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Because of the community life of the pioneers, instances of co-operation can be cited from a relatively early period in Canadian history, but there was no concerted effort towards an organized movement until about 1870. In a country where agriculture was, and still is, one of the most important occupations of the people, it was to be expected that the first organizations developed among farmers. A Canadian farmers'