

profits of financiers, contrary to moral right and to sound political economy.

Organize, Educate, Co-operate!

All that the farmers need to do in order to become far stronger than the biggest trust that ever waxed prosperous and powerful behind bulwarks of tariff protection and privilege is to get together and work for economic and social justice. All they need to do to make themselves the most powerful force in the country is to unite and work together for equal rights for every class, and special privilege for none. The thing for them to do is to get together and pull together for the common good—all putting their shoulders to the collar, and none of them leaning their weight against the breeching!

Co-operation is the greatest thing in the world. This war is demonstrating its value on a scale undreamed of ever before. And peace has its needs of co-operation, no less than war. If democracy, for which the Allied free peoples of the world are fighting, means anything, it means that. For the advancement of the common good and for resistance against influences and activities working harm to the cause of equal justice to all, there is always need of co-operation.

Is it not a plain, outstanding truth that as co-operation applied to the endeavor in all fields is democracy's most formidable weapon in war, so likewise co-operation, inspired by enlightened public opinion, is democracy's instrument for solving the problems of peace? Every man and every woman owes it as a duty of self-interest, as well as a duty to the common good, to work—(beginning at home with himself and herself, and aiding also in co-operative endeavor to the same purpose)—for the increase of enlightenment and public spirit, so as to increase the common welfare.

Such is the record, as our country's history during the past decade proves, of the Grain Growers organizations. Every Grain Growers' local association is a centre of thought and of endeavor for the advancement of economic and social justice and of the general welfare. Not a few of the beneficial public policies now in operation in Canada were first advocated and worked for by the Grain Growers—the organized farmers of the prairie provinces. There are many statutes of the Dominion and of these three provinces moulded wholly, or in part, by the Grain Growers, whose power has never been used to work injustice, or to seek to work injustice, to any individual, or class.

Their influence has profoundly affected for good the entire national fabric. Their co-operative work, educational and commercial, has produced, and is producing, betterments in the conditions of prairie life and prairie industry. And with all that has been thus accomplished, can it not be said truly that only a good beginning has as yet been made in this great work of beneficial co-operation?

What is needed urgently, with a view to the immediate future, is more co-operation by more co-operators—more members of the Grain Growers' organizations—more local associations! Every prairie farmer should be an active participant in this great work, for his own sake and his family's sake, and for the sake of the common welfare. Every local organization should gird up its loins for increased activity by an increased membership. And there should be a great increase in the number of local associations.

Men Exempted as Farmers

In view of the necessity of having a sufficient number of men on the farms which are actually contributing to the national food

supply, the military authorities have recently issued the following notification:—

1.—All members of Class I possessing exemption as farmers which is expiring and who wish to remain exempt should communicate with the Registrars under the Military Service Act of their respective districts, requesting an extension in time of such exemption. Questionnaires will thereupon be issued to these men by the Registrar and they will receive further exemption upon furnishing satisfactory proof that they are contributing sufficiently to the national food supply.

2.—In order to facilitate productive employment during the winter months, men exempted as farmers should apply to the Registrars for permits to engage for the winter in some occupation of national interest, such as lumbering, munition work, etc. Such permits will serve to enable exempted farmers to pursue other useful occupations for the months during which farming operations cannot be carried on.

The foregoing notification, which has already appeared in The Guide, is herewith set forth again, to aid in bringing it to the attention of all whom it concerns.

Several of the managers of the banks in Winnipeg have announced that any and all holders of Victory bonds, up to \$1,000, may place the bonds with the banks for safe keeping in their vaults, free of charge. Some of the managers have informed The Guide that their banks will extend this important service outside the city and make it available, in connection with all the branches of all the banks, for holders of Victory Bonds who live in the country and have no secure place in which to keep their bonds. No doubt all the banks will do the same.

Profitable farming demands that there must be higher prices for farm products or a lower cost of production, as compared with conditions before the war. Here is where the farmer comes face to face with the protective tariff which increases the cost of farming enormously.



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