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## News from Ottawa

Grain Growers secure Vietory from Senate and tell of the loss due to the defeat of Reciprocity (By The Guide Special Correspondent)

Ottawa, March 29 -The prediction was sub-section, (e) which would have given made in this letter of a week ago to-day that the farmers would score a victory in the Senate over the contentious clauses of the Canada Grain Act. That forecast was based on the belief that the opposition majority, acting upon the advice of the representatives of the Grain Growers associations of the three Prairie Provinces, would throw out the objection-
able car distribution and sample elevator able car distribution and sample elevator tains to the car distribution clause, and all will admit that is the big thing, came about in an entirely unexpected manner. On Thursday afternoon, when Senator T. O. Davis, of Prince Albert, moved
ub-section, (e) which would have given o the distribution of cars, Hon. Senator Lougheed, the government leader in the Upper House, agreed to the amendment. In doing so he said that while the government was of the opinion that the bill as drafted would not be to the detriment of the farmers, the feeling in the West
was very strong against this section of was very strong against this section of
the bill. He would therefore on behalf of the government withdraw it.
The announcement came as a complete surprise and at the present time it is current gossip that it was made by Senator Lougheed on his own responsibility and without any definite agreement
having been reached between himself and

Hon. George E. Foster, who, at the last preceding conference with the Grain request, - If this is to comply with their request. ${ }^{-}$If this is so, and your correspondent has the best authority for it,
the Western farmers owe something to the Conservative leader in the Senate as well as to the Liberal majority for saving to them the system of car distribution on the basig of rotation. It is doubtful, however, if anything would have been done, but for the representations made by Messrs. McKenzie, Fream and Green who have been untiring in urging the
claims of the grain growers to consideration claims of the grain growers to consideration
since their arrival in the capital several since their arrival in the capital several
days ago. There was, it is admitted a days ago. There was, it is admitted, a on the part of some of the Liberal majority to allow Mr. Foster's Bill to go through in the form on which he had insisted when it was under consideration in the Lower House.

Senators Favor Farmers
They figured out that it would not work well and would result in political

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Arrangements have finally been made by which it is hoped that the damp wheat in the West that is in danger of ruin can be snved if prompt action is taken. Last week T. A. Crerar, president of the Grain Growers' Grain Co.; Charles A. Dunning, mana ger of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Co., and A. F. Mantle, Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Saskatehewan, personally investigated conditions at Minneapolis, Chicago and Milwaukee. The conclusion reached after careful consideration was that the Minneapolis market would be able to absorb a very large quantity of damp Cana dian wheat. This market possesses many advantages over other American markets and the Grain Growers' Grain Co. has made arrangements to assist Canadian farmers whose grain is in danger of spoiling. After investigating the southern markets it was seen that the only thing required to make the Minneapolis market available was the co-operation of the Canadian railways. With this in view there was a meeting held with the freight traffic managers of the C.P.R. and C.N.R. in Winnipeg on April 1. After the case was laid before them they promised that they would endeavor to move all cars billed to Minneapolis as fast as possible.

It is estimated that there are at least $5,000,000$ bushels of damp grain in Saskatchewan and possibly $2,000,000$ bushels more in the other two provinces. If this does not reach driers or go into consumption by the end of April the chance of saving it from a total loss is small. The aim of opening the Minneapolis market more fully was not to get the Western Canadian farmers a big price for their damp grain. It was to get them any price at all. The facilities at Port Arthur, Fort William and Duluth are not sufficient to handle the damp grain, so it is of the utmost importance that some other outlet be found at once. Any farmer who has damp grain should be active. He should make out affidavits describing the condition of his grain, whether damp, wet or filled with snow and ice, and in danger of spoiling, and send these affidavits immediately to C. C. Castle, Warehouse Commissioner, Winnipeg. The Warehonse Commissioner will then order cars out of turn to these farmers who need them. The cars should be billed to the Grain Growers' Grain Co., Minneapolis, "'advise Grain Growers' Grain Co., Winnipeg," and the shipping bills should be sent to the company's office at Winnipeg. The shipments can be made to any other commission firm if desired. The only hope now remaining of getting the damp grain upon the market in time to save it is that the farmers attend to it very promptly and that the railways perform their functions with equal promptness. In addition to the above figures there are over $12,000,000$ bushels in the West yet to be threshed, a good deal of which will need prompt treatment, so delay is dangerous. It should be borne in mind that if the reciprocity agreement had been passed by the Canadian Parliament there would have been no car shortage and the resulting losses to Canadian farmers.

One of our subscribers in renewing his subseription says :-
"It is not neglect nor carelessness that kept me from renewing sooner. I didn't see a dollar
since last November until I got my first ear a few days ago.'
This letter was dated March 22 and from Manitoba farmer. This gives some idea of how the car shortage has handicapped the farmers in the West this year. Of course,
they should go into mixed farming, as the railway men and manufacturers say. This is no doubt good advice but a good many things in the West today are already too much mixed for the general good.

## A GIFT TO SPECULATORS

The public, we think, are entitled to some information as to the reasons which lie behind a remarkable change of front on the part of members on both sides of the House of Commons with regard to the extension of time for the location of South African Serip. It will be remembered that when the Bill authorizing the issue of scrip for a half section of land to the Canadian volunteers who served in the South African war was passed in 1908, one of the conditions was that the land was to be selected by the volunteer or his substitute by December 31, 1910. In March, 1910, however, a bill was introduced by Hon. Frank Oliver, then Minister of the Interior, extending the time for the location of serip till December 31, 1911. The bill was vigorously opposed by the organized farfners, by The Guide and by Conservative members of parliament from the West, including Dr. W. J. Roche, Arthur Meighen, W. H. Sharpe, R. S. Lake and Glen Campbell, all of whom spoke in the House against the proposal, maintaining that the only result would be the enrichment of speculators at the expense of bona fide settlers. The bill, however, was passed and the predictions of the honorable gentlemen referred to above were fulfilled, the price of scrip, practically all of which had been disposed of by the volunteers to speculators at prices ranging frum $\$ 200$ to $\$ 500$, rising rapidly and reaching eventually $\$ 1,000$. Intending settlers, however, refused to pay the prices asked by the speculators and when the extended time for the location of warrants expired on December 31, 1911, there were still about 250 warrants unlocated. Whether or not any of these warrants were in the hands of the original volunteers is not known, but practically all had been disposed of, it being the practice to assign the warrant in blank, leaving the settler to fill in his own name when selecting the land and making entry. The extension of time to December 31, 1911, was granted by parliament in the face of opposition by Western Conservatives on the distinct understanding expressed by Hon. Frank Oliver that this was to be positively the last extension, but Hon. Robert Rogers shortly after assuming office as Minister of the Interior announced that another extension would be granted. Accordingly on March 13, 1912, Mr. Kogers introduced a bill for the purpose, and speaking in the House of Commons on that date he said:
"When the original Volunteer Bounty Aet was passed in the month of July, 1908, the limit of time within which to loeate land certificates issued thereunder was fixed as the 31st December, 1910. This was considered amply sufficient, as it gave the elaimants a period of eighteen
months within whieh to exereise their rights of months within whieh to exereise their rights of location. A very large number of the claim-
ants complied with the requirements of the law in this regard, but in the spring of 1910, it was felt that those who had not been able to make proper seleetions should be given a further opportunity to do so, and with that end in was passed, extending to the 31st December, 1911, the time within whieh certificates could be located. Evidently most of the elaimants realized that they had thus been liberally treated by the Government, because it is found now that when the time expired on the 31 st total of 7,258 had not been redeemed by the de partment in exchange for land. Of these 250 certificates 188 are held presumably by the
original volunteers themselves, the remaining

6t havisg been transferred to substitutes prior to the 3 lat December last.

The object of the present bill is to afford on opportunity, until the 31st day of Decem their right of location, provided they are will ing to remain on the land themselves and ears title therete. The right of previdieg a sub stitate, as provided under the original Act, will not apply to these volunteers, because it is considered that it would not be fair to the reat of the elaimante who have made their aeleeLions within the required time, if the govern inent were to extend more favorable treatment to those who have been dilatory in this regard. "The Aet further provides that as regards the outatanding certificates, whether held by
the original volunteers themselves, or by their the original volunteers themselves, or by their substitutes, the government will undertake in each ease. While it is quite true that in in each ease. While it is quite true that in the Rebellion of 1885 extensions for location were granted by Parliament from time to time. till the year 1908 , sueh a policy would not ap. pear to be in the publie Interest, as instead of protecting the Interests of the volunteers originally concerned, the setion of the government has rather been to stimulate speculation in faver of persons who had so direct intereat in the settlement of the public domain. It is trie that the relemption of the outatanding certificates may involve an expenditure of perhape 8125,000 , if all these certificate are ex changed in this way, but the lands that will thus remais vested in the governinent will more
than eompente for the expenditere
This, most people will agree, was decidedly generous treatment. South African warrants entitled the holder to a half section of land on condition of settlement, provided the land was selected by the end of last year. After that date they were valueless, and if any one was so foolish as to neglect to seleet his land he could not complain because his rights had expired. This new bill, however, gave volunteers another year in which to make their selection and gave them and persons who have bought scrip the alternative of redeeming the scrip for $\$ 500$. This generosity, however, did not satisfy the speculators who hold the scrip and they at once sent delegations to Ottaws to see if they could not obtain further concessions. The result was that in the early hours of the morning of March 27, when the attendance of members in the House was very small, Hon. Rohet Rogers, without offering any explanation!' moved the insertion in the bill of a few words which entirely changed its effect, and extended the right of location of all serip whether held by volunteers or speculators to the end of the pressent year. Hon. Frank Oliver objected to this being done at that time, pointing out that it was a direct contradiction of the statement made by Hon. Mr. Rogers when he introduced the bill. Mr. Rogers admitted that this was so, saying that he had since met many deputations who had urged him to make the change which he now proposed. The Bill was at Mr . Oliver's request left over for two days in order that other Western members might have an opportunity of expressing their opinions, but it is remarkable that when the bill came up again not a single Western member raised the slightest objection to the change. Mr. Meighen who, when speaking of the previous extension said, "The prineiple is bad and cannot be defended," was silent. Hon. Dr. Roche, who had said at the same time: "The speculators will une the scrips for their own aggrandisement and to the disadvantage of the bona fide mettler," was also dumb. . Dr. Molloy, who, had said in 1910: "I am in favor of a year's extension to the veterans, but I also wish it to go on record that I shall never vote for any extension for the speculator," made no protest. No one in fact made any protest except Mr. F. B. Carvell, a New Brunswick member, who said a gentleman had been, lotpying
around the House fort three or four days making frantie appeals to the members to support the unqualified extension. This lobbyist evidently was succesuful in muzzling every one but Mr. Carvell. The bill it riow law, and the warrants which volunters sold for 8200 apiece are again worth $\$ 1,000,00$ ). It would be interesting to know who this very influential lobhyist was, and what were the inducements by which he persuaded the other members referred to to swallow their words.

## A CHANCE TO MAKE GOOD

The Winnipeg Telegram devotes a great deal of attention to The Guide in its issue of March 30. The Telegram publishes in of Marallel columns our article entitled "Mr. Foster's New Role" and its own reply entitled "A Traitor in the Camp," and asks the public to form its own conclusions. That is quite satisfactory to us. So long as the Telegram will tell the truth and not misrepresent The Guide we have no criticism to represent The Guide we have no criticism to
offer. But the most humorous part of The Telegram's attack is a long editorial in the same issue claiming that it is the only and original advocate of tariff reduction on farm implements. Here is what the organ of Special Privilege has to say :

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This is as good a specimen of humor as ever came from the pen of Mark Twain. No further comment is needed. The Telegram goes on to say that its fight for implement tariff reduction "has been as strong as it has been consistent." This we agree with. In fact The Telegram declares that on acin fact The Telegram declares that on acthe advertisements of implement dealers, who are now patronizing The Guide, and insinuates that these deAters know that The Guide is not in earnest in fighting for low tariff. The Telegram declares that its editorial columns are not for sale and that it is a great friend of the farmers. But The Telegram still does not tell us from whom it takes its orders. This is most peculiar. Surely a great moral journal fighting so valiantly for the people of the country should give credit to its owners. Do Mackenzie and Mann really own The Telegram $!$ If so, they should be put in their proper light as the farmers' friend. Or did they give this great moral journal to its present owners? This is something The Telegram should clear up thoroughly and thus quiet all curiosity. Let The Telegram give its history for the past fifteen years and let the people know just how independent and democratic a journal it is. Again, The Telegram hasn't explained about that money it took out of the provincial treasury without giving a return. The Telegram should also tell of the patronage it receives in return for its lamblike obedience to orders. It is a shame to work in the dark and to hide its light under a bushel. All the readers of The Guide know who owns The Guide, why it was established and the work it is doing for the West. Now, if there is any sincerity in the claims of The Telegram it will come forth with its story. Or is it ashamed of its history and its ownership ${ }^{\text {s }}$ We will venture that the only reply The Telegram will make to this challenge will be a torrent of abuse, if it replies at all. Watch and see.

