

EVERY TOWN'S OPPORTUNITY

Boards of trade in many of our Western towns profess to be anxious to advertise the advantages of their particular locations as manufacturing and distributing centres, and the surrounding country for its wonderful fertility. Unofficially, these boards appear to be willing to contribute as much to such an enterprise as Andrew Carnegie bestows upon a town that consumes a given amount of steel, but officially, the actions of our boards are not so liberal. As far as advertising the natural advantages, or the public accomplishments of a district are concerned, boards of trade are quite unanimous, so unanimous, in fact, that literature used for one would practically do for all by changing the proper names and slightly altering references to maps.

What practically all boards of trade overlook is the development of their town by fostering home industries, with particular emphasis upon agriculture. We have frequently witnessed, during the present winter, boards of trade neglecting or refusing to lend a hand to give publicity to a seed fair or Farmers' Institute meeting, while bemoaning the lack of interest the general public outside appeared to be taking in the enterprises of the town. On the other hand, we have seen boards of trade taking every advantage of farmers' gatherings or shows to bring publicity to the town, and these are the towns that are regarded by outsiders as the most enterprising. In this matter of co-operation between town and country there is practically no limit. There is no better way to gain a favorable reputation for a town and district than for the board of trade to advertise agricultural events and accomplishments, and to exert every effort to create an interest in advanced and natural methods of farming. In fact, incalculable benefit would accrue to the town if the townsfolk made special efforts to get up meetings for the discussion of farming operations and fairs for the display of farm produce. No town can prosper unless the farmers of the district are intelligent and progressive, and the farming community cannot be prosperous without sharing their prosperity with the town. Every farming district is a Cobalt to the town that takes the trouble to develop it.—Farmers' Advocate.

Editor's Note.—We heartily endorse the sentiments expressed in the above clipping from the Farmers' Advocate. Boards of Trade will move heaven and earth, and express a willingness to tax themselves out of all proportion to the benefit they may hope to derive, to induce manufacturing concerns that may employ a few hands to locate in their town, yet they will make no effort to create conditions that would develop an increase of the output from the lands. The wasteful system that now obtains in the marketing of our farm product absorbs too much of the fruit of farm labor. Much of the proceeds of the farm, that under a proper system of distribution

would circulate in trade in our farms and villages, goes directly to stockholders in the large concerns that control in a large measure the distribution of our grain products, enriching men who already have too much money for their own good or the good of the country, at the expense of the masses of common people.

The business men of our towns and villages by co-operating with those who are endeavoring to inaugurate an economical system of distributing, would be of valuable assistance in creating new and better conditions, instead of as now keeping aloof and in many cases suspicious and apathetic if not in open opposition.

If our Boards of Trade would join with the farmers in an effort to create conditions that would net to the producers an additional \$100.00 for the proceeds of every quarter section of land under cultivation in the West, it would be of more value to the business interests than all the manufacture they may ever hope to induce to locate in this country.

An economical system of distribution could easily save \$1.00 per every 100 lbs. live weight of our cattle and hogs to the farmer, between the prices he receives and that paid by the consumer. The incentive that additional price would give to stock raising alone would yield the above mentioned amount, to say nothing of what a proper system of grain handling would save to the general business of the country.

KILLARNEY

The Grain Growers of Killarney held a meeting in Treleaven's Hall on March 18th, President W. J. Stowe in the chair.

Reeve Miller reported that the Union of Municipalities turned down the proposition regarding hail insurance submitted to it as being impracticable and too expensive to administer. He did not have much faith in it himself but would like to see the ratepayers get a chance to vote on it.

Mr. Rankin spoke on the great advantages of the car distribution clause in the Grain Act, and stated that farmers were anxious to retain the loading platform whether we got government ownership of elevators or not, as it was a kind of barometer of the kind of treatment farmers received at the elevators. Too many farmers using the elevators indicated that the elevator business needed investigation.

George Lawrence, M.P.P., spoke of the grading system being a losing concern for the grain growers. Owing to the inequality of the Duluth and Manitoba grades, though we produced a better quality of grain we did not receive relatively as good a value on the world's market as the Dakota farmer. At his suggestion a committee composed of Messrs. Rankin, Magwood, Chapman, Rankin and Lawrence was appointed to draft a resolution dealing with the matter, for discussion at the next meeting.

Mr. W. J. Small spoke to a resolution asking the Great Northern to build a branch into the district. The resolution was extensively signed by the farmers, promising a liberal patronage to the road if built.

Messrs. Lawrence, Small and Hayden were appointed to wait on the municipal councils of Killarney and Turtle Mountain to urge them to send a delegation to St. Paul to interview the authorities of the Great Northern.

PROCRASTINATION

I want you to learn right at the outset not to play with the spoon before you take the medicine. Putting off an easy thing makes it hard, and putting off a hard one makes it impossible. Procrastination is the longest word in the language, but there's only one letter between its ends when they occupy their proper places in the alphabet.

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