

The Co-operative Movement in the West

Great Activity by the Grain Growers

(From the Canadian Co-operator.)

Probably most of our readers are aware that of late years there has been developed a powerful movement of a very progressive character among the farmers in the prairie provinces. In Manitoba and Saskatchewan it is known as the Grain Growers' association, and

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in Alberta as the United Farmers of Alberta. In concert, they have, on several occasions, made their influence felt on both federal and provincial governments. The farmers organized their own Grain Growers' company for the marketing of wheat in competition with the capitalistic ring, and they have a powerful organ of the movement, with a weekly circulation of upwards of twenty thousand, in The Grain Growers' Guide.

The Grain Growers' Guide is one of the few journals in Canada which is free from the corrosive influence on public life of state-protected capitalism.

Some manufacturers boycott its advertising columns, notwithstanding its great value as an advertising medium, because they do not approve of its editorial policy on social and economic questions. Accustomed to a spineless press, they feel such tactics must necessarily succeed in subverting the public interest to their own unjust aggrandizement. They are, we venture to prophesy, making the business mistake of their lives. They are likely to get a taste of the effect of good, old-fashioned, independent, incorruptible British journalism, behind which will be found thousands of subscribers with an inherited hatred of tyranny in any shape or form. We have no doubt that the net result of such a policy of unfair discrimination will be that, other things being equal, the Western farmers will decline to purchase any goods which are not advertised in the literary vehicle which reflects their own sentiments and interests.

The Grain Growers' Guide has been a consistent friend of the Canadian Co-operative Movement. On its frontispiece, as a sub-title, it has "Organization—Education—Co-operation," an implied injunction to which every good Co-operator will subscribe. No other journal in Canada—excepting, of course, this little organ, which is published for the express purpose—gives so much space to Co-operative news as does The Guide, and it is probably largely owing to its influence, and the fact that absolutely new communities are constantly coming into existence, that the development of the Movement in the West is likely to be far more rapid than in the East.

The Grain Growers' Guide recently published two special numbers on Co-operation, and invited the editor of this journal to contribute, regardless of space, a review of the history of Canadian Co-operative distribution. On the frontispiece of the issue containing the article, The Guide had the following announcement in bold characters calling attention thereto:—

"Co-operation and the Cost of Living—Co-operation is accomplishing more than any other agency towards the reduction of the high cost of living. Although comparatively new in Canada, the Co-operative Movement is progressing by leaps and bounds with almost universal success. Co-operation is a business proposition, and its results are seen in dollars and cents, but it is based on the highest moral principles. The people of every community in Canada may avail themselves of the advantages of Co-operation. The story of the progress and achievements of Co-operation in Canada is told in this number."

The Guide also published lengthy articles in another issue by the French-Canadian Co-operator, Mr. Alphonse Desjardins, on the Co-operative Credit Bank System in Quebec, of which he is the founder, and another by Mr. Marvin E. Townsend on the development of Co-operative distribution among the farmers of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Dakota under the auspices of the Right Relationship League. In addition, numerous reports were published from the local branches of the Grain Growers' association of their Co-operative activities, principally in an informal and unincorporated way, but nevertheless calculated to stimulate education in and the practice of our principles.

The editor of The Guide informs us that it is his intention to publish the special articles, etc., in pamphlet form for general distribution. We are just in receipt of a suggestion from one of our largest societies that we should reproduce the article on Canadian Co-operative Distribution in the columns of the Co-operator, which we hope to be



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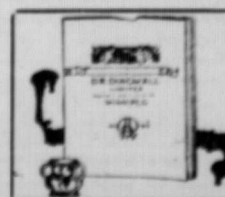
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