A newspaper that dares not admit its ownership or control must have something decidedly shady to hide. No journal can be thoroughly appreciated until its readers are allowed to see the "men behind." We
would suggest that our readers demand from journals that protest friendship for them that they publish in their own pages the story of their ownership and control.

## CO-OPERATIVE STORES

In this issue and last we have given our readers the results of co-operative distribution by means of stores in the United States and Eastern Canada. It will be readily seen that co-operation in these cases has very considerably reduced the cost of living. considerably reduced the cost of living. There is no doubt but that co-operative
atores in Weatern Canada would, if properly conducted, save to their patrons from 15 to 20 per cent. on the necessities of life. This would be a very large item and one well worth considering. In the beginning cooperation must start small and carefully, lest it meet the end that has been the fate of so many co-operative stores in the past. The only safe principle upon which to start such a store is to buy and sell strictly for eash. By this means the margin of profit will be larger, there will be no losses, and the benefits aceruing to the patrons will be proportionately greater. Another very essential provision to sucess is that goods be sold at the regular market value. If they are sold at cost the purchaser sees very little benefit and does not realize the value of loyalty to his own institution. Further, there are no profits going into reserve and a very poor outlook for permanency. By selling at the market price and distributing profits halfyearly the dividend is an important item. The farmers who have co-operated in the purchase of flour, binder twine, formalin, etc., have reaped the benefits immediately and have seen the actual reduction in the cost of living. This method of purchasing is a good nucleus upon which to start a co-operative store. It pays to get together. It pays still better to stay together. Cooperation will probably not spread so rapidly in Western Canada as in Great Britain owing to greater prosperity and plenty of cheap land. But as the country becomes more thickly settled the need of co-operation will become more apparent.

## THANKS TO THE SENATE

The people of the West will be very glad to know that the Grain Growers have won a vietory through the action of the Senate in compelling the Government to eliminate the objectionable clause from the new Grain Bill. The Western farmers owe a vote of thanks to the Senate. The new Grain Bill has become law without the clause allowing the car order book to be suspended at the will of the commission, against which the Grain Growers protested. It is a sad commentary upon our system of government when the people have to pass hy the House of Commons and go to the Senate for a square deal. Of course the clause was actually withdrawn with the approval of Hon. George E. Foster, but only when he saw that the Senate would not pass it. Mr. Foster had fought the clause through the House and refused to listen to the demands of the Grain Growers, so there is no credit due him for rescuing the farmers when forced to do so. If all the Western members had stood by the farmers the objectionable clause would never have passed the House of Commons. Now that the Dominion Government has been compelled to back down, some members of the Government are making a virtue of necessity and explaining that their action is for the good of the farmers. Premier Roblin a few days ago in the legislature blamed the Grain Growers for protesting against "Clause E' which the Dominion Government has at last dropped. Is Mr. Roblin now also in favor of the Grain Growers' contentions in regard to this clause 1 Possibly his attitude in op-
posing the best interests of the Grain Grow. posing the best interests of the Grain Growers in this matter may explain his "suspicions" against The Guide.

## PREMIER ROBLIN IS SUSPICIOUS

Speaking in the Legislature last week Premier Roblin said that the Conservative members of the Legislature viewed with suspicion anything that 'appeared in the Grain Growers' Guide. Why do the premier and his followers have that feeling 1 The Guide has presented every matter related to the Manitoba Government in a very fair and truthful light. The Guide has no choice between the political parties, and does not believe that either party will properly protect the interests of the common people until the people have the Initiative, Referendum and Recall in their own hands. We believe that we have the right to criticize the acts of the government in the interests of the people. We intend to exercise that right. Premier Roblin dislikes criticism very much and resents very keenly any insinuation that any single aet of his government is not for the benefit of the people. Every party politieian dislikes most cordially an independent newspaper or an independent politician. The spirit of independence is rapidly developing throughout the 'West and is finding voice in independent journals. It finds little voice today among politicians, as there are only the two old parties, each playing the game for party advantage, in which the people come out second best. Will Premier Roblin kindly tell us what it is that he objects to in The Guidet We want argument and facts, not abuse. The attempt of the Premier appears to be a desire to set the followers of the government against The Guide. This attempt will be a decided failure. The people of Manitoba will suit themselves as to which party they will support, but they will not surrender their intellect to any one man. When Mr. Roblin finds an untruth in The Guide we shall be glad indeed to correct it. The Guide believes in progress and is supporting principles which are opposed by both of the political parties. The people of Manitoba are also believers in these progressive principles but are too easily divided by the old appeal to party loyalty. But inside both parties is growing up a spirit of revolt which the leaders do not like. The people want a square deal and the politicians will have to give it sooner or later. We shall be glad to hear more of Mr. Roblin's suspicions and the ground for them.

## CAR DISTRIBUTION

There is good reason to believe that the emergency amendment of the car distribution clause of the Grain Act, passed two months ago to save out-of-condition grain, has been considerably abused. We have reports of elevator operators making affidavits and securing ears to empty their houses when the grain they shipped passed inspection as straight grade. No doubt a great deal of necessary relief has ben afforded by giving more power into the hands of the warehouse commissioner. But he acts only upon receipt of affidavits, which the elevator operators can easily prepare. It would be well for farmers to take the numbers of cars that are secured by the elevator companies out of turn upon affidavits. Send these numbers to The Guide and we will get the grade and ascertain to what extent the emergency clause is being abused.
A few weeks ago we had reports that railway agents and employees were charging farmers for "spotting" cars. In some cases this charge was as high as $\$ 25$ and in one instance in Saskatchewan the agent was reported to be doing a land office business. Any such cases as this should at once be reported to the manager of the railway company and also to the warehouse commissioner. Of course many farmers would have been glad to pay $\$ 25$ to get a car, but no discrimination should be allowed.

# Canadian Co-operative Stores 

The Story of the Origin and Progress of Co-operative Distribution in Canada
By GEORGE KEEN

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During the last half-entury, many attemptt have been made in different parts of the country to introduce the economie methods of the ftochdate Mon-
eers. Frrquently they were initisted by eers. Frequently they were initiated by immigrants who had enjoyed in the eld
land the advantages accruing from coland the advantages accruing from co-
operative distribution but had contrioperated little of nothing there by peromal buted little of nothing there by perwinal they enjoyed sa fully as anyone. It "as a policy of "get" and not of "give" They could appreriate the grrat benefits They could appreciate the grvat benefits
to be derived, but took no finterest in the obligations involved of the meral priaciples upon which every true co-operator insists as the fundamental basis of the co-operative movement. Instead of introducing associated fraternalism into the country they relied entirely upon associated selfishness. Consequently when
mistakes whirh, through lark of experimistakes whirh, through lark of experience, marred the success of their enterprises, were made, and the profit expected mas mot teatily forthroming they lost enthusiasim, gave up the strugzte, and
co-operation was regarded as a failure unsuitable to this new country, wherras. as a fact, owing to our "protective" system and trade combines, the eo operative movement is far more necessary to Canada than it is to Britain.
While in the past there has been on the part of organisers of co-operative societies an almost entire absence of appreciation of the moral character of the co-operative movement and that thetein is the secret of its British success, the private trade interests were fulty conscious of the
difference betwern British and Canadian difference between British and Canadian organizations. If would-be co-operators
did not know it the trade interests were did not know it the trade interests were
quite cognizant of the fact that co-operquite cognizant of the fact that -co-operanything on the lines which had been followed. They treated co-operation with such contemptuous indifference that they allowed the Co-operative Bill of the Laurier government to pass the House of Comstanding the a dissentient voice, not with then, ang the fact that parliament was lized by the capitalistic interests. The bill was defeated in the Senate by one vote only, not so much owing to thr antagonism of the organised trader as the fact that the Ontario and Quebec
Governments declared the bill to be infringement of provincial rights, and infringement of provincial rights, and
induced members from their respective provinces to so represent it to the Senate.

The Co-operative Union
In March, 1909, the Co-operative Union of Canada came into existence For the first time in the history of the Dominion a propaganda and legislative organization conducted on the lines of
the great British Co-operative Union the great British Co-operative Union
was established. The attention of the people was then, is now, and will in the people was then, is now, and will in the
future be directed not so much to the individual advantages to be obtained by co-operation as the principles themselves. The people are being educated in the noble purposes of the Rochdale Fioneers and are being advised to follow in the footsteps of men like Robert Owen, Edward Vansittart Neale, and George Jacob Holyoake rather than to concen-
trate their efforts upon their own inditrate their efforts upon their own indi-
vidual aggrandisement. In consequence vidual aggrandisement. In consequence
the people will discover that the secret the people will discover that the secret
of co-operative suceess so conspicuous in Britain is to be found in mutual service and association for the common advantage and not the pursuit of a selfish interest. national organization conducted on the lines of the British Union, animated by the ideals of the Rochdale Pioncer and propagating progressive social policies which cansed the panic some years ago in trade circles and the Retail Merchants association to send to Otta wa a deputation of some 500 representatives at a cost of probably 810,000 to oppose the Co-operative bill. The organized Co-operative
motemient is still very small, but it is the
practice, as the trade interests well know, to start in a very humble way. It grows. in firmely takrs root. The trade interat made such frensied epposition to the enartment of co-operative legiolation is the belief that their success in that dirme: tion would kill the movement. Had Bry sent a commisuion of enquiry to errialative old ruetion and trade and that perserution of the Co-operativy morement perwerution of the Co-operativy movement contribute more than any other activity The seffish antagonism and orkanised areed of the trade interests is the arratest proparanda aseet the movement has had since its inception. While through lack of suitalle legislation, which we shall

'HE IS RISEN"
certainly get in time, the movement is subjected to considerable inconvenience ical advertisments in pare of these period ical ade intertests give the movement are of trade interests give
incalculable value.

## Legislation not Essential

A satisfactory Co-operative Act is needed in order to protect, as far as exploitation in people from fraudulent and to secure satine name of co-operation simple, uniform and inexpensive machinery of incorporation throughout the Domin ion. Merchants and others, however seem to have the iclea that co-operative
legislation for which we are agitating is
absolutely necesaary before moxieties can
be extensively developed. This is an erroneoss impression. Legislation is. we feel, urgently needed, but whenever a body of mes are sufficiently enthusiastic to make a sureess of a co-operative busines. they will have no difficulty in incorporating under the provincial "Companies" Acts of, is some of the provinces, by procuring - aperial statute to suit their neels.
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its membership has eansiated of diatriloutive organipations only od diatr propose to give some ides of the progreas no far made in this branch of the move. ment. There are thirteen sorietics feder--ated at the present time and there are
some others" in process of incorporation. I believe the majority of genuine societies are federated with the Union, but theee are probably several bona fide institution applied. Cognizance of these cannot be applied. Cognizance of these cannot be
taken as the Union has had no oppor taken as the Union has had no oppor-
tunity to investigate their constitution or management. There are many more or management. There are many more co-operative societies which cannot be so regarded in any case. 1 propose therefore, in compliance with the editor' request, to give a review of the progress made by those Societies of which I can spehk with authorit
The distributive movement is most highly developed in Cape Breton, N. s

