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agency where orders and shipments would be consolidated, enabling much better prices to be obtained from the manufacturers than at present. Also expert buyers would select from the stocks in large cities the classes of goods which it was thought desirable should not be carried at the local points.

The store would pay interest on the bank overdraft which was contracted when goods were purchased, but as fast as each patron paid by check for his supplies the amount of the store overdraft would be reduced and the patron would, if using bank credit, pay interest on the amounts charged by the bank to his overdraft only from the time each check was drawn. At the end of the season the store would have no overdraft left unpaid, but the individual patrons would be the bank debtors.

Wage earners would usually pay from month to month, but farmers, active and retired, would usually pay as grain was marketed. It could be arranged with the bank that these would deposit their bills of lading or warehouse receipts, if government owned elevators are provided for storage at country points, and receive advances which would be applied in part to the store overdraft and in part to meet other obligations, pending the sale of the grain from month to month.

Machinery purchases would be mostly made in the early spring so that grain need not be fully realized on till that time, permitting slower marketing, tending to higher prices. It is hoped that this outline will create widespread interest in practical co-operation.

The writer, who is acting in conjunction with others who are desirous of rescuing our people from an awkward and burdensome credit system, will be glad to hear from those interested, and give what advice or information he can.

A capable corporation lawyer is now engaged in drafting a stock set of articles of association, applications for letters patent setting forth the powers of a company formed thereunder, stock sheets, by-laws, procedure at all necessary meetings, bookkeeping methods and other data for the guidance of those desiring to organize. Information will be gathered from the Doukhobors and from communities which have made a success of co-operation cash buying at as early a date as possible. It is probable that provision will be made to supply organizers who for a percentage of the subscribed stock will undertake the whole work of establishing a group when their services are demanded.

One of the objects of the Canadian

Council of Agriculture, of which our Western Farmers' Associations form a part, is "to urge the adoption of co-operative methods by our members (but outside our association) in the purchase and sale of commodities, that equity may be established in the business of exchange." It is expected that the local Associations will busy themselves in the



**ON THE ROAD TO HUDSON BAY.**

With crown afloat and glinting eye  
There boated forth an Earl  
A down a rippled Northland stream,  
All eddy, plash and purr,  
A lordly democrat was he,  
His legs in jeans were girt,  
Shoepack shod, he sported too  
A homely hunting shirt.

"The road to Hudson here must be,"  
The Earl did loudly quoth,  
"And that it is not yet begun  
I'll stake my lordly oath.  
Guess Wilfrid had an afterthink  
And thus the work did start,  
He thought the builders tools and stuff  
Would kind of bar my way."

We know you're going to England  
You're going to view our land  
And when you strike the "old dart"  
You'll talk "to hear the band."  
We're mighty sorry to lose you,  
Of you we'll keep a track,  
The best news you can send us, is—  
"I'll soon be coming back."

in the cities, to the great financial benefit of the producers.

Any data bearing on the question with which this article deals will be welcomed by the writer. Please address all communications to him at Sintaluta, Saskatchewan.

**STATES HIT BACK**

A Washington, D. C., wire of June 9, said: Pulp and printing paper manufactured from wood cut on crown lands in the province of Quebec prior to May 1 last, is subject to the countervailing duty of 25c per cord, or its equivalent of 35c a ton in the manufactured state as print paper. This is provided by the new tariff law, according to a decision of the treasury department to-day. Like products manufactured from wood cut on crown lands in Quebec after May

**MR. BONNAR'S STAND**

R. A. Bonnar, of Winnipeg, has accepted nomination as an independent candidate in the constituency of Assiniboia. When his candidature was announced THE GUIDE sent him a letter asking how he would stand on a number of the important questions of the day. The letter and Mr. Bonnar's reply are here given:

R. A. Bonnar, Esq.,  
Winnipeg, Man.

Dear Sir—

We note that you have accepted nomination as an independent candidate for the Manitoba Legislature in the constituency of Assiniboia. You have always been regarded as one of the strong friends of the Grain Growers and we should be glad if you gave us your stand upon the following subjects:

- Are you in favor of, and will you support in the legislature, if elected:
- 1.—The inauguration of a system of public elevators throughout the province that will afford complete relief to the farmers from the oppression of the present system, and operated under an absolutely independent commission, free from political influence, and responsible to the legislature.
  - 2.—Government ownership of public utilities, by means of a commission that will be absolutely independent of party politics, and responsible to the legislature.
  - 3.—Direct Legislation, including the Initiative, Referendum and Right of Recall.
  - 4.—The administration of Provincial affairs in the interest of the people and not for political advantage.
  - 5.—An improvement in the system of the taxation of land values, whereby at least a part of the profits secured by the speculators, shall be returned to the community that earned them.

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**MR. BONNAR'S REPLY.**

I heartily and sincerely reply, "Yes" to all your questions, and I think that you might have enlarged very much on question four. I am an "independent," pure and simple, and I think as an independent, I can do more for the people of this province. Not having my hands tied, I can use what intellect has been given me in the interest of the people, instead of the legislators.

(Signed)

R. A. BONNAR.

I are not subject to the countervailing duty.

The tariff law provides that if any country imposes an export duty on any kind whatever on wood used in the manufacture of wood pulp, such export duty shall be added by the United States on importations. Quebec recently issued regulations requiring that wood cut after May 1 shall be manufactured in that province. This in effect was regarded as a prohibition of exportation of wood cut after that date. There are large stocks of wood on hand in Quebec, one estimate is that there are 1,200,000 cords of pine cut prior to May 1, which can be exported, and to such the export duty would attach. Therefore it was explained at the treasury department, Quebec still collects the discriminating license fee of 25c per cord on wood cut on crown lands before May 1. For this reason the additional or countervailing duty has been assessed on the products of the wood prior to the date mentioned.

**NEW GRAIN ROUTE**

A Montreal dispatch of June 16 said: "C. M. Hays left for Winnipeg today. In consequence he has postponed his visit to St. John. Before his departure he said that although the Grand Trunk Pacific would not be completed through to the Atlantic Coast this year he hoped that by the linking up of the various transportation lines would establish a new transportation system between Western Canada and the Atlantic seaboard.

Negotiations to this end are now on between the government and the Grand Trunk Pacific and if successful grain from the West will be taken from Fort William by the Grand Trunk Pacific, thence to the Georgian Bay canal, Grand Trunk steamships to Levis, thence by the National Transcontinental to Moncton, and thence over the Intercolonial to St. John, N.B. These connections are only possible during the season of navigation and are only to last till the completion of the Transcontinental, which will not be accomplished until 1912."

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