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GRAIN GROWERS AMALGAMATE

On the night of August 31 two big grain companies in Western Canada will disappear. These are The Grain Growers' Grain Company, Winnipeg, and The Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Company, Calgary. The former has been in existence for eleven years and the latter for four years. Beginning with the first day of September a new grain company entitled the United Grain Growers Limited, will take the place of both these old ones. The final step in the amalgamation of these two companies was consummated last Wednesday at a special meeting of the shareholders of The Grain Growers' Grain Company held in Winnipeg. The necessary legislation for the amalgamation has already passed the Alberta legislature and the Canadian parliament. The Alberta company, has secured the endorsement of its shareholders to the amalgamation. "All that remained was the endorsement of the shareholders of The Grain Growers' Grain Company. The shareholders' meeting was held on Wednesday in the Industrial Bureau, Winnipeg, where all the new by-laws were passed, changing the name of the company to the United Grain Growers Limited and providing for the rules and regulations under which the new company will operate. Everything at the meeting was quite harmonious, and the shareholders were well pleased that the amalgamation was completed.

The directors of the new company will be T. A. Cramer, Winnipeg, president; C. Rice-Jones, Calgary, vice-president; John Kennedy, Winnipeg, second vice-president; and the following other directors: R. McKenzie, John F. Reid, F. J. Collyer, John Morrison, E. J. Pevam (secretary), C. W. Brown, R. A. Parker, J. J. McEldan, P. S. Austin. The new company will have something over 300 elevators in operation this fall, and will maintain both Winnipeg and Calgary offices as at present. There will be approximately 35,000 shareholders in the new company. It is the intention to hold the annual meetings alternately at Winnipeg and Calgary. The shareholders of The Grain Growers' Grain Company will be organized into local groups on the same basis as the Saskatchewan and Alberta companies. As soon as this work of forming the groups is complete the annual meeting of the new company, the United Grain Growers Limited, will be held, which will probably be some time in March. At this meeting each local group will elect its delegate to attend the annual meeting.

MARKET SKIM MILK AS CHEESE

One hundred pounds of skim milk should yield at least 15 pounds of cottage cheese, which should retail at 10 to 15 cents a pound. This would give the farmer \$1.50 to \$2.25 a 100 for skim milk. However, if the farmer does not produce enough skim milk to enable him to make cottage cheese in a commercial way he can at least supply his own table with his wholesome food.

The following suggestions for making cottage cheese are offered by the University of Missouri College of Agriculture: Hold fresh, clean skim milk at a temperature of 65 to 70 degrees F. until it is well curdled. This will require about 24 hours. Break the curd into large pieces of fairly uniform size. Heat the curd gently until the tem-

perature reaches 90 to 94 degrees F. Hold it at this temperature until the whey clears. Heating too rapidly is detrimental to the texture of the cheese. The process should consume 30 to 40 minutes. When the whey has become well separated draw it off and hang the curd in cheese cloth to drain. The curd should not be sloppy but should be fairly moist after it has drained. Salt to taste. About one ounce of thick cream to each pound of cheese will improve the quality.

THE COAL PROBLEM

It is very interesting to note some of the conclusions arrived at by the Federal Trade Commission of the United States in its recent report on the coal situation to the United States Senate and House of Representatives. The report says:

"Our predecessors in this world war have had to solve the fuel problem which lies at the base of every military and industrial activity. They have tried various experiments and their failures and successes may well guide us in our search for a solution. In England the government took complete control of the coal mines after less radical methods of regulation failed. The French government has divided France into three coal zones in order to equalize distribution, and the government becomes the sole vendor. On May 2, 1917, the Russian provisional government took over all the coal mines of that country with a view to control coal distribution and prices. Soon after the outbreak of the war Germany took measures to still further centralize and control the whole coal industry of the empire under government administration. The Italian government imports all the coal brought into the country and acts as a clearing house for its distribution.

"Our Allies and Germany all require the railroads not already government-owned to be operated as a unit and on government account, and the Allies have officially stated that one reason for being certain of victory was that transportation had been reorganized and perfected."

Therefore, arguing from the experience of all these nations, the commission urges that:

- (1)—The production and distribution of coal and coke should be conducted through a pool in the hands of a government agency. (2)—The transportation agencies of the United States both rail and water should be similarly pooled and operated on public account.

The situation faced by the government of the United States has had nothing on that in Canada. Public ownership of our basic industries of coal and transportation would relieve the plundering of the people. The government has done something well in the appointment of a food controller who seems to have some conception of his duties. But it should go farther and centralize and nationalize the control of both coal stocks and transportation facilities during this war.

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