We have societies at Dominion, Glaee Bay and Sydey, Mines, the members being principally engaged in the coal mines of that district. The firet, named has been the longest eatablished. It has been in operation nine years. Secretary James MeLeod is good enough to furnish me for the information of the Guide the following report of the history of his mensty, which is known as "The Work.
Upwards of twenty years ago, six stores conducted on the co-operative principle so far as that principle was understood by the workmen at the time)existed in the mining towns of Cape Bretos. Ten years ago all these storec had pased out of existence leaving nothing but an odious reputation for Co-pperation. A number of these stores, but chief among them was the neglect to provide at the outeet for the formation of as good subatantial reserve fund. The capital was all with. drawable either in cash or eredit. The advent of the Dominion Coal Co. swal. lowing up the smaller coal companies revolutionised industry. New conditions were created to which the co-operative stores did not readily adapt themselves, oo they had to go under.
Many of the zorkmen, however, had be benefited by them while in operation. Among these a desire alway, remained lor a revival of the syatem. In December.
1002 a few of the men employed at $190 \%$ in few of the men employed at exprestion to that desire by ealling a expression to that desire by calling a of restarting the movement. Ninetoen were prosent at that meeting. They reselved themselves into "The Workmen, Store Co., Ldd." to do business on a mutual co-operative basis. Our present manager. Mr. A. McMullan, was there and then engaged to conduct, the business.
"There was no place suitable available for rental, our first undertaking was the building of a small store suitable for the business. We recognized that we had an uphill job, but we went at it. On March malized was 81,900 . The businesp on that day was opened wihe sasiness stock of groceries. On March 19 the pitt which the few members we then had depended for their work, took fire, and was out of commission for one year. A large number of the workmen had to find employment at the other collieries necessitating their removal from the place This retarded our progress at the outert and for the first year our sales were $817,519.08$. This we more than doubled the second year. We extended our lines of merchandise to all the staple articles required in the household. Begginning our out premises, and an three aerstions tine we have made extensions.
we have made extensions.
Nearly two years ago a few of our new colliery district, a distriet which will be the largest colliery distriet in Nova Scotia, but five miles away from our central store. These members had profited so by the store that they would not leave it. This compelled us to buy land and erect a building and open a branch for them. The volume of business in the branch during the coming summer will exceed that of the central. In connection with the central we have opened a freah first yeer includin the french is 81 en 777. first year including the branch is 8 over the previous year
"The company is incorporated by special art of the Provincial Legislature The liability of the members is limited any workman can become a member by paying an admission fee of 81.00 and taking one 85.00 share in the capital stock of the company. No member is allowed to hold more than sixty shares ( $\mathbf{8 3 0 0 0}$ ). The profits of the business are ascertained twice a year, $10 \%$ of the profits is added to
reserve fund, and $6 \%$ per annum is paid Continged on Page 13

## Co-operation by Western Farmers

The Spread of the Co-operative Movement throughout Western Canada, and the success with which it has been attended is one of the most hopeful features of the organized farmers movement. The following reports show that co-operative buying of supplies has saved many thousands of dollars to Western agriculturalists. amounting in some cases to upwards of $\$ 1,000$ to the members of a single branch of the Grain Growers' Association or the U.F.A.

The shoal Lake Grain Growers' association has bought twine co-eperatively since 1900. Last year we paid 7 cents for standard. In the year 1905 , before we atarted to buy co-operatively, we had to pay 14 centa for the same twine. We bought cool this winter, but it did not prove satisfactory as eve did not order woon enough. We intend to purchase our supply of four and feed co-operatively this weason and aloo our stock of apples

## \$1,000 SAVED

Daily Creek local of the U.F.A. did Ahe stroke of business last year, somewhat on a smail scale, but very good for coal, kerosene, flour and apples eooperatively and thereby saved our members in round figures a little better than $81,000.00$. These figures could be materially increased if we had better facilities for liandling such necessities in carload lots. To do this ee should have our own acales and warehouse, yes, our own as a rule are not atrong enough financiall to a role are not strong enough innancially to go to such an expease single handed
and therefore they should combine with other local unions in their respective neighborhoods and put up their own neifbborhoods atd put ap
buildings and other facilities.

## SEED WHEAT

At a reent weekly meeting of West Lethbridge Union it was decided to give a report on our experiences at co-operation. Last year we made our first attempt in the matter of seed wheat. We appointed a committee to investigate where almost every member availed himself of the opportunity to buy the selection made by the committee, and the crops: wisdom of the course we pursued, not only as to the number of bushels per acre, but in the faet that the district has much the same grade and kind of wheat, so that when shipping if one has not sufficient to fill a car he can depend on another having the same kind. We believe that if the different unions could go in for a
certain kind of grain and stick to it, the certain kind of grain and stick to it, the
result would be that the market price result would be that the market price
would be enhanced through given districts being enabled to ship out large quantities of the same kind of grain.
JOHN B. ALI.AN, Sec'y. Lethbridge, Alta.

## TUGASKE IS PROSPERING

 The Tugaske Far company was organ ized justyear created to eliminate the unnecessary profit of the middleman by the establishment a farmers' company so organized as to en able the farmer to buy his farm equipment fuel and necessary commodities at more reasonable prices. W have done this to A not so far as I would like to see it, the reason of which is that there have been large interests working againsi us at the every hand ganization there were seventy-two sharehold ers at $\$ 20.00$ a share A president, vice-president, secretary and five directors were ap
pointed, and short pointed, and shortly tive was called. Th necessity for the ap pointment tary-manager was re cognized at this meet
ing and I was appointed to fill that position. It was also decided to secure a coal shed site from the C.P.B. and to make arrangements for lumber to build at of pitle 80 x 40 with four bins. A purchased fites five scales was also pleted we ardered wome coul, formal. dehyde, flour, bren, shorts. poosts., wood wire, ete, ete. We sold this stuff a good deal cheaper then we had been paying lor it, the allowing or the cost of hand ling the tereft derived trom it and more farmers toot a share. Our orkanination

## TWO GREAT ENTERPRISES

Space forbids the telling in detail in this number of the story of two of the greatest co-operative enterprises of Canadion, both founded by WesternGradian farmers: 'the Grain Growers operative and the Saskatchewan Co opertive Grain Growers' Grain C was, however, related by the president of the company, Mr. T. A. Crerar, in the Progress number of The Guide. the recold of the succres of the Sos the record of the success of the Sas watchewan co-operative Elevator to our readers in the report was given to our readers in the repor Dunning, to the Saskatchewan Grain Grower'' Convention at Regina, published on Feb. \&1. The Grain Growers: Grain Co., which is owned by 13,000 western farmers has marketed $83,000,000$ bushels of grain of the 1911 crop up to the present time
has kept growing not only in number: but in unity. When erops commenced to look good and the promise of a bountiful harvest was in sight another executive
meeting was held and the advisability meeting was held and the advisability of ordering some binder twine, wagons. tubricating oils, was fully considered and determined upon. These we also sold Such has been the money.
Such has been the growth of our company until now we have 120 sharehotders 35 cars of coal, 3 cars of flour, 3 cars of wood, $q$ cars of posts, 1 car of wire, with some local shipments, 1 car of wazons. $\ell$ cars of machinery, 1 car of oil with some local shipments and $\&$ cars of binder wine, $65,000 \mathrm{lbs}$
We have extended our coal shed a0
feet which makes it $30 \times 60,8$ feet high, and it is all paid for. We also bought 3 lots in the town which are aloo paid for and so are our scales.
While this total result is very satisfactory it would undeubtedly have been mach larger but for the lean crop of last year and the congeotion which has
existed on the railways this year, leaving existed on the railways this year, leaving large quantities of grain still in the hands their obligations and in a great many cases their obligations and in a great
are suffering a real hardohip.
are suffering a real harculoip. 1 know of several shareholders whave saved twice the price of a share in the company in one year's buying. By the efforts of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers association inaugurating the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Co., A great work has been done towards giving the farmers a means by which they can
pet a fair and square deal in marketing get a fair and square deal in marketing
their products, wo I see a great future their products, so I see a great future
for the farmers of the Farmers' Co for the farmers of the Farmers Co they will only organice themselves and work co-operatively together, being of work united farmers' movement, having for its objent the social and economic uplift of the farming industry.

ROBERT WILSON, Sec'y.-Mgr.
The Farmers' Co-perative Co. Lid.
Branch No. \&z, Tugaske.
SUCCESS AT BLACKFOOT
Blackfoot Union has found the cooperative purchase of supplies to result members. At a meeting of the to its members. At a meeting of the union on warch $s$ orders were taken for a con-
siderable quantity of formaline and strychnine. Arrangements are also strychnine. Arrangements are also being
made for the purchase of a carload of
fence wire.

## CO-OPERATIVE BUYING AT <br> MURCHISON

Empire branch of the Manitoba Grain Growers' association has co-operated with Bethany and Crow's Hill branches for two cars of flour and feed at a saving,
of 40 cents per 100 lbs . on flour and 85.00 of 40 cents per 100 lbs on flour and 85.00 per ton on bran, and a car of apples at a saving of 55 cents per barrel. We had and last year the members used 4,5001 bs. of taine bought co-operatively at an average cost of $73 / 4$ cents a lb,
Murchison P.O., via Franklin, Man
BIG SAVING ON COAL
The Mountain Chase Grain Growers
association this last year bought 140 tons
of coal, laid down at our station for $87.90^{\circ}$ This we sold to members for 88.50 allowing 60 cents per ton for expenses At ne mane time the name coal war selling, 311.75 per ton. Our savings, 81.00 t 83.25 per ton. HARRY A. PELLE, Sec'y Clapton P.O., Sask.
CO-OPERATIVE HAIL INSURANCE As manager of the Mennonite Mutual Hail Insurance company for Wester Gaok 1 can give you a little ift Lairi. how it runs. The company has worked successfully for three years, 1909-1911. We had in 1009 ass members with 99 . ts5 acres insured at a premium of it cents an acre, and to 18 members we paid for hail damage $81,462.00$. In 1910 we had 546 members with 70,100 acres insured at 15 cents per acre, and to 41
 acres insured at 10 cents per sere 108,00 37 members $=0$ paid for hail domes 81,484.53. In each year 5 cents damage went into a reaerve fund and the societ had at the end of the year 1911 in cas and in notes the amount of $\$ 9,666.79$ a reserve fund.

ABR. FUNK, Manager
AT DUNDURN
In addition to conducting a co-operative meat market the farmers of Dundurn last lail at neaght a car of binder twine and sold per pound for standard quality. If every per pound forts his note there will be balance of 865 after paying expenses. We also bought a barrel of formalin direct, sold same to farmers, who provided their own bottles, jars and cans and sealed it down for them, at 15 cents per pound, which left $I$ cents a pound profit and the barrel free. Formerly we could not buy formalin for less than 35 and 40 cents per pound. W. HORDERN

LIKE MONEY FROM HOME
Buying co-operatively in the experience of the Springhill Grain Growers' associaWe ion like getting money from home. twine and our association discussing the matter in 1909 wondered if it was possible to get a good twine any cheaper. After due consideration the secretary-treasurer was instructect to place an advertisement in the local papers calling for tenders for a carload. There wére five dealers in town,
int no thenders came in, and they were quite
anconcerned. But we wnconcerned. But we could not stick us in
woot of glue. We sent the papers with the advertisement marked to the different manufacturers and the tenders came in plentially. We acpepted one at $91 / 4$ cents per lb ., 600 ft . to the lb . Then unpatriotic, disloyal, molly yoddling did not
work. We continued each year to buy in
carloads andnow these men tender for our
twine and we are gettwine and we are get-
ting the same brand they for is cents for 8 cents cash. The ne year above men-
ioned the saving to each $1 / 4$ section was you know even then some of the farmers would not join us
Continued on Page 18

## The Farm Garden

## By T. W. KNOWLES, Emerson, Man.

West, not only to new setulers but thoir whe are old timers, is the drarth of earden. Sevesty-Eve per cent of the formens kitchen gardens consist of potatoes. sometimes turnips and perthaps eram, use. In no country can regetables be grown finer or more productive and with sollitle attention. The farmer and his family can have an abundance of tresh the year, if he zants to, and there is no great, skill required, fuat a lither time and common tequer. Now 1 will tell hom 1 manage my extden, I waslly put to an acre and a half. of course this is not nereseary for the average farmer A quarter to a half is plenty without the petatoes and ternipu. First, If potrible north. If your have a slope to the cast so much the better. He sure to fail plow it and harrow it. Mow deep, 6 to 8 inches. In the spring, sometime about the middle of Aprit, hand rake it so that the surface is fine and loose. Never trouble with the earth if it is wet. Man ahrad how you tike radish, leftuce green. Have thing: the house, coluce ient for zalering an for the women to gather without wallis for the women to gather without walking snips and carrotes, aleo should go in al the same time as radish and lettuce. For variety this depends wpon your woil. If sandy soil, either the white Portugal of the Yellow Danvers, if heavy loam of
day. the Red Weathersfield, fif strong sticky clay, the Mat Red do best. With carrots either the Ox Heart or Half long to gather, but if a dry season many of them split and are only fit for horses. The parsnips, the student or half long. The same time. They peas can be made at frome xithout heing cut down wit wea the mistake many make, is they just byy one sort, then they have green peas for about a week. The best way is to sow two sowings of early medium and late peas with an interval of a week betwee sowings, then you have green pens for nearly
week in May months. About the first ing of radish and lettace. For summer wse the round beets, and for winter use in May sow beans, corn, cucumbers, squash, pumpkins and winter cabbagn seed in drils where you wish then to rr do not formet to plant out set or Dish Sets for green onions. These come int sese about two weeks after planting weather is favorable, and those not used can be left and will make fair winter The Hotbed
For cauliflower, celery, toraatoes an early cabbage, the plants must be started in a hot bed of, in the house in boxes. To make a hotbed take a couple of load of green manded with a good proportion of straw bedding in it direct from the barn and throw it in a heap where you are going to have your hoot bed. Thre or four pails of water thrown on it wil make heat quicker. When good and Do this about three times forking it all over, mixing it well, then build it when you want it about two feet high, sloping eight inches larger than the frame you ar going to put on it. When building it thamp -


Put about six to eight inches of hine seil An the frame on the tramped manure Before putting is the weil woek the manare This with vater, evers of eight paile This makrs it hrat eventy. Trep pot on
your windows, storme windows do bine Giet your wisdows, storm windows do fine. Get
tome mote manare and beild up around the outside of the frame level with the top. This helps to keep in the heat and break the wind on cold days and nights. of too loot. open the windors a little in the niddle of the the windows if intie in the tes days prose the soil well down as some parts may have suak lower than othern and level it all down and sow your seede. The mistakes ecnerally made, are, too thick sowing. letting the bed get too hot. It will heat very quickly if the sun shines on it, and it is not watered regularly and plentifally.

