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Co-operation among Farmers

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and other benefits accruing from joint action:

	1908	
Car Flour	\$ 45 per sack	
Car Lumber	\$ 60 per thousand	
Joint Car Twine	\$2 per pound	
	1909	
Car Flour	\$ 45 per sack	
Car Coal	\$ 4.00 per ton	
Joint Car Twine	\$2 per pound	
	1910	
Scots Coal	\$2.00 per ton	
Car Flour	\$ 45 per sack	
Car Coal	\$ 4.00 per ton	
Joint Car Twine	\$2 per pound	

In addition to the above we erected a weigh scale, secured stockyards from C.P.R., secured a crossing from C.P.R., were the means of inaugurating a movement which was successful in securing permanent station agent through railway commission and also secured grant from municipality to secure suitable entrance to elevators. The above is only the apparent or direct advantage derived from co-operation amongst us, but add to that the indirect (the general come-down of prices locally) and it will be found that the system of co-operation amongst farmers is of incalculable benefit, both to the parties participating and to the consumer at large. An instance worth quoting occurred at this point prior to the advent of our own grain company. Three neighbors had each about 350 bushels of wheat for which they were offered the magnificent sum of 34 cents per bushel by the local buyer. These men shipped the wheat together and netted 77½ cents per bushel.

W. GIBSON.

ANTLER, SASK.

I am instructed by this association to forward to you a statement of our success in handling a car of flour and feed some time ago. We had prices quoted by five mills and having decided upon the most satisfactory offer we looked orders for greater part before sending in order for carload. The car contained 160 sacks No. 1 flour, 10 sacks Graham flour, 10 cwt. rolled oats, 35 sacks of bran, 35 of shorts and 35 of wheat chop; in all 30,500 lbs. The members were notified of the day car was expected and secretary opened an office in convenient place and received cash and made out bills which were taken direct to the car where an assistant turned over goods as per bill. We charged half a cent per sack over actual cost, including freight, and as everything was satisfactory we came out just a little more than even. We estimate that the transaction saved just about \$100, for those interested, over retail prices here, and we have a number one article.

J. A. PROVEN, Sec.

KISHEY, SASKATCHEWAN

Last year the Glasstown and Weirhill branches of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association co-operated in the matter of formaldehyde and binder twine. In reference to twine, we secured a carload on which we saved to our members \$390, on time payments due November 13, 1910.

In reference to formaldehyde, we secured by the barrel at a cost laid down to our members of less than 15 cents per pound. One of our people who was not then a member of our association was going away, and to make sure of his formaldehyde, ordered it in town and, on asking the price, was told about thirty cents per pound. Imagine the smile on his face when he returned and the merchant told him the price was 20 cents per pound. Therefore, we saved fifty per cent to our members and to our people who were non-members thirty-three per cent, which to me looks like good business.

GEO. CHRISTIE,

President, Weirhill Branch

Kishey, Sask.

EAGLE CREEK, SASKATCHEWAN

In regard to your enquiry in The Guide some time ago, I beg to say that this branch has only bought formalin co-operatively, paying 17 cents per pound for it. We also got quotations from several firms for binder twine but as we were not in a position to pay cash we ultimately bought from a local merchant and paid 9½ cents per pound for standard twine. I might say that three years ago we paid

respectively 40 cents and 14 cents for these two commodities.

ALAN R. MUDIE.

Eagle Creek, Sask.

CLARESHOLM, ALBERTA

Report of produce purchased by the Clareholm 5 mile Union, No. 79, for the year of 1910:

From Kelowna, B.C., we bought fruit as follows:	
Pearles	\$42.50
Plums	\$9.10
Apples	\$6.00
Apples	\$2.50
Apples	\$10.15
Apples	\$5.80
Pears	\$3.50
Prunes	\$5.85

On fruit we did not make any saving, though with the experience we will be able to make a saving next year.

From Leduc, Alberta, we purchased potatoes and other garden vegetables, costing \$481.09.

On vegetables we saved about fifteen per cent.

We bought flour bran, shorts and oatmeal from Lethbridge, Alberta. On flour we saved about thirty-two per cent., based on store prices here. On bran and shorts we made about twenty per cent., based on store prices here.

The prices paid were:	
460 sacks Flour	\$ 691.98
393 sacks Flour	753.92
404 sacks Flour	573.47
604 sacks Flour	1,269.54
754 sacks Flour	841.43
50 boxes Prunes	230.00

\$5,020.72

A. G. AHERN, Sec.-Treas.

Clareholm, Alta.

BARROW LAKE, SASKATCHEWAN

In response to your request for reports on co-operative buying, our association bought twine at a saving of a cent per pound, the total amount being purchased being in the neighborhood of 13,000 pounds. Also we purchased coal from a local dealer at a saving of 70 cents per ton. This is all we have bought co-operatively and we are well satisfied with the result.

E. TREGASHES.

Barrow Lake, Sask.

BERTON, MANITOBA

In reply to your request for an account of any co-operation of the local associations, wish to say that our association bought one car of flour, bran and shorts. The secretary advanced the money and sent cash with order, thus securing the one per cent. discount for spot. This paid the secretary for the handling of the car, thus saving the association any expense for labor. The car contained 213 sacks of flour, 122 of bran, 42 of shorts. Flour laid down cost \$27.75, bran 80c., shorts 85c. Total car \$717.95. This car retailed by our merchants would have cost us \$832.75. Difference, \$114.80 with labor paid.

This is the only bit of co-operative buying our association has been able to do up to date, but are looking to help ourselves more in the future. The car was placed promptly and flour satisfactory.

CHAS. DOBSON.

Berton, Man.

ZELMA, SASKATCHEWAN

My attention was called to the fact that you requested from all the secretaries of the G.G.A. the information as to the amounts saved by co-operation. I will submit the following for the past in connection with our branch which I hope will be the information desired:

7 cars wood. Price paid, \$3.80;	
local dealers, \$6.00 to \$6.50.	\$246.40
4 cars oats. Price paid, 33 cents;	
local dealers, 40 cents.	509.50

Total amount saved \$755.90

T. C. JOHNS.

Zelma, Sask.

TANTALLON, SASKATCHEWAN

In 1904 the farmers in this district organized a co-operative creamery association which has proved a success. The shares were ten dollars and 141 were taken up and 40 per cent. called in. Our average for several years has been over 50,000 pounds of butter, the factory being operated by the dairy department of the Saskatchewan government. Over ten thousand dollars annually is paid to the patrons. One cent per pound of butter manufactured goes into the



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