

FOREWORD

THE editorial from which the title of this booklet is taken appeared in the Emporia Gazette, August 15th, 1896. The heading and opening statement are as follows:

"WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH KANSAS."

"To-day the Kansas Department of Agriculture sent out a statement which indicates that Kansas has gained less than two thousand people in the past year. There are about two hundred and twenty-five thousand families in the State, and there were about ten thousand babies born in Kansas, and yet so many people have left the State that the natural increase is cut down to less than two thousand net.

"This has been going on for eight years.

"If there had been a high brick wall around the State eight years ago and not a soul been admitted or permitted to leave, Kansas would be a half million souls better off than she is to-day."

Kansas is a farming State and has no large cities in it. The condition of affairs described above was brought about because the common farmer, like the small farmer in Canada, was without credit and was at the mercy of the financial and commercial interests of the country.

The title of this booklet has been chosen from this editorial because the writer hopes to be of some service in helping to bring about the re-organization of the credit system of this country. All countries that have classified their banking systems so that small farmers receive fair consideration have found it beneficial to the farmers and profitable to the banks.