## Transplanting

When your plants get well started give them all the air you cas to harden them before transplanting. Mlant out o'dock. Some people have considerable trouble with trapoplanting. covering them *ith old tins, shingles, etc., I never do this and hardly ever lose a plant. thoroughly sook the hotbed the night before 1 am going to tranaplant. Do not let your plants get too large before you the foth of May. The I tation ait a good share of soil. ahout sify plants at a time. Previously I stretch a string along where 1 am going to plant them With a bar or sharp pointed stirk I make boles for the planis, tomatoes two feet apart, cabbage and caulifower eighteen inches. Then go along and put one plant carefully into each hole, being sure that the fine roots go well down the ground. With water can 1 pour water down the holes. This washes some soil and the by firmly pressing the top dry follow this by firmly preasing the top dry soil around till next day, and if done carem again will not lose two per cent. With celery 1 dig a trench about six inches deep and work up the bottom of it fine and plant the celery about six trench and . Mace a board over the suds from the weckly washing is good Don't be afraid of giving too much. When the plants begin to grow fill in the trench gradually with the dirt you took out and keep it well earthed up as they grow.
The three principal things making for success in gardening is clean cuitivation, good seeds and yo rood reliable seed man. Get the early varieties. Do not be tempted by the handsome colored pictures and the wonderful novelties. Try at first only tested varieties. Later on you can experiment if you wish to. Do not let the weeds get the start of you, for if they once do, it is good-by garden, for it means hand weeding and this is what very many farmers will not do.
Another common mistake is chaning Another common mistake is changing the garden ground every year or two, is cleaning the and more common mistake is cleaning the weeds out once and leaving be gone over at least three times during the summer, and no weeds allowed the go to seed. This makes it easy for the following years. One of the thing: that make for good garden is a wheel hoe I use a double wheel one. it is really astonishing how much garden you ca get over in an hour and it does the work five times as well and ten times as easy as the hand hoe. Thave not mentioned potatoes or turnips in this article. I consider them a field crop, and not really
belonging to the kitchen garden belonging to the kitchen garden.
to get a few roots of gharden do not fail to get a lew roots of rhubarb, and plant
them in a row where they will not be in them in a row where they will not be in
the way when you are plowing your the way . Before planting the rhubarb
garden. Ber dig holes at least three feet deep and fill up for two feet with rotten manure or manure from the cow barn with no straw. then put in your roots, the eyes about an inch below the surface and fill in with earth and firm them. You will be pleased and surprised at the quantity and qualiry of the rhubarb you will get, not forgetting It is a thirsty plant but sill well all the labors tenold.

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has repestedly shywn, it is of the otmost has repeatedly shown, it is of the utmost
importance to proceed with eantion and wishom. To lay a solid foundation to such an up-bruilding movement, it is of the
greatest possible necessity to start with greatest possible neccsaity to start with
mere local organisations, working them with care, not trying to do the grand at once. Grand achlevements wift lievit-
ably come later on, and sooner than ably come later on, and sooner than
expected, but they will be the legitimate reward of perseverance and energy. Many large schemes with state aid, backed by milions have ended in miser-
able failures. France has seen a good able failures. France has seen a good
many of these schemes and failures, until taught by a rude experience the people have realised that the Germans, with their apparently slower method,
were on the right path and in fact, had found the very solution of the problem. Their splendid success is to-day an ex-
ample for the rest of the world in all things ample for the reat of the world in all things
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they have struck the right way of using they have struck the right way of using
the savings of the masses for the real the savings of the masses for in keeping
benefit of these same masses, for themselves the advantages that for themselves the those who control it. After the initial stage of mere local
After reservoirs of credit and when the organ-
isms were prosperous enough to justify an enlargement of their beneficial activnties, federations of such societies were formed without impairing in any way the
action of the antonomy of the local action of the autonomy of the local
organizations, on the contrary, helping organizations, on the contrary, helping
them in a good many ways and, through them in a good many ways and, througn
them, their members by affording a them, their members by alfordig
larger hasis of business, more exteaded larger hasis of business, more exteaded
credit and at much more advantageous conditions, the very strength of the conderation coming in as a powerful
factor to aid the local organizations in
fict their dealings with their members. Thus the goal aimed at was successfully reached without outside intericreace,
the sentiment of complete self-reliance on the part of the interested people having been preserved, which brought
forth in its turn, the respect and, perforth in its turn, the respect and, per-
haps, a little more than the respect of the Government itself for those energetic co-operators. All that tends to the con-
trary should therefore be guarded against with the qreatest care. It is a more difficult task than most people would perience teaches me how one has to fight against this dreadful evil in order to keep such a movement within its proper bound in the initial stage, until it is ripe for a larger conception of its scope and possi-
bilities. What I call imperialistic bilities. What I call imperialistic ideas, that is, the desire to do the grand at once and, above all, in a grand way, is a most
dangerous delusion because it treacherdangerous delusion because it treacher one into a whirlwind powerful, so captivating and so fascin-
ating that it brings as an inevitable result a more or less obscure neglect of the vitality of the units before they have
acquired all the desirable strength that acquired all the desirable strength that
would insure their prosperity with a vigorous life of their own. To begin slowly is the part of real wisdom. Energy
and perseverance will do the rest and do it and perseve
splendidly.

## Parliament Should be Just

The idea insisted upon here is empha-
sized in a general way in the following
extract of a recent article published in the
"Irish Homestead" devoted to the inter-
ests of the farmers of Ireland. Canadian
farmers must, too, insist that their reprefarmers must, too, insist that their repre-
sentatives make laws for the benefit of
laws that will allow farmers to organize themselves in the way that is best suited the first law they should fight for is a co-operation with no proviso to sooth
the middlemen and entangle the action of the farmers in their effort to organize themselves, for such a legislation woul be harmful to the latter and a source of
endless unnecessary troubles to both.
unlounded right to asooriate themorlves $t 0$ further their intervats in all the field, they choose either as producets, dealers and as freely as capital ean, by the Companies Act, aswociate and congregate even to and including the combines and
merzers limits, in order to aqueese the merfers limits, in order to squeese the
public and make it sweat every possible pubilar and make that can be taken out of its labor. Let Parliament pasa a law authorising farmers to use their self. help to protect themselves by associatise their activities, thereby availing themselves of all the fruits of their labors. That is just what the Parliaments of he most progresaive nations of Europe
have been doing during the last half have been doing duriag the last half-
century and what our own Parliament century and what our own Parliament they do not seem to have any disposition they do not seem to have any disposition
to act on their own initiative and understand the situation. farmers should then step in in an effective manner and makthemselves heard in a way that will have an echo in our legislative halls, awake our legislators and make them realize that there are other people in the land than the capitalistic promoters of all colors and shades. Let it be known inspection of binder twine, and the like cannot satisfy the farmers, because such not going to the root of the evil, for it not going to the root of the evil, for
would be an easy task for the agricul. turists to protect themselves mach more effectively against dishonest dealers if they could freely co-operate, such men sures serving as pretexts for politicians to proclaim their zeal for the farmers with out daring to give the true kind of legis ation that is wanted.

## The Curse of Party

It is the contrary that has been done in Europe as shown by the followiag lines from the "Irish Homestead Denmark, of Italy we will -ing. Frane each of these countries there is a long list of acts designed to aid the farmer, giving power to him to create associations in inoinite varisty. The parishes in these countries are organized and their interests
are not forgotten in the interests of the are not forgotten in the interests of the
cities. We saw a list of eleven co-operative; measures passed in France since the French farmers were organized, since they refused to support the member program, of the organized farmers or pledge themselves to carry it out.
For years the farmers in these islands have been trying to get the Thrift and Credit Banks Bitt through the legislature and it has never gone further than to a
committee. There was no political power committee. There was no political power behind the promoters, farmers were entangled so idiotically in the games of great political parties that they neglect
their own interests and were afraid urging on their representatives' support of measures which would enable the rural community here to build up the same huge democratic systems of credit and rugral co-operation which have on the Continent in face the competition of the New World. Whenever the parishes give their repre-
sentatives in the legislature general permission to vote any way they like, Uneinterests of the parishes are neglected.
Unles through their organi zations insist on particular and precise action in respect of their organizations, their interests will be neglected every
time. The other organized interests,
labor, middlemen, capital, etc., know very well what they want, and leave their The deplorable history hereia given
of the "Thrift and Credit Bil" in the
English Parliament savors like that of the Co-operative bills in our Ottawa
Parliament, and the same causes seem to have had the same effect in both cases. clasely, to their own class interests and
take leed of the game of the great political parties is a timely one. Let
be heard and followed by every farmer the land, be he foom the West or from the change of scene which will redound


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## Co-operative Marketing

There are thirty-six so-operstive frait associations in Ontario, some for apples. some for geseral fruit, others for amal fruit. Moat of them are loosely orgas ised, but truly co-operative. The Bur lington Fruit Growers' association is the oldest, and is remarkable for the sim plicity of its organiration. It has ne conatitution or by-lawn, no warehouse,
no eapital, and only a verbal agree mo eapital, and only a verbal agree
ment among members. Each grower pent among members. Each grower under his name. A manager attends to the shlppling. pays the grower what lris shipment brought, and is given a small commisaion. The Forest Orew ers' association depends upon the de poilts of buyers for working eapital each buyer must pay a percentage of the price before the frait is shipped and the remainder within certais days. After expenses are paid the remaining money is paid to the growers. The sales
manager receives a commission of fes manager receives a commission of five cents a barrel on the total paek, about seven thousand barrels. A shed is rent ed for packing. There are about forty five members, and there is steady growth. The Oahawa association is a joint stock company, owns a central
paeking house, and charges a certain packing house, and charges a certain
amount a barrel for handling. Out of amount a barrel for handling. Out of
this, expenses and a six per cent, divithis, expenses and a six per cent, divi-
dend are pald. The value of the plant is $\$ 5,000$; its eapacity, eight thousand barrels; the average pack, the same: the membership, 188,
The 8t. Catherine Cold Storage company is a joint stoek affair, but is working toward true co-operation. It eapital of $\$ 2,000$, and the plant is valued at $\$ 13,000$. It handles all kinds of fruit and the sales amount to about $\$ 75,000$. A supply branch handies packages, spray pumps, chemicals, fertilizers, fad ders and other tools, and is a whole saler for the federation of fruit as sociations. The Donnville association handles small fruits shipped to loca markets, each member grading and
shipring under his own name. Its ehief shipping under his own name. Its ehief activity is in buying fruit packages,
aiding in securing good markets, arrang: ing meetings and the like.
ing meetings and the associations have nearly the same form of organization-president, viee-president, secretary-manager, trea surer and board of directors. Expensen are met by a straight charge per pack-
age. Directors usually work gratis, also the president, though in some eases a small'remuneration is allowed. One as sociation with an output of from 1,200 to 1,500 barrels a year pays its manager two dollars a day, Four associations with packs of from 4,000 to 8,000 barrels pay tef cents a barrel. In the larger associations this has been raised to fifteen cents. Two associations with packs of from 3,000 to 7,000 barrels pay five cents a barrel. One association with an output of from 20,000 to 40,000 bar
rels pays twenty cents; but the man rels pays twenty cents; but the man ager has to pay all expenses of inspec tion, bookkeeping, and so forth. In the name of the Co-operntive under the name of the Co-operative Fruit Toronto. The annual fee is five dollars Toronto. The annual fee is five dollars Through it s
the societies.
Paeking and grading are generally done by the societies, either in a paek-
ing house or in the grower's orehard One society employs a number of pack ing gangs, with inspectors who insure uniformity in the pack. This relieves the grower of the work of packing at
a time when he is very busy. Three methods are used to determine prices to growers; pooling all returns, pooling re turns from certain varieties and fruits, and prorating prices for each variety
and grade. The first, once common, does not discriminate between good and poor varicties; the second is more popular prices being pooled on classes of certain sarieties; the third method gives ab solute justice to the grower, but entail The Country Gentleman.

