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The order-in-conneil of June 11, 1917, breating and giving power to the board of grain supervisors of Canada, and amended last October, has been further amended recently, enlarging the power of the board and providing for handling of this year's crop. The addition of paragraph 6-a provides that the board shall have power to determine or specify the quantity and grade of grain to be alloted to each miller as well as the commission (if any) to be paid by millers for such allotment other than that fixed by the grain commissioners of Canada. They also have the power to parchase grain and resell to millers and have supervision over the delivery by boat or rail. Paragraph 6-b leaves in the hands of the board the arrangements for the export of grain to the United Kingdom or the Allies. They have the power to buy and sell to oversess purchasers, set the price, designate the places where such shipments are to be made and the commission to be paid (if any) other than as fixed by the board of grain commissioners for Canads. Paragraph 6-Paprovides that, subject to the approval of and financial provision being made by the governor-incouncil, the board shall have power to purchase grain for the Canadian government and to sell to millers or overses purchasers.

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A further amendment was made by adding sub-paragraph (d) of paragraph 11 the following: (d) Marine and shortage insurance for Canadian Grain on Canadian vessels on the Great Lakes.

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An interstate conference of the co-operative companies of Australia met at Melbourne last May in conference with delegates from New Zealand to discuss matters of vital interest to their several organizations. His Excellency the Governor-General,—Sir Ronald Munro Ferguson, G.C.M.C., P.S., opened the proceedings with an address touching on the benefits of a national organization. He outlined briefly the workings of the central organization in Great Britain, when a representative of the three parent societies from England, Ireland and Scotland meet in London once a year as an executive board, when prices are fixed for the year with merchants and manufacturers as well as with co-operative producing societies. He also pointed out that wholesale co-operative societies in Britain run gigantic undertakings such as flour mills and boot factories. The question of closer interlimperial trade was mentioned by His Excellency. He considered that the agency of co-operative and agricultural organization would do more to foster such trade than anything else. The advisability of forming a co-operative company for the purchase and distribution of all requirements of the farmer was discussed and the consensus of opinion was that it would be a great advantage. C. E. Meares, manager of the Coastal Farmers' Co-operative Society of New South Wales, speaking in support of the motion to organize, said it was simply a matter of units coming together to make a composite whole and referred to such organizations in Canada quoting Sir Wm. Borden, Chief Commissioner of Canada, who, in a speech in England, speaking in regard to immigration, when he said that in Canada the farmers sell their goods direct to the people who use them. A free and open discussion on the advantages to be derived by a federation of all the societies and the plan of organization to be adopted followed, and later the committee appointed to draw up rules and regulations for the proposed federation brought in a report which was carried una An interstate conference of the co-

A Correction

In The Guide of Sept. 11 the duty on sails was quoted at "673 per cent. per hundred pounds." It should have read 60 cents per 100 pounds plus 73 per cent.



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