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REACHING ACROSS CANADA

Story of the Canadian Council of Agriculture and the Farmers' Platform.

FOR every responsible person of adult age, living in Canada, there are three fields of citizenship—the local municipality, the Province and the Dominion. The organized farmers' movement in Canada, which has for its supreme object the establishment of good citizenship, is based upon the idea of usefulness within those three fields. The organized farmers have first, their local societies or clubs; secondly, their provincial associations, which embrace and co-ordinate the local organizations within each province; and thirdly, their Canadian Council of Agriculture, which represents the sphere of federal interests, and is composed of representatives from each of the provincial bodies. Thus it may be seen that the farmers' organizations coincide fairly closely with the popular and representative institutions of government in the country—the municipal council, the provincial legislature and the Dominion parliament. It is with the relationship of the farmers to the Dominion through their Council of Agriculture that this article is mainly concerned.

In December, 1909, at Toronto, on the occasion of the annual convention of the old Dominion Grange, which had been confined largely to Ontario, the Canadian Council of Agriculture was organized. Roderick McKenzie and E. A. Partridge, well-known Grain Growers from the West, attended the convention of the Grange in 1909 as delegates, and they drafted the constitution of the new Council of Agriculture. The first president of the Council was elected in the person of D. W. McCuaig, then president of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, and the first