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eradication of canadian THISTLES
Editor, Guide:-The important thing in the eradication of Canadian Thistles is to keep them from the light and from
arowing green, and to storing up energy frowing, green, and so storing up energy for, the) winter months: the following treatment to be succestul. About the 10th July when the thistles are in full bloom, plow the land from four to five inches deep, turning down every thistle, using a sharp plow share, so as to cut each plant. and thus expojigg the rootg to the sum. Do not harro er give any other cultivation to the land, as the purpose is to
leave the land open so that the thistles leave the land open so that the thistles
will not esaily sprout sasin, as if parked Will not easily sprout again, as if packed
or harrowed they would grow very quickly or harrowed they would grow very quickly and the effect of the plowing would only
be to increase them. Repeat this oper. be to increase them. Kepeat this oper.
ation in one month's time. which had better be done with a walking plow, plowing across and a little deeper than
the previous plowing. This may not the previous plowing. This may not
make such a nice looking job of plowing make such a nice looking job of plowing but will have the effict of drage the sun Fill get at them. Plow again about the 10th sept. either direction, a little deeper
than the previous plowing. This last than the previous plowing. This gast
plowing should teave the field in good plowing or the fall, but if any thistles are showing up in the field it should be plowed again in Oetober before frecere up. It is eapeciaily harrowed or cultivated after either of the plowings.
Terence, Man

## a federal organization

 Editor, Guide:- $1 f$ anything were needed to intensify the feling of regret western city pact, it would be found in the present grain blockade. This regret has always grain blockade. This regret has alway, been over the event, but if the presentcondition of affairs continues, it will turn to personal resentment agaiast the
opponents of free trade. Of course we opponents of free trade. Of course we
must give credit to our provincial governmost give credit to our provincial govern-
ments, urged on by the Grain Growers ments, urged on by the Grain Growers' Association for the work they have done
in briaging partial relief, but had we been given access to the southern marke this thing would not have, happened,
at least it would not have been nearly so bad. It is needless to state there is : serious grievance, that has already got past generalities and has become personal matter to each individual farme over most of the grain growing sections.
How long is this thing to last? How long is this thing to last? and when the pressure is relieved, will the relief be permanent: or may we expect a repe-
tition? To the first there is no answer, tition? To the first there is no answer,
to the second, what is to prevent a recurrence of such a tie up every year? currence of such a tie up every year?
Nothing in sight, at least nothing reliable. Nothing in sight, at least nothing reliable.
We cannot for a moment believe that this Wan continue indefinitely, farmers of Canada are being exploited by and for the benefit of the self-constituted classes They are being fed and flattered as the backbone of the country by these manu-
facturing barons for the same reason that we care for our farms or stock simply to get more out of them. It is surely time for this backbone to straighten itself out, and since no remedy can be lound without, find one within, and apply t. A continuation of the present oppression is opposed to progress and the advance
ment of civilization, for there are among
 enlightened minds as in any walk of life men who glory in their occupation,
and would raise the agricultural community, unfettered by artificial bonds.
to further advancement, and the position it should oecupy in the national life. The remedy is the same that has done to much for labor, has built up the Mana:done to macts for Westers Canade Oone so much for Weatern Canada. organize. received its death blow in our very midat. The delegation to Ottaws. a year ago, clearly revealed two things. our strength and weakness; our strength to control a section of the country and make a government sit up and take notice; our weakness that we were not extended enough. Our provinciat associations are a necesity, but the time has Dome, and the occasion demands that a The Dominion Council of Agriculture the i oominion thing, but its scope is not vide is a good thing, but its scope is not wide should centre the united farmers of Canada

Surely the thing is possible. The Manufacturers' association was once provincial, they found it necessary to cover the whole country. If we are to show the same strength in our arguments, we must likewise grow. Keep our provincial associations, we cannot do without them, should be to harmonize the varied idene of the several provinces, and shom a united front when urging our claims on the powers that are. R. M. JOHNSON.

## interest charges

Editor, Guide:-It seems that our
law-givers are overlooking a great number of smaller evils in trying to eradicate what they consider the larger
ones. There are a few of the smaller ones we would like to bring before their attention. When I say 'we"' 1 mean the class of producers in contradistinction not to the consumers, but mean ${ }^{2}$ people who produce things by manual labor, as mechanies, farmers, farm laborers, ete. As a little instance
that is easily seen by any casual reader that is easily seen by any casual reader
let us take the exorbitant price of let us take the exorbitant price of
manufactured articles, and as an ex. manufactured articles, and as an ex ample of anufactured bob-sleighs ( 2 in . take a set of common bob-sieighs $(2$ in.
steel shoe). The agent handing these very necessary farm articles here, will tell us the selling price of this simple,
cheaply made implement is $\$ 36.50$ cash or $\$ 39.50$ in a year's time.
The ordinary uninitiated buyer
would naturally suppose the $\$ 3.00$ ex-


An anusual scene in Alberta. A backward season donbles the work. The farmer is trying
tra is to cover interest; but on reading the note he fas to sign he will find that the interset rate is eitiser 7 or 8
per cent, and that it is calculated on the 816 for one yest This, with. The 8300 sraft, makes 46.16, which is very very graft, makes 86.16 , "which is very very
nearly 17 per cent. os $\$ 36.50$, and this of the selling pifice, mind you, set oen the money realy inveted. Now, what
we would like to know is if there is any law apainat "usury" is this coon try, and if so, why is it not enforced in so obvious a ease. They eannot have the nerve to asy that the 83.00 is a dis count for eash, that would look too
brasen, becaseo yos may look at $\$ 3650$ for a nair of ordinary sleighs a long, for a nair of ordinary sleighs a long,
long time before you will notice any logs time before you will sotice any
sears left by the discounts that have been ehopped off. Agais, they could not write ${ }^{17}$ per cent. on the face of
their notes, they would tarn pale and fade out. Bo they simply take the $\$ 3.0$ without a reason, of oven if they could produce one, 83.00 is a pretty high price for any reason a robber can give
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the policy of our excellent ( 1 ) govern. the poliey of our exellent (1) govern-
ment is to "protect" the home indus iries, and the very ones who are be ing so systematieally shorn of their hard-carned little mites, are the ones tion when election day comes round, but the old leader, the old flag and the old foolishness.
So get busy, Grin Growers. You are the only bope. You are the nucleus round which will grow, or can be made to grow, the greatest nation the sun has ever shone on. But get together. What matters it if a few childish ones get sore because you are not more a
Tory machine than a Grit machine and refuse to play. Such ones are nselem refuse to play. Sach ones are useless
anyway. And what matters it whether you are a Tory machine or a Grit ma ehine so long as you do the work better
atrong advocheto for because 1 am a strong sdvocate for removhaf unjuat laws and grievances, especially those clatoed and the farming, the working cians and equality of apportunity for te mand and deaire to provent poverty on the one hand and great wealth on the other, among men, and am a follower of Lloyd George.
A stedy progreasive system of so eial reform is a reasonable pooition, such si Lioyd George is working out. But many Socialista are opposed to "'re forms." They, boldly demand "the destruction of the present system;", and the advent of a Bocialist state by Prench revolution) and sign themselve "yours for revolotion." It is diftente to understand why Socialists take up this extreme position. I often read the two Canadian Socialist weeklies and hear Socialist leeturers. I eannot underatand why they asaail anybody's re-
ligion, espectally Christianity and Chrisligion, especially Christianity and Chris
tian Soelalists; also thrift, co-opera tian Socialists; also thrif, co-operation, even our efforts as grain grow.
ers are sneered at. Men are advised to shirk at work; work is called slavery, and ease and pleasure are held op as
the etilet alm of life. it has pover been proved to me that "eapital produes nothing and labor everything,", nor can I see how the workers can have handed over to them "all the means of production, distribution and exchange, nor the, "abolition of rent, interest and pront. Neither the wisdom nor the justice of these views do isee. They are extreme, far-fetched and politically impracticable, they and they repel many of us, Although
New Zealand is often quoted, it is not a Socialist state, but has more advane. ed "social reforms, than any other country. The Encyclopaedia Britannica says: "One of the worst risks of a Socialist state is bureaneracy, govern: ment by officialdom, a new despotism.' Also it wisely says: "The Socialistic
experiment is likely to be tried by experiment is likely to be tried by provinces than by states, by districts than by proviney, by down than by distriets. Co-operation teaches men self-government, and gives them the distribution." Again: "It seems not improbable that in the future, the strong, central government will be so democratie, and at the same time so Wise with the wisdom of a great repre-
sentative council, that all that is sound in the contentions and aspirations of Socialists will be secured. The people 1 am in sympathy with a great deal that our soclieve they mean well. Bnt my letter will show how unlikely it is that as grain growers we will "come out and adorse the Socialist party,"
W. HORDERN

SAVE WESTERN CANAD
M. Aikins Tells Eastern Manu facturers How It Can Be Done Hamilton, Ont., March थ1.-J. A. M. Aikins. M.P., of Brandon, was the chief speaker at the annual, dinner of the tonight and in a long speech warned gathering of 300 prominent manufacturers that the great problem of the West was to nationalize and subdue the ardor of the thousands of Americans who threw up their hats and shouted every time the eagle screamed over head. He urged Eastern capitalists to establish branch industries at once in the West if they wished to save Western Canada for of the tariff so that Western Canadians would be able to secure the same profit with its factories was receiving and urged the manufacturers to back up the Westerners in appealing for lower trans-

## TREATMENT FOR SMUT

at the Ontario Agricultural College. Guelph, it has been found that the most effective treatment for the prevention from immersing the seed in a found made by adding one pint of formalin to 42 gallons of water. The grain is immersed in this for a period of twenty minutes. The grain should, however, be sown as soon after immersion as possible after immersion there is danger of the arter immersion there is danger, of
vitality of the seed being reduced.

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to ert co-operators were not destined dosperate struggles however, for without a to the insumershle inconveniencies they Fere subjected to by eompetitors, their building was almost destroyed by a diast trous fire. This only served to urge the committee to renewed efforts and enabled the basiness. This little incident proved almost invaluable to the business sos it alinost isvaluable to the business se it of their responsibility as they now had a


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"Clouds of adversity gathered quickly found themselves confronted at every turn by almost unsurmountable obstacles. ery justly so) to the other bakers and


#### Abstract

"Members are allowed credit to the


 If they heid a lesuer amount than \$8pis. 00 the interent and dividend earned is credited to their capital sccount until the vithdraw any they are leaving for other part oo, or not satisfied with the business they may vithdraw altogether.first throe yeirs of its existenses for the marked, that the workmen of the other minked, towns began to move in the same direction. Nine years after our start \%e find that a business of 8577,000 is done by the co-operators of the laland of Cape Breton, Prejudice has been upwe stand to-day the leading business in the town, the envy of the private traders, the admiration of the work men, and sought after by the wholesalers. The above report wim fairly reflect the minise town of Glace Bay and sylent Mines Acoording to the frrued syiney by them for 1910 and poblished in the "Canadian Co-operator" the net profits for the year of the societies in those towns
were as follows:-Glace Bay $818,287.68$, Dominion $811,367,99$, Sydney Mines *9,104.81, the same berng estimated anter payment of all charges for interest truly remarkable showing, considering that they represent absolutely new businesses created within the last six and a half years. A saving in the cost of living by co-operative distribution in Cape Breton ranges forgotten that it, in addition, prevents private trade interests from combining or the purpose of artificially increasing the ably increased as the trade and membership grow.
Inverness, N S s a a succesfol society at years ago which has a permanent share capital of $81,060.00$ and made a net profit At the present moment a co-operative wholesale society is being organized by the Cape Breton Retail Societies, the constitution of which will be similar to wholesales.
The pioneer society in this province is in Guelph, and the writer cannot do of its career written for the purpose of this article by Secretary Bush:Guelph felt that they were being charged Guessive rates for bread and a number of Trade Unionists through the Trades and Labor Council entered a strong protest against the tactics adopted by the loca -
property worth avet es,00e and hat plenty of room for extennions; send of their dividend to remain in the trratury to help pay for the building.

