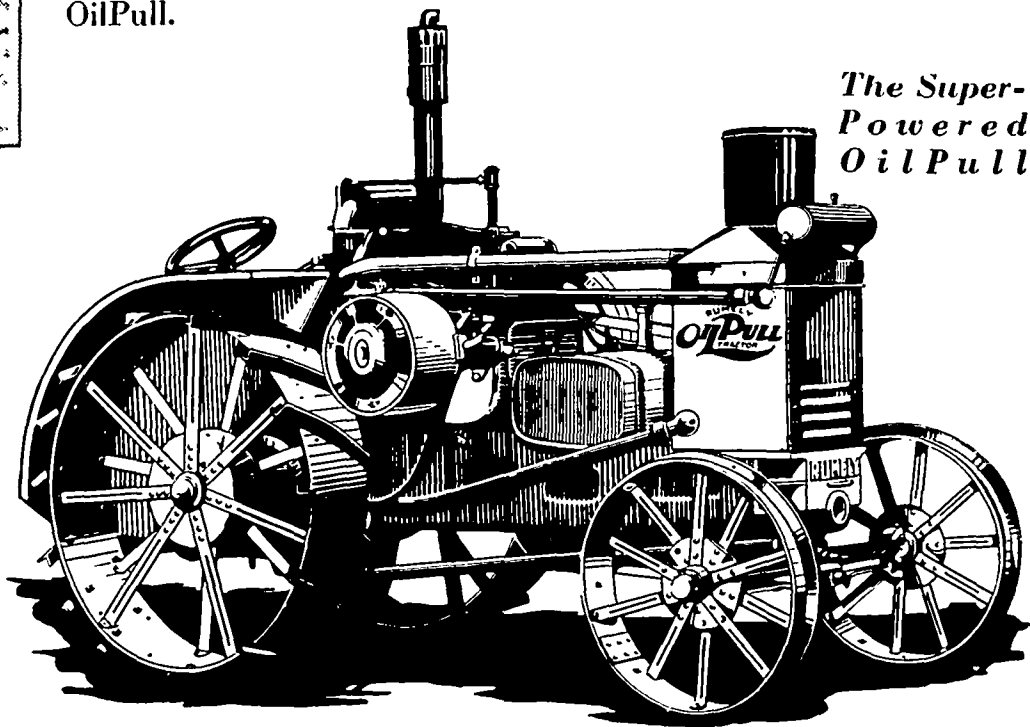


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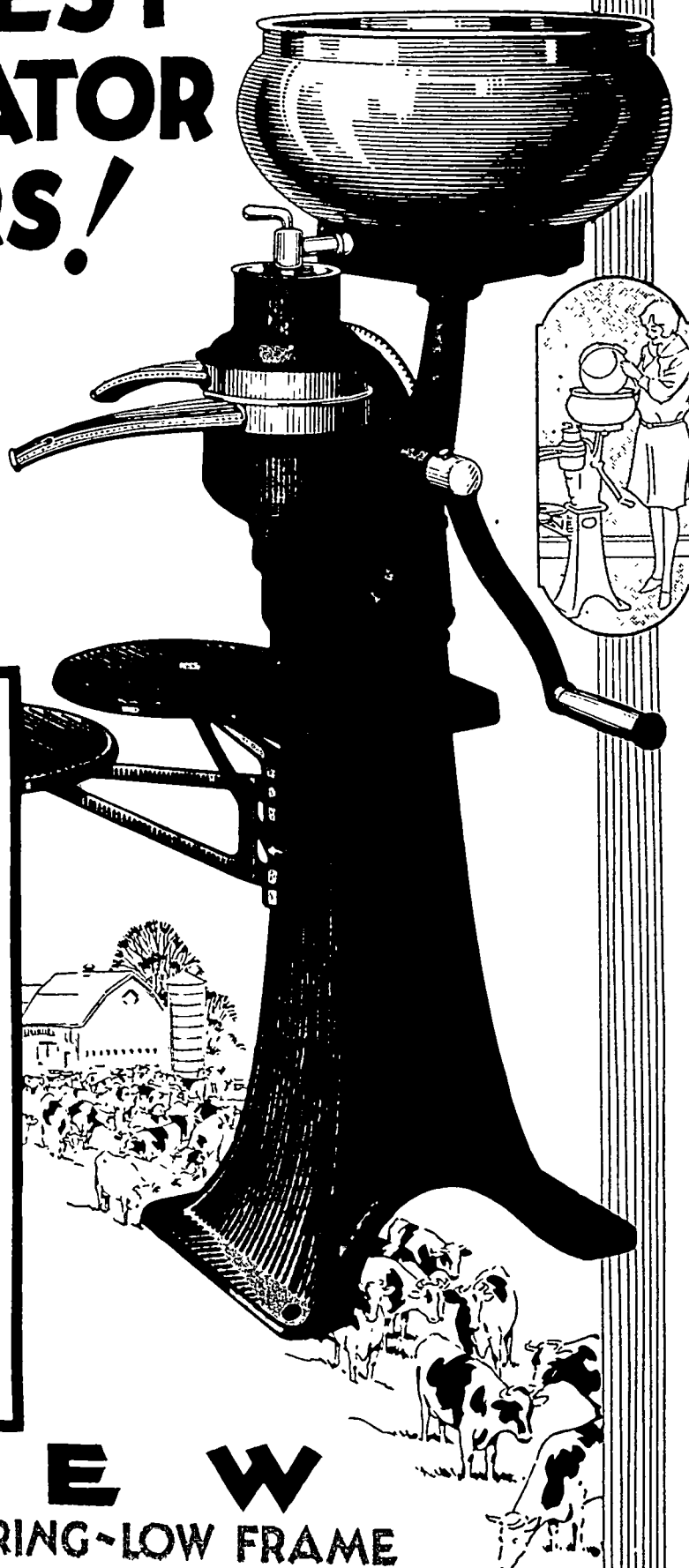
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