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for \$10," Letter from a Home Defence

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The Associations of New Zealand raised \$650,000 for war work. Its men originated and put into execution the trench comfort scheme now accepted throughout the army, did heroic service in starting the wonderful work in the

in starting the wonderful work in the Esbekia gardens, which was supported by money from New Zealand.

"No dont's and no dues ' best describes' the association in its work among the soldiers and sailors, according to one of its friends. "How is this financed?" an American soldier asked. And he and others volunteered five and ten dollars. An enlisted man at New fother ten dollars. An enlisted man at New-port received a check from his father with the advice that he help the asso-ciation. So he paid \$25 for a member-ship instead of the \$2.00 fcc.

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Thousands of Canadian soldiers assemble every week to hear religious, addresses by men of outstanding prominence. In France Y.M.C.A. officers state they have great difficulty in closing a meeting, the men are so glad to get together in this way.

The city association keeps an over door to all soldiers. During the last season large numbers used the gynnasium, entertainments, socials, biblic classes; educational classes. Over half a million used the baths without charge. Heside these social activities the assonasium, entertainments socials, biblic for the soldier's call the social fibrille for the soldier's call to socials biblic socials biblic for the soldier's call to socials biblic socials biblic for the soldier's call to socials biblic socials biblic

The whole K.M.C.Al. program is distinctly religious; in all training camps this is particularly true in England, while the religion is not ovelooked, while the religion is not ovelooked the greater use is made of other feature the greater use is made of other features to counterast certain optimize a tivities. In France every opportunity is taken in branches for religious activities, and the value of the Y.M.C.A. in keeping men in touch with old death of living and of reminding these of the old environment, cannot be over estimated.

## Stand of Farmers' Candidates

the candidates supporting the National Platform unitedly subscribe. Having from the earliest appearance of the necessity for conscription endorsed that pedicy, they desire, in view of the increasing gravity of the national situation, to insist upon such action as will at the earliest moment middlize for war purposes the whole of the nation's energy, both of men and money. And whoever may lead in such a comprehensive policy for the winning of the war will have their loyal support.

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stituency.
Thos. Beveridge, Souris Constituency.
P. Proudfoot, Ngepawa Constituency.
W. J. Ford, Nelson Constituency.
R. McKenzie, Brandon Constituency.

#### SAMPLE MARKET TRADING

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Under certain regulations promulgated by the Board of Grain Supervisors, sample markets were established at Winnipeg and Fort William on September 1. The peculiar conditions which have developed in the grain trade, i.e., fixed prices and unusually high grading for the crop have rendered these two sample markets practically inoperative. Nothing in the way of wheat has been sold yet ever the Winnipeg Exchange and none over the Fort William exchange since the set pfice was established because no possible advantage rould be secured by displaying wheat on the sample tables. Harley has been sold of course, more or less on sample but this has always been true because barley varies so much in quality that sample trading is almost necessary for it.

At the Winnipeg Grain Exchange accommodation has been provided for sample trading. Two tables have been installed in the room which was reserved some years ago for sample trading, when such was first contemplated on the Winnipeg Exchange. A large number of in dishes for displaying samples are also on hand. A sampling bureau has been organized and an official sampler has been hired and is on hand to draw samples and look after their distribution, etc., as soon as there is any volume of sample trading to warrant such.

#### How Samples are Now Drawn

At the present time all samples are drawn by the Chief Grain Inspector's staff. Three samples are drawn on all cars on which the bill of lading is marked 'sample market.' One of these the Seed Grain Inspector retains, one goes to the commission company to which the cars are consigned and one is

sent to Fort William. This prevents any delay when the car of grain reaches Fort William. The Fort William Exchange does not take any samples but simply collects the samples sent from Winnipeg for display.

It is necessary in order to have samples displayed on the sample market to notify the commission man to whom the car is consigned or the car should be marked "sample market," or preferably both should be done.

Some commission firms have received a considerable number of samples, the idea of the consignors being to have them sold on sample. The conditions mentioned above however, have made this useless for only a definite fixed price can be received for certain wheat in any case. From September 1 to September 25, inclusive, 11,432 cars of wheat were inspected at Winnipeg. They were graded as follows: No. 1 Hard, 609; No. 1 Northern, 8,097; No. 2 Northern, 1,000; No. 3 Northern, 401;

No. 4, 142; No. 5, 67; No. 6, 19; Feed, 14; Smutty, 18; No grade tough, 397; rejected, 654. Thus it will be seen that over 88 per cent. of that wheat went No. 3 or higher and more than 70 per cent. went No. 1 Northern or No. 1 Hard.

Hard.

At Fort William seven sample tables have been provided and about 180 samples have been received for sample trading, though only a few actual sales have been made. The first of these were mentioned in September 19 issue of The Guide on the market page.

The membership of the Fort William Grain Exchange is now 107 and it is contemplated to limit the membership at the next general meeting. Since August 1, 47 new certificates of membership have been issued. Of these 26 were issued to outside grain buyers.

To prevent loss of seed when threshing or stacking alfalfa, have canvas covers on racks and under the separator.



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