Continued Progress
Another department was aow sdded is the shape of $A$ fine stock of shoes and
with the bakery, groery, butcher shop and with the bakery, Gocery, butcher shop and phoe department all thriving the committee looked forward to great results, not were they disappointed as the balance sheet for
1908 indicated a business of $858,8 \% 7.36$ for that year.
lor that year. This magnificent showing did not asticfy the progravive indifations of the directors, however, for a lew monthe ted a methed which was a neurce of much convenience to their patrons. $U_{p}$ till this time the cosl merchants had been asking prices which were considered excessive, but they contended that there was very little proft in the business and were foreed to aet as they did.
The co-perators allowed their patrons to eet the coal at summer prices and pay
at the rate of $33 / 1 /$ cents per ton per week at the rate of s3y ceats per ton per week benefit of the summer prices.
The other desiers did
themaelves with eviting the price to $a$ tower figure than that it which the coal had been sold for years but they made an organised effort to prevent any of the coal companies from supplying the cooperative assciation with coal and it became secesuary to put up a bond for \$20,000.00 before these companies would supply the asociation with coal. Ail by enlisting the sympathy of the people by enisting the aympathy of the people
and the business again took a jump in 1909 . The balance sheet indicated a business for the year of $871,543.56$, which was most gratifying to the directors.

A stock of chinaware and graniteware *as next added to the business, another indication of progressiveness and the year proved another record breaker as the receipts amounted to the magni-
ficent sum of $\$ 81,698.77$ and slmost ficent sum of $881,608.77$ and almost immediately the directors began eearching for other means of extending the good as they were enabled to make a very satisfactory agreement with one of Guelph's largest dry goods stores by which the co-operators made their purchases at that store and were able to procure dividend on their purchases just the same as though it was a co-operative store they were dealing with. The increase in business made the arrangement most satisfactory to the merchant.
The increase in business caused the directors of the co-operative society to was that a branch grocery was established in the east end of the city. Some of the shareholders were afraid that the venture would not prove successful as the merchant who formerly occupied the store never did more than 8150.00 of budiness in a week. Before the store had been opened three months however, the businesa averaged nearly 8800.00 per week; of course a certain portion of this trade Fas drawn from the main store but not iwas soon atoned for. The balance sheet for 1911 indicated a business at the main and branch stores of $845,028.23$ for the firat half year and $850,773.55$ for the balance of the year, and after paying all expenses and making liberal allowances for depreciation a profit of $\$ 5,600.57$ was declared for the year.

The shareholders were not disposed to claim all their profits in the form of dividend, however, and on the advice of the directors accepted a $4 \%$ dividend on purchases, thereby leaving a balance
of $\$ 1,339.24$ for future extensions One of the rim of te directers to erect a large up-to-date has been bakery where conditions for workmen will be ideal and the surroundings will be conducive to far greater advances in securing the trade of the city. It is their intention to utilize this $831,339.24$, to start this worthy movement as soon as weather permits.

It is an undisputable fact that in Guelph co-operation has been a decided success
and it will be admitted by all that a large proportion of the credit for this success proportion of the credit for this success is due to the officers of the organization, president in 1907 and has filled the office most creditably ever since. The great aim of the committee has been to make the people pay cash for all goods, as they
feel that one of the greatest menaces


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sluch more might be said if spacy of the directors of this asoociation, when they hope in time to supply all the want of thrir many patroma and procure a farg Their ows farms and formonolities from dirketors give their services arrataiteme and are proud to tell of their conseutio with an prianisation of their the connection Fith an organination where the motto if Other Ontario Societies
Apart from a society organised within the last year by the civi servants at Otiawa, and which is dolag a large and rapidly increasing grocery trade, co-operabon in Ontario is confined to the castern action of the province. At Freston, a society organised by from Guelph. within the last three years has made considerable progress; indeed it may be flaimed it now does the largest busines of the kind in the district notwithatanding attempts to put it out of setion by the enaetment of a prohibitory by-law by thy town council which was suhsequently quashed on the initiative of the co-operative soriety by the High Court at roronto. After paying all trade expenses,
making the necessary depreciations, and paying interest on capital, a net profi of 8775.65 in the last six months was show in the accounts recently published, enabling the directors to teclare a 5 rividenent more thas $100 \%$ Der phanite the capital employed A society organized
men of 5 L . Thomas for by the railroad meries, commenced operations. During the first few months their capital was doubtless impaired owing to lack of trade support, but the result of the year's trade just ascertained, owing to the remarkable increase in turnover of the last few months, has resuited in the restoration of such, tion of the irst year's business with The hosery workers
Mills of Paris, consisting for Penman' part of skilled workmen from similar districts in England where the movement is strong, have just organized a society meat. They are already doing a trad which, if properly conducted, shoul insure a substantial saving in the cost of living, and as some of the members are experienced old country co-operator it seems probable a strong society will be developed.
Within the last month the Co-operative Union has also secured the incorporation commence ben's society which will shortly commence business with the supply of
groceries at Berlin. The movement has just received its first "set back" since its organization in the failure of the society at Brantford. As, however, it never succeeded in getting on its feet and is due to conditions which are purely local and pioneer mistakes in organization beyond providing an illustration of things which should be avoided in establishing societies in cities of a certain type.
The movement in Quebec is represented by societies at Valleyfield and Magog, both of them consisting of operatives employed in the cotton mills of those towns. These men hail from the County
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We purchase our flour from the Echo Milling Co., Gladstone, Man, No. grade, with the guarantee that if the flour on de, with the guarantee and satisfactory we keep the four and get back our money. The flour has always been A1.
This year our apples cont us for eight different varieties 83.68 for No, 1, an 82.68 for No. 2, freight paid; flour, 82.60 freight paid; twine, 8 cents, freight paid We get bran, shorts, rolled oats, etc. at reduced prices. We have been buying They formerly cost ms. We have money in the treasury and lots of it. Neepawa, Man.
DUNT LET THEM WORK FOR
NOTHING

In 1907 the farmers of the Foxwarren district paid the local dealers 14 centcash or $14 \% / 2$ cents on time for twine The local dealers always told us that there was no money in handling binder twine, and as we thought it was not right to have them working for us for nothing we took compassion on them and decided to buy our twine by the car load, and in loos the local secretary the Grain Growers association wa instructed tolask for tenders for twin ers quoted prices from is cents to 13! cents, and the wholesale trade quoted from 9 cents to 11 cents. We bought at $91 / 2$ cents, thus effecting a saving of $21 / 2$ cents per pound or 8600.00 on 24,000 pounds. In 1909 the local dealers quoted $111 / 2$ cents cash or 12 cents on time, and the wholesale trade $81 / 5$ cents, a saving of 3 cents per pound or $\$ 750.00$ on 25,000 pounds. In 1910 local dealers quoted the wholesale trade $81 / \mathrm{s}$ cents, the wholesale trade $81 / 2$ cents, a saving 87,000 pounds. In 1911 local dealer 87,000 pounds. In 1911 local dealers $81 / 4$ cents to 9 cents, wholesale $71 / 2$ cents
to gi cents. We gave the local dealer the preference $i$ at $81 / 4$ cents. Thus we have made a saving on twine alone of over $\$ 2,000.00$ in three years.
To keep our merchants from working for nothing in handling flour and feed we thought we would see what we could do in that line. The secretary was instructed to communicate with several Tiling companies, also our local dealers. The large milling companies referred us did not acknowledge our communication. The not acknowledge our communication Flour, 83.10 ; bran, 821.00 per ton; shorts, Flour, 83.10 ; bran, 821.00 per ton; shorts, with some of our local mills, one of them quoted flour, $8 \mathbf{2} .60$; bran, 817.00 ; shorts, 819.00, f.o.b. Fox warren, satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. We ordered one car on trial, it proved to be satisfactory and we ordered another. We paid out in cash $82,069.00$, with a saving of $\$ 403.40$, making a total in cash saved to the members in four years on twine and flour and feed of $\$ 1,47 x$. Now we saved by buying cooperative see what we saved by buying co-operativey and not letting those poor fellows work for us for nothing. I would advise every staple goods co-operatively. It is an inceptive to build up your association. Since ordering our car of flour I have received several a communications from different branches asking for information with regard to our method of co-operation.

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## Dear Friend:

I am sitting here at my desk, thinking how I shall write many people. I am an old man now- 70 years old. 50 long years of my life were given over to making a perfect roof for any kind of building (for everybody has to use roofs), and the right roof works day and night to help a man's daily work

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I worked for a long time to get a roof that could be easily laid by anybody. It had to be neither too heavy nor too light. It had to be smooth and clean. It had to be a real water shedder, no matter how long it was laid. It had to be proof against ice, snow, lightning, sun and time.
My Oshawa Shingles are the result. worked for years to find a metal that wouldn't rust. I worked on an iceproof lockjoint. I have a shingle today that is the best ever put on the market. People buy it from me all around the world, it is so good. These people see how worth-while a good roof is.

I know my Oshawa Metal Shingles so well,
and anybody can lay a roof in them so well and easily, that it makes the safest and best roof you
 can get. But 1 have a new 100 -year metal now. My Oshawa Shingle is Perfected. A 100 -year roof is a mighty good article-far better than even old-style. handshaved cedar shingles. I know my roof is four times as good-and it won't burn.

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The Sylvania Co-pperative Society is an of-ahoot of the sylvania brasch of
the Grain Grower' suopriation, and was the Grain Growers, saociation, and *as
organised in July, 1911. The Sylvania organised in July, 1911. The sylvania had previoualy experimented in buying ha-operatively, end, although the reaults were all that could be desired, it was fell that an institution for the specific pur pose of co-aperative buying sould bor more efficient. This was amply justified by the results, as when the book. were balanced up at the close of 1911 . the directors were able to declare a dividend of 38 cents an the dollar. Owing to the fact that by-laws had to be drawn up, and rules for the carrying on af the of the year, the volume of busiarss done of the year, the volume of business done
was not very laris. but. Was considered was not very harge but was considered is confidently expected that the result. for the present year, will be even more es. The modus operandi of this institation is very simple. The society purchases goods from the wholesale houses, and re: tails them to the members at current
retail prices, the profits being divided retail ppices, the profits being divided
smong the members, in proportion to the among the members, in proportion to the amount of their purchases.
While an institution of this kind, located in the country as this one is, can be moderately succestul, its splere of usefulness is too limited to be of much
value except to those in the vicinity value, except to those in the vicinity of its base of operations; still, the country
is the beat place for surh, a movement is the best place for such in movement
to spend its infancy, and it it has anyto spend its infancy, and if it has any-
thing like the virility that the same move. thing the the viriity that the same move-
ment has shown in older countries, it will not be long in branching out.
In conclusion, as nothing of this nature can be carried on successfully without proper machinery, I would like to suggest, that The Guide pubtish a eet of by-an=: and regulations, suitable for projects like
this, for the guidance of farmers who this, for the guidance of farmers who
would like to organize themselves in this would like to organize themselves in this manaer

WM. RATCLIFFE, Jr.
SUBSTANTIAL SAVINGS We hereby beg to submit to you a report of the co-operative buying of the Ridgeford Grain Girowers. We bought our
twine last fall at a saving of a cent per twine last fall at a saving of a cent per
Ib, two car loads of conal at a saving of lb., two car loads of coal at a saving of
$\$ 1.00$ per ton; three car loads of wood 81.00 per ton; three car loads of wood
at a saving of 81.25 per cord. We also at a saving of 81. . 5 per cord. We also
bought flour from our local dealer at a bought flour from our local dealer at a
saving of \& 5 c . per ewt. and three barrels saving of es c , per ewt. and three barreis
of coal oil at a saving of 10 e . per gallon. of coal oil at a saving of 10c. per gallon.
We also expect to buy fence posts formal dehyde and other things as we need them dehyde and other things as we need them. has had experience with a Midget mill. Venn, Sask. W.I. WELTS,

CO-OPERATION IN THE COUNTRY Just a few lines to let you know the benefit derived by Kimbey branch of U.F.A. making purchases co-operatively. We organized in May last and at once
went to work with a will. We are 55 went to work with a will. We are SS
miles from a railroad but this has not miles from a railroad but this has not
hindered us from deriving a benefit hindered us from deriving ${ }^{\text {a }}$ a benefit from co-operation in buying.
twine we saved 75 c . per 100 lbs . and sold the same twine from the same firm that our local merchant sold. We bought six binders saving 820 on each binder, a car load of flour at 70 c . less per 100 ibs . than our local merchant sold it for The same merchant sells Sunlight oil at 40 c . per gal. but we get it by the barrel at $251 / 4$ cents. We also make a saving on sugar, coffee, tea, matches, in fact almost everything we need. On March q3rd we are ordering a car load of woven wire, also a car load of barbed wire. While we
save a goodly sum on wire fencing alone save a goodly sum on wire fencing alone
we also have a saving of 74 c . per 100 lbs we also have a saving of 74c. per 100 loss.
on freight rates. We make it a daily on reight rates. the make it a daily
study to find the cheapest markets (quality combined) even should we have to go to United States or England for what we want. If all local unions would thus look after their own intercsts and buy co-operatively we could soon make ourselves felt.
If all local unions within a radius of thirty muiles from Lacombe would affiliate together to make their purchases it would be beneficial. We would make

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our wants known to them or be only too pleased to have them join us. We musi congratulate you Mr. Editor for what you are doing for the farmer through the
columns of The Grain Growers' Guide. Keep pushing the thing along. JOHN H.

