

except railway employees, may travel other than by paying their fare.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FARMER

There is no one subject which occupies such general and widespread attention today in the cities and towns of Canada as the prospective wheat crop of 1915. Every business man in figuring out the development of his business for the coming year, always arrives at this conclusion, "It all depends upon the wheat crop." In Winnipeg there is not a manufacturer, wholesaler, or general dealer but is mightily interested in the crop of wheat which the farmers on the prairies are to produce this year. The prosperity of the city of Winnipeg, and of every other city in Canada, depends primarily upon the amount of the crops which the farmers produce, and another fact—which business men generally are only now beginning to recognize—is that the greater margin of profit which the farmer secures the greater will be the prosperity of the cities and towns. This fact is being forced upon the attention of town and city business men by the daily newspapers, and by speakers who have a knowledge of general conditions. The farmers themselves can aid to a wonderful extent in this educational propaganda by increasing the efficiency of their own organization, so that every other organization will be forced to recognize them. In the past most other industries have lived off the farmers, and they will continue to live off the farmers to a greater or less extent, just as long as the farmers will permit it. If every farmer realized just how much the prosperity of the citizens depends upon his work, there would be

less difficulty in getting the farmers together to organize for self-protection and mutual interest. The farmer must wake up to a realization of his own economic importance to the nation and demand a recognition of his position and his labor in the laws which are enacted by our federal and provincial parliaments.

A VICIOUS ATTACK

Several readers have sent us an editorial article from the last issue of "The Register," Neepawa, Man., containing a statement that The Grain Growers' Grain Company

is the biggest "fake" in Canada. It posed as a "Co-operative" Company for years. The Register showed the farmers of this country that they were being duped by that term, and later was able to publish an official admission that they are not a co-operative company.

The Register has warned the Grain Growers against the schemes of politicians and private companies. The Grain Growers' Grain Company is one of those private companies that is first of all working for themselves and last of all for the farmers.

Watch them.

What object or purpose The Register has in view in publishing such a misrepresentation it is difficult to understand. The Grain Growers' Grain Company is composed of 15,500 farmer shareholders. It is quite true that its profits are not distributed on the technical "co-operative" basis, even tho the charter of the company permits such "co-operative" distribution of profits. There is no grain company in the world, today, so far as we know, that distributes its profits co-operatively, for the reason that grain is handled in so many different ways, that neither the shareholders nor the Board of Directors of the Company have yet been able to devise a system

for making such distribution of profits. Even the expert co-operators of the Old Country, whose advice has been secured on this question, have not been able to advise a solution, except by a system of accounting so elaborate that it would eat up the greater part of the profits. The same thing applies to the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Co., and the Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Co. All these companies are honestly seeking for the solution of this problem and the genius of the Neepawa Register has an opportunity right here to confer a great boon upon the farmers of this country. Unless that journal has something to propose its vicious attack simply stamps it as one of the enemies of the organized farmers.

The man who endeavors to get his member of parliament to secure him special concessions is largely to blame for the corruption in our political life.

Many men think that their member of parliament is an easy mark for anything that they can get out of him, and then they wonder that politicians become dishonest.

There are plenty of crooked men in politics but there are a larger number of crooked men who are not in politics.

Canada is the only country in the world where the people are divided into two political parties. All other peoples have found it necessary to develop a third, and sometimes a fourth, party to protect their interests. Western Canada and the western farmers will never get a square deal as long as they vote for the two old parties as they have been doing in the past.



A "DEAR" CHILD

Dame Canada: Isn't it strange, doctor, that he has grown so big and yet cannot stand on his own feet. Do you think there is anything wrong with the milk?
Dr. White: The milk's all right. He is growing and needs more, that's all. We will increase the allowance by another 7½ per cent.
Dame Canada: Oh dear it is so expensive. I am afraid he will ruin me before he is able to take care of himself.