

Co-operation Saves Money

The merchants of Ponoka, one of the towns on the Calgary-Edmonton line, towns on the Calgary-Edmonton line, recently paid out to the farmers of that district \$18,000 in one day for hogs and \$13,000 on another day. Ponoka, according to the C.P.R. agent's returns, has been doing more freight business than Wetaskiwin, one of the smaller Alberta cities, with four times Ponoka's population. These are the facts. Now, what is the reason for this increased business?

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It has been directly the outcome of the organization of the Ponoka district Association of the U. F. A., and in a letter received recently from the secretary. F. J. Bullock, the history and effect of the movement are described. The letter

For information re the organization and operation of the Ponoka district Association we will have to go back to the organization of the Wood River Local, No. 356, which took place on February 28, 1912. At that time there had been three U. F. A. locals organized in the Ponoka district, none of which, however, had done anything outside of holding a meetdone anything outside of holding a meeting now and then, and at this date two of them were about dead. A few of the members of these two locals met and organized the Wood River Local, No. 356. This local began work by asking the head office for speakers or organizers for the Ponoka district, which, however, they failed to get. We understood, too, that to do anything in the way of cooperation we would have to have more members and to get them it needed a larger territory organized. So, during the winter of 1913, the Wood River Local sent out their secretary to organize the sent out their secretary to organize the entire Ponoka district. This work met with great success, for when the Wood River Local called a meeting at Ponoka on April 25, 1914, for the purpose of organizing a district Association, there were fourteen U. F. A. locals represented. The Association has a president, vicepresident and secretary-treasurer. The secretary of each local is a director. The secretary of the Ponoka district Associa-tion was appointed manager. The As-sociation makes a charge of 20 cents per load for all hogs sold and 2 per cent. on

all carloads ordered. In selling hogs the district secretary notifies the local secretary of the price and date of shipping and they notify their members. In buying by the carload the Association gets prices on whatever is needed, and sends this information to the local secretaries.

head gain over local price, giving a gain in selling of \$3,000.00. Thus, total estimated profit is \$5,290.00. So far this year we have sold about 4,000 hogs and have shipped in five cars of Coast lumber, costing \$2,955.54.



Some of the 1,400 head of hogs sold by the Ponoka District Livestock Association

who take the orders and the cash and forward same to the district secretary.

Dollars and Cents Saved

Figures will show the financial gain and the benefit of co-operation, but the biggest gain in our estimation is in the social gatherings and getting in closer touch with our neighbors.

In eight months of 1914 we bought

to the Association of \$400; 2 of flour, \$1,440, saving \$240; 2 of twine, \$3,325, saving \$500; 7 of lumber, \$3,500, saving \$1,000; 2 of apples, \$1,200, saving \$150. Gain in buying, \$2,290.00. We sold 3,000 head of hogs at about \$1.00 per

the acreage devoted to this crop last year, according to an estimate made by Chas. S. Dunning, manager of the Saskatchewan Dunning's estimate is based on the reports of the company's agents at 110 points in the province. The increased acreage in the province. The increased acreage sown to oats is placed at fifteen per cent. and there will be fully a thirty per cent. decrease in the flax area. in flax is accounted for by three reasons, (1) the high price paid for wheat and oats; (2) lack of good flax seed; (3) the favorable season which has enabled farmers to get in a larger proportion of wheat Flax should bring a good price this fall, but it is not likely to prove a better paying crop than the others.

Mr. Dunning states that so far as Saskatchewan is concerned he believes the crop never went in in better shape, there having been more surface cultivation this year than ever before. was nicely up in various parts of the province by about the 25th of April. In some parts of the province rain was needed, but where the land had been well worked the need was not so urgent. Light showers occurred in some districts during the latter part of April.

Twelve to fifteen new elevators will be

built by the company this year, and the following points have been definitely decided upon:—Maryfield, Carlton, Halbrite, Truax, Osage, Eston, Richlea, Pontiax, Wordsworth, Kandahar, Theolore, Mortlach, Ogema, Venn, Riverhurst.

THE DRINK QUESTION
Liquor can be attacked by intelligence.
One difficulty in the way of abstinence for many years was the determination of advocates of prohibition to make it a moral issue. The man who pushed his way into a saloon once a day or twice a day was not conscious of a moral dereliction. When he was told that he offended good morals by taking a drink he resented the charge and was more than impervious to it. He was hostile.

When he is told that his habit of drinking has inevitable consequences in the shape of disease, decreased efficiency, a shortened life, with the possibility of total incapacity and destitution, he is being reached in a manner which permits no resentment. It is true that in many cases there is a deterioration of morals as the result of drinking, but too many men know from experience that morally they cannot maintain in honesty is that they are physically and economically as good, or, if they happen to be, that they will remain as good.

The movement which teaches that is the hard knock against the making and drinking of liquor, and we think it would be found to be the basis of the success of the anti-saloon propaganda in so many states.—Chicago Tribune.

One of the most hopeful features of the new Federal Reserve Banks is that they are not to be too reserved.