BEELEY

# ALBERTA SECTION 



ExTMaCt FROM
OPTICLAL CTROULAR NO, 3, 1912
Gentlemen:-l wish to thank all those who havesasisted so ably is the work who have sasisted so ably in the work which has been undertaken in the the bew to better conditions relating to the sew
Orain Bill. This fly in is not yet over Grain Bill. This fight is fot yot over further to asy on the matter at an early farther
date.
Hy

By special request of Weat Salisbury Union the following resolution is presented for your consideration:-
"Resolved that this Union is convinced that in order for the wealth prodscers to secure legislation in their interests and to protect them from the grasp of corporate greed it is easential for sll workers to be drawn cioser to gether for the purpose of usited action and that it is hopeless for us to pin our faith to either of the old parties, as has been demonstrated by the action of the Alberta government in guaran-
teeing the bonds of railway companies teeing the bonds of railway companies
and not giving any consideration to resolutions presented to them by the United Farmers and the labor organim: tions endorsing publie owaership and protesting against the guaranteeing bonds of any railroad. Nor do we consider the Opposition have even as much claim upon the people, because, although apparently pledged to it, they have failed to present a solid front for public ownership, and we would suggest that the U.F.A. be instructed Trades steps at once to arrange with the Trades
and Labor Councils of Edmonton and and Labor Councils of Edmonton and Calgary for a convention to be heid in
June for the purpose of drafting a June for the purpose of drafting a the farmers and organized fabor, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Seeretary of the U.F.A.
I have left out a small portion of the resolution, but have given you the main part, as the only part left out has no bearing upon the resolution.

## Farm Help

I am requested to give you the following letter relating to farm help:"We are expecting a large number of men to arrive from England over
the Canadian Northern railway during the next month, men who are suitable as farm hands, and in many cases have already been on farms in England. Many of these men will come out on the assisted passage and would require an advance from the employer, which sometimes amounts to $\$ 55.00$ plus the
railroad fare from Winnipeg to destination. An eight months' contract would be signed by the men. It is not always be signed by the men. It is not always and in order to help our young English and in order to heip our young English. of filling the wants of the farmer are obtained this agency has been under taken. I am addressing you believing we ean be of the greatest posible as sistance to you if you will place this matter before the farmers of Alberta I shall be in a position at all times to supply th
require.'
Further information on this subjoct an be secured on application to this

Loans to Farmers
Considerable discussion on this sub ect has ensued lately, and to place th matter before you, I am presenting the following resolution which has reached

Whereas we consider the rate of nterest charged by the loan companies and their charges for making a loan entirely too high; and
osts must necessarily interest and progress of the people and of the Dominion; and

Whereas the Government loans to the railways and large corporations large sums of money at one-half the rate of interest that the loan companies charge the farmers:
are in favor of the Government borrowing money from England at a low rate of interest and lesding it to the farmers, said money to he loaned out to farmers only upon good security at a rate of interest
or five per cent. five per cent
When this resolution is cossiderel it should be remembered that the thirl preamble is not well put, and that the Government has not loaned to railway: and corporations, but has quaranteed able them to get the cheap money
able them to get the cheap money.
Ifopotone thion lias also sulmil
the following resplation on the ques
tion:-
"That the Government be asked to enact legislation to enable the farmers of Alberta to obtain money at from
three to five per cent. interest, as we three to five per cent. interest, as we
believe that when the Government believe that when the Government
guanantes the bonds of railway com. guarintecs the bonds of railway companies for large amounts, even to the
fell value of the line, and as the rall. ways and all other branehes of industry depend spon the farmer, we believe the farmers are entitled to an equal privi lege with the railway companies is oblage with the railway
taing cheap money.
If your members are in favor of this resolution it might be advisable to send your views thereen not only to the Central office but to the Premier of A1: berta.

## Supplies and Returns

Word has been received that the annual reports have been shipped. As soon as they come to hand the orders already received will be filled. Have you sent in your order yet $f$
The combination membership roll, cash and minute book will be on hand The cost of this book will be now. $\$ 1.50$, and you are asked to book your orders as soon as possible.
Under the terms of the new constitution it is intended to arrange for transfer blanks and other extra supplies at an early date, but you will be advised of these later.
The first quarter of the year has nearly elapsed. Have you made any returns to the Central office yet 1 Please remember that they will be acceptable. Organization work is proceeding apace and since the convention over forty new Unions have been added to have taken on a new lease of life. This have taken on a new lease of life. This such assistance.

## Life Membership

section 31 of the constitution relating to life members. This is something which can now be considered as being on a proper basis and those who are in
favor of this plan are asked to keep favor of this
same in mind.

## same in mind.

you, together with will be presented to lars dealing with specific subjects, at an
The first Estray Animal Bulletin for 1912 is enclosed herewith. Extra copies of same may be secure
plication to the Central office.

Awaiting your further commands. our obedient servant,
EDWARD J. FREAM,

## Calgary, March 16.

## WHAT THE UNIONS ARE DOING

Westcott Union, No. 327, sends in the ollowing repert: Please send us twen tion for which scott's Direct Legisia last meeting four new members joined and several said they would consider it The membership roll now numbers We had a fine meeting, the chief topic discussed being the pork packing plan and the proposed flour mill. As the discussion advanced it was found tha none of us had more than a very hazy idea of either scheme, so I was instruct-
ed to write you and obtain all informa-
tion yos ean give me on both sehemes especially the pork packing plant sheme. Copies of the agreement and any literature you may have throwing Pight on this subject would be welcome. Please send them in time for the next
meeting, as the meeting and anticinated meeting, as the meeting and anticipated liseassions will be widely advertised. Already you will be glad to hear that *e are beneftting materially through retting together in a feeling of fellow thip. We are Working in conjunetion oats to supply the demands of all our members desiring same, also eight of us (all members) have formed a company and bought a threahing outfit.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of Moyerton Union was well attended in spite of the very cold weather. The telephone question aroused some diseus. sion and the secretary was instructel o prepare some petitions for circula ion between here and Kitscoty, petitions and sce if it is posalitle pet enough subseribers to have the get enough subscribers to have the gov-
ernment take action in the matter. The secretary was also instrueted to order supply of strychnine and formalin and to communicate with neighboring Unions regarding binder twine.
HENRY BENNER,

## Sec'y-Treasur

At a large and representative meeting of Keoma Loeal Union, No. 328 , of the U.F.A., the following resolution was moved and unanimously adopted: That this Union most earnestly protest against any change being made in
clause 207 of the Grain Bill as tending la deprive the farmers of the statutery right they now enjoy of securing a ear by placing their name on the car order book.
Also be it further resolved: a copy of this resolution be sent to Sir Richard Cartwright, Frank Oliver and R. B. Bennett and also to the Cen tral office.
It was also moved, seconded and una nimously carried: "That this Union approve of the minutes of the Irrigation Committee meeting, held in Calgary able to attend our meeting on March able to attend our meeting on March many thanks for sending us such an
able substitute as your assistant, Mr Woodbridge, for he certainly gave us a very able lecture. We had a good harge satisfied. I think it will help our Union wonderfully as we got four new members that day and the promise of more, so hope we will be able to make
a show in Keoma before long. a show in Keoma before long.

Carlton Union have sent in the following response to the appeal made in Circular No. 2: "We, the farmers phatically protest against any changes phatieally protest against any changes do that same would be detrimental to
the interest of the farmers." This resolution was sent to Rt. Hon. Richard Cartwright and Hon. Frank Oliver. The Union also believe that
the government should provide facilitics on the Pacific coast so that the Alberta
grain can be shipped West in the future, thereby relieving the Eastern route,
which this year has proven imadequate. At our meeting on Feb. 24, a paper was read on the Steel Corporation of Can adion was unanimously passed: "Resolved that we, the members of Carl the Union, vigorously protest against granted any assistance from the Do-
minion treasury, believing that same is minion treasury, believing that same is not in the best interests of the country." A copy of this resolution was
sent to Dr. M. Clarke, M.P., as was also

one to the effect: "That we, the mem bers of Caritoen Local, decire to go on
record as being in favor of Woman Sofrage:
Foure new memben joined our mem
bership, at present nombering forty bene.
> . J. J. PRICE,

The following resotutions have been Cent in by Kasimir Union, No. 168: "That we, the members of this Union, are strongly opposed to any hange being made in section 207, be Manitoba Grain Aet
"That we, the members of this Urion, believe that the government ment loans similar to that employed by the governments of Australia and New Zealand, and which is being advocated at the rement time by the fanily Her ald an Weekly star, of Montreal.",
Both resolutions were carried by Both resolution
unanimous vote.
L. Li CUTTER,

At the regular meeting of Wheatland Center Union, held Mareh 2, 1912, the attendanee was not very large on ae ing absent loading cars with wheat About ten cars a week are arriving a Voble and three ears a day at Barons We had G. L. Noble, of Noble, give a an address on the advantages of mixed farming, which all present appreciated very maeh and thought it would be bet ter than depending on the one erop- of
wheat. J. J. Tighe, of the Beard of Trade at Barons, also came to the meet ing and gave sus short address. Mr Tighe hoped that the farmers and the poard of trade would work together
or the mutual benefit of each othe Two more members were added to our Union. Mr. Noble was invited to give us another address at some future time n some other branch of mixed farming J. quinsey,

See'y-Treasurer.


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is in the heart of the Grain. is in the heart of the Grain.
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dissolves, and like a dynamite bomb, kills the Gopher.
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dealing dose of

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can have. than pleased at getting poison ready for use, it in the old way. I it in the old way, I Local Improvement Districtswill take the matter up another year as I consider it is the only way I have seen that gives such good results. Yours resoectuly!
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BERESFORD BRANCH - Bercaford brach of the Grais Growern amoxiation held their annual concert, in
Cannons. Hall on the evening of March Cannons Hall on the evening of March short Therisk progecches by local members of the asoociation asesisted by Mr. MeArthur of Lauder, Man., who spoke principally os the quation of co-operative baying and melling and the distribution dause of the Grain Act.
Songs. recitations and instrumental nambers were listened to with rapt attention, the local talent being admitted
by all to be of very hish oerder. and an enjoyable evening was spent by those in attendance.
SWAN RIVER COUNTY ASSOCLATION A very enthusiantic meeting of the Mapitobe Grain Growers was held in S*fin River on March 18, at which vas forged a County asoociation in this conshituency. Delegates from most of the branches mentioned below were present, and all agreed that much good
vill reudt from the arkanization of a County asoodiation. The following is a list of the branches represented of that meeting - Minitonas, Geo. Smith; Benito. W. W. Graham; Bowsman, B. F. Embry; Pretty Valley, M. Arthur: Thunder Hili, W. J. Yord; Rolling River, C. H. Spieer: Durban, R. S. Goldsmith; Lidstones A Anderson.
A. MeClary of Minitonas was elected president of the asociation for the ensuing Year, W. Dickerson, Forctary-treasuret. and The delegates also elected an organize The delegates also elected an organizer further the interests of the Manitoba Grain Growers' association in the northern part of Mr. Avison's district. Mr. Andrew MeClary was unanimously chosen to fill this most important post. The following resolutions were passed unan mously;
zation of the Grain Girowers' ization of the Grain Girowers' association
of the Swan River constituency note of the swan River constituency note W. H. Sharp, M.P. for Lisgar; Dr. Schalfner. M.P. for Souris and Robt. Cruise. M.P. for Dauphin in defending the cause of the farmers in connection with the car distribution clause of the Grain act and that a copy of this resolution be for warded to the above named gentlemen, Swan River Star
"Resolved-That the County association of the Manitoba Grain Growers wish to go on record as being in faver of Direct Legislation as a means of relief from party bosses and by its enaction we shall have a parliament of true representatives of the people.
The next meeting of the County River will be held in Kenville on June 1 .

