

## ALBERTA SECTION

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To the officers and members of ..... Union, No. ....

Gentlemen:—In the matter of the pork packing proposition; a large number of reprints of the report of the commission on the pork industry in the Province of Alberta, which was first issued in 1908, have been secured, and, at the suggestion of the Executive, a few copies are being sent to you for your information. Our supply is limited, but so far as we are able additional copies will be sent you without reason, if you desire the same.

We would call your attention more particularly in the first place to the recommendation of the commission on page 12 of the report. Section 1 is of particular importance. There was a widespread impression prevailing the last time this matter was under consideration that the plant was to be run by the government. This impression was due to the unfortunate manner in which the proposition was placed before you, and from the fact that it was generally known as the Government Pork Packing Plant.

A careful perusal of the report and of this particular section will convince you that the farmers are asked to promise their support in the matter of sending their hogs to the plant, elect from among themselves officers and directors to look after the supplies, decide what money is needed to operate the plant and to look after the conduct and ability of the operators. In other words it is a co-operative plant which will be organized on much the same principle as our elevator scheme, where the farmers elect their own managing body and direct the affairs of the company through that body with the aid of a local advisory committee.

The part which the government is called upon to play is that of furnishing the money necessary to equip and operate the plant in the shape of a loan to the stockholders, at a reasonable rate of interest. You will also note that the commission make separate provision for a charge of 1/4c per pound which is to be applied for the creation of a fund for the purpose of paying back to the government the original investment and the interest thereon.

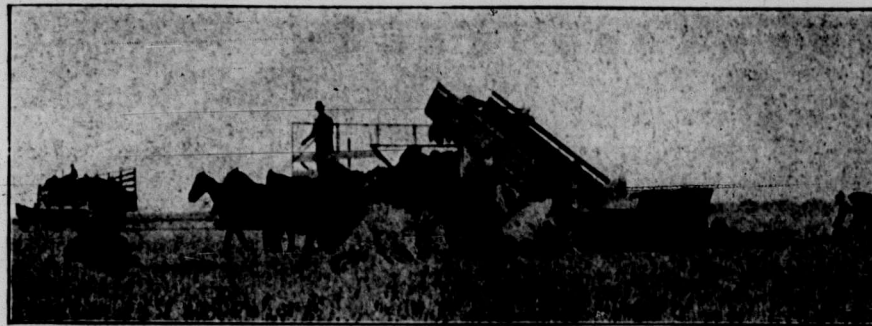
In clause three provision is made for the withdrawal of any farmer from the first existing plant should he find it more convenient to become connected with some other plant erected at a later date in his part of the province. The recommendation is also made that no one will be handicapped by excessive rates, or that they be pooled, and that each farmer shall be charged the same rate per pound for whatever distance the hog may be shipped.

The whole report is of considerable interest, and well worth careful consideration. The government have signified their willingness to accept these recommendations. It is also well to remember that never has there been anything like so many hogs in the province of Alberta. The C.P.R. figures for the first six months of this year show that 118,000 head have been shipped already, while the highest previous record in any twelve months is 72,000, and the real shipping season has not yet commenced.

This means that unless provision is made, and that quickly, for increasing the accommodation for the slaughter and handling of hogs the price will again drop considerably and we shall have to face the era of the 4 1/2c hog once more, with every factory now in existence in Alberta completely blocked and unable to handle what is offered, and with no prospect in sight of being able to export the surplus.

One of the big objections raised in the past was that of the guarantee required from the farmer. This objection is not well founded. In other countries where co-operation is carried on successfully a similar guarantee is required from the members. Remember you are only asked to promise your support to your own plant, which will be managed by the men whom you elect, and it is only reasonable that a body of men should require a certain amount of assurance that the plant is going to be used when it is built.

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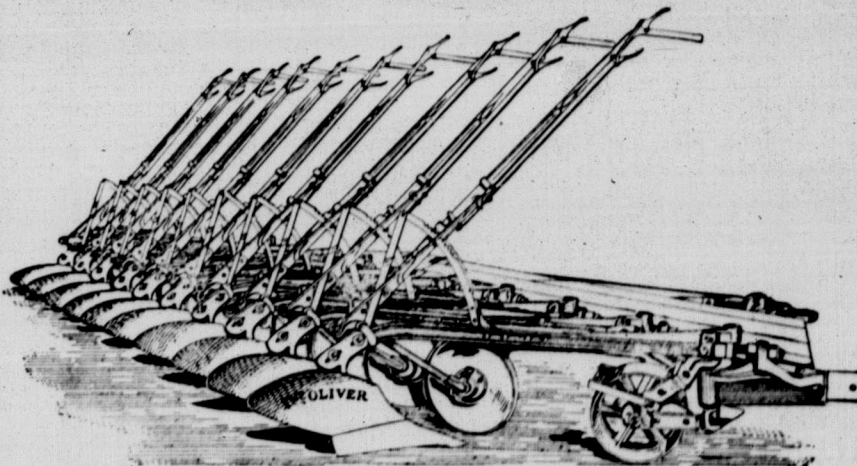
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the money they collect from the people and are responsible for the spending thereof and for once, on the recommendation of the commission, they propose to make sure that they get value for the money invested, and they should be encouraged rather than otherwise.

We should be glad to know whether you are in favor of taking this proposi-

tion up once more, and if so, the necessary forms of agreement, etc., will be sent you at once.

If the farmers of Alberta take hold of this scheme they can make a success of it, but it must be borne in mind that the whole thing depends upon the farmers. The suggestion is that of a co-operative pork packing plant, owned by the

farmers, with the government in the position of the bankers, and it can duly be made successful by a literal interpretation of the word "co-operation" by all who go into the proposition.

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