## waskada

That the first social gathering of the is not likely to be the last, is the verdict of those present on Friday evening last. The basement of the Presbyterian Church was taxed to its utmost capacity to accommodate the large attendance, the seating facilities being quite insufficient
and many standing throughout the and many stan
lengthy program.
Addresses on appropriate themes were Smart, I. T. Lennox of Melita, Ed.Strange D. D. McArthur, director of the Grain Growers' association of Manitoba, President E. Horseley and others, while an interesting program was contributed by the Misses Lawrence and Stalker Messrs. Lowe, Horseley, Strange and the orchestr
The refreshments bounteously furnished by the ladies added not a little to the
enjoyment of the evening. A number of new members were enrolled and increased interest for the coming season is ensured. E. HORSELEY, President EMPIRE BRANCH
At a meeting of the Empire branch of
the Manitoba Grain Growers' association
held on the 14 inst. the following reapl. utions vere paned-
"Rewolved-That the members' annual fre be raised to two dallars and to take eflert at pace
Ten member

## the above.

A rewlution strundy objecting to the amendment of the car distribution clause of the grain act was alsos pasecd Mr. H. Jackson
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Mr. E. Eppointed s. Eecy-treas in
. Bailey who lately place of Mr. E. E. Bailey who lately
pleft the district: JACKsoN, Secy-Treas INKERMAN BRANCH The Inkerman branch of the Grain Growers asosciation held a very enthusiMr. Drayson, president of the County

FARMERS' FIGHTING FUND
Contritutions, to the Manitoba Grain Growers' Endowment Fund received during the past week amount
to $\$ 19.00$, which brings the total to 819.00 , which brings the total received to date to $\$ 361.3$ In sending his donation, M McCleary of Minitonas write "Enclosed please find 84,00 for the Farmer's Fighting Pund. I hope the
farmers will wake up and swell this Yarmers will wake up and swell thi fund on every cor save seven to sixteen cents. ship werhave on secount of the Grain per bushe association. The writer has sold wheat in the elevator here sixteen cents below track prices.

Subseriptions to Date
Previously acknowledged ... 8342.50 A. MeCleary, Minitonas Shadeland Girain Growers' ass
Aritone Grain Growers' suoc Arizona Grain Growers' assoc.
Total
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association was present and addressed live topics, especially the proposed amendments to the car distribution clause of the Grain Act. A resolution was
passed to petition Sir Richard Cart wright passed to petition Sir Richard Cartwright
to use his influence in the Senate to to yse his influence in the Senate
frustrate the proposed amendments. trustrate the proposed amendments.
Mr. J. W. Warner, vice-president Mr. J. W. Warner, vice-president the County assocation
The buying of formalin
was discussed and committee was appointed to enquire at our next meeting. March 25 . It was decided to have different members of
our branch prepare papers on the subject our branch prepare papers on the subject
of Consolidation of Schools, Good Roads, of Consolidation of Schools, Good Roadso
and proposed changes in the School Trustee Act-G. M. DEVESON, Secy

## LORNESDALE BRANCH

On March 13 the Lornesdale branch
the Grain Growers' association was addressed by Mr. Simpson. On account of an auction sale and other meetings coming on the same date their numbers
were slightly decreased, but an encourwere slightly decreased, but an encour-
aging feature of the evening was the aging feature of the evereing was the
number of the ladies in attendance. aumber of the ladies in attendance.
Mr. Simpson spoke on various subjects of interest to the farmers, and the evening was much enjoyed by those present.

## SALEM BRANCH

Salem, branch of the Manitoba Grain Growers' association held their annual social in the school-house on March 19,
Rev, Mr. Halla well presiding. The evenRev, Mr. Halla well presiding. The even-
ing was spent in speeches, songs and recitations. Mr. R. McKenzie being unexpectedly called a way, Mr. R.C. Henders, president of the association addressed the meeting on the aims and objects of the meeting on the aims and objects of the great interest. Mr. C. H. Burnell, of
Oakville Branch also spoke at some Oakville Branch also spoke at some
length on co-operation and its benefits. A good program was given, Mr. Thos. Hood (Scottie) of Elm Creek taking a very active part. Remarks were made by the president of Salem branch on
associate membership in encouraging

vecial life on the farm. Refrechments were gerved and the mevting came to a dose by singing the national anthem.

## WOODMORE BRANCH

A meeting of the Woodmore branch. Grain Growers association was held on
March if at the Forester's. Hall Grees Ridge The attendance was wery Mr. John Oatway of Green Ridge, oecupied the chair, and introduced the prisapal speaker, Mr. Peter Wright
Mr. Wright spoke for a considerable time and was listened to with much attention, his remarks on the necessity farmers meeting with marked approbation. At the dose a resolution was passed pro: testing against any changes in the Grain Aet which would affect the present distribution of cars to farmers and a copy of said protest has been sent by the
secretary to J. P. Molloy, M. P. and Re.'Hon. R. I. Borden.

PIONEER MOVEMENT IN SWAN
VALLEY

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Irain Growers' association, a well at tended and enthusiastic meeting in sup port of woman suffrage was held in the March The meeting was addressed first by Mr . Sifton, who outlined the benefita
the vote would confer on Canadian women, and afterwards by Mrs. Dexter who spoke on the subject from an Englishwoman's point of view. An organization was then formed, of
whieh Mra. Dexter was whieh Mrs. Dexter was unanimously elected president, Mrs. Livesey seere tary, and a committee of three ladies,
Mrs, Cox. Mrs. Martin and Miss Shaw Mrs, Cox, Mrs. Martin and Miss Shaw was elected to carry on propaganda
work for the ensuing year. work for the ensuing year.
Mr. C. H. Apicer very hairman. This is the pioneer move ment of the kind in $\$$ wan Valley.

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#### Abstract

-I MORE NEW ASSOCIATIONS S. We have suceeded in organising a the Grain frowes. awociallow and I think we will have fifty more in a short time. Comptete harmoiny exists and we have a aumber of members who are working for the good of the organisation and prospects are decidedly good. I enclones money order for sis.00 membership lees. Niady sead me sotme more We intend holding our meetings on the first and third Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. 

\section*{W. M. MeCALL, Sec'y.}


I am happy to announce the formation
offa local Grain Growers' asociation at Margo, follosing the-lecture asocion at Mr. Reid on the the lecture given by me as secretary, all necrsary information and literature that would be of any help is the carrying on of our meetings. We have taken up the elevator question and mail information and application form for same.

CHAS, DEGALLIER,
See'y. Margo G.G.A.

## MOUNT GREEN REORGANIZED

 A reorganisation meeting of the Mount Green association was held in the school house on Saturday, March 16, Somevery interesting discussions took place very interesting discussions took place and officers were elected. It was decided to elect two directors at each meeting until the required number were appointed.
The nest meeting will be held on March The next meeting, will be held on March 30 at 1 p.m. after which we hope to
send you fees from at least one half of the farmers in this district. Kindly send me 75 membership tickets by re: turn mail and any literature which would help to get the farmers interested that
are not already members.

## HAWKES IS WORKING

wish to inform you that on the 11th of March the farmers in the district of Colfax joined the Grain Growers' association. Mr. Hawkes was with us and gave a very interesting and instructive talk about the association and elevator question. If all the farmers of this couatry were Mr. Hawkes is, the work would be easy to secure farmers righis. Our easy to secure farmers rights. Our
meeting shewed a good spirit as we semeeting shewed a good spirit as we se-
cured one life member and twenty-six annual members, of which eight were ladies, who brought well filled baskets. Refreshments were served, followed by an impromptu program which was enjoyed by all.
Enclosed jnd 813. 50 for twenty six members and 50 c . for tickets. Kindly send the tickets by return mail as we are
to have a meeting on the 25 th and hope to have a meeting on the 25 th and hope
to swell the membership to fifty that night. Also send the the price of the buttons.

## H. E. MEYER,

MR. REID REPORTS AGAIN $\$ 36.00$ fees for three Life Members, Oren Gowan, Sigurd J, Sturlaugson and tion and Elfros
On the 21st March
On the 21 st March I visited Foam had a splendid night. The hall was well filled with a very good proportion ine ptogram was talent and 1 was given an opportunity to elaborate on the why and where-
fore of the S.G.G.A. organization. A fore of the S.G.G.A. organization. A
collection was taken to implement the funds of the local and a number of new members

## built.

The following day I drove out to
Ladstock, and in the afternoon I met with a bunch of very enthusiastic Grain Growers. This association used to be Ladstock and Bankend. They
are now reorganized, and the associa-
tion is ealled Ladatock. They start if the interest displayed members, and ing may be taken as a criterion. Lad. ntork Gratn Growers will be heard from in the future. My teamster and myself Were royally entertained at the house of Mr. Garland, the worthy president of the local, and his hoopitable wife, and when get back fo the station fo catch the get back to the station to eateh the
train to my next appointment (Kifros) rain to my mext appointment (Kifroe)
it wan like leaving the land of the Heather, for we were 's ' Seoteh the gether Je kem." on Saturday, the 23rd
At Bifroe on inst., I had ealled a meeting to organise and to my delight I met on the plat. form at Elfros Mr. Rebinson, one of our executive, and Mr. Mills, his private secretary, who had come to the above place to help complete the organisa We had a soplendid elevator.
We had a splendid meeting, whicli was well attended by the surrounding farmers and a number of our Grain
Orowers from Birch Creek. Mr. Mills led off with a brilliant oration on the benefits of the Grain Growers' organiza tion, which was listened to with marked appreciation by an intelligent andi ence. 1 followed Mr. Mills, believing that it is always better to have a good firstly and a good lastly in presenting your case, and Mr. Robinson did justice to his reputation as a worthy exponent of the Grain Growers organization and the Baskatewa
vator scheme. At the close
At the elose of Mr . Robinson's speech a unanimous vote was given in the $8 . G . G . A$. About twenty members the s.G.G.A. About twenty me
joined, three of them for Life.
Oreadia, Sask. JOHN F, REID,
Dis. Director

## LESLIE IN LINE

On the 9th inst. the farmers of this listrict, with the aid of Mr. Reid, of Yorkton, formed a branch of the ship of twenty-three and one Life Member, with good prospects of making it over one hundred. Mr. Frank Hornby was elected president and Mr. P. W Geron, vice-president. I am enclosing you $\$ 11.50$, this being the amount of fees due the Central.
We are taking steps to have a Co-
operative Elevator built in Leslie. Will operative Elevator built in Leslie. Will all necessary information to properly carry on this undertaking. Thanking you for the same.

FRED W. BARNETT,

## THORNDYKE WHLL THRIVE

 ganization meeting he Thorndyke school house. Your letter I had not time to write to Mr, Smith or Mr. Sheppard to come and addressus. The meeting was called to order by H. Hesterman, chairman, and a paper was read by the secretary on the organi-
zation and growth of the Grain Growers' association. It was then moved and seconded that a branch association be formed, which was carried, but not unanimousiy owing the reeve and secretary-treasurer
both this municipality spoke against the S.G.A.A, saying it was a political or ganization and not in the farmers inHowever, we managed to secure enough members to form a branch to be known
under the mame of "Thorndyke $Q$. under the mame of Thorndyke G.G.A. dent; John Richardson, vice-president; Bernard MeKay, seecretary-treasurer, and the following as directors: Hugo Maloon, Thomas Clark, and John
ston. After much discussion and an earnest request that a speaker be sent to address us at our next meeting on April
20 the meeting was adjourned. We
secured fifteen members, but would have had fifty had a eapable speaker been here. Please send thirty member chip cards and reports of your last con ention at Regisa, also any other litera tare that will be helpful. Enelosed find 17.59 , being half of amount collected. BERNARD MeKAY,

## BPRING VALLEY BTABTED

 At the Pine Lake sehool house, See$10-10-5, \mathrm{~W}, 3 \mathrm{~d}$, on the 22nd of Marcl. Grain 'Growers' association was orgas. itain by Mr. Whitney and Mr. Ellwood, of the Valjean association. Twenty eight farmers joined, twelve of whom pald the fee of $\$ 1.00$. I am forwarding herewith $\$ 6.00$, and will forward the balanee, 88.00 soon after April 6, when another meeting will be held and the ther members will pay their fees.
Kindly send ws a fow copis of the Kindly sead us a few copies of the constitution and by-laws, in order that we may properly conduct our meetings
and business. We would deem it a andeat favor if you would send us any great favor if you would send us any
other literature or advice which you have and think would be a help to us in starting. Any suggentions may offer will be appreciated. Is it necessary that membership certificates be issued and given each member 1 should like to get some pamphlets of
Parliamentary rales. Can you tell me Parliamentary rules. Can you tell me where to send for samef PEVIR8,
FLOYD J. PEIV

## Chaplin, Sask.

## BULDERS WANT BUTTONS

 Enclosed find $\$ 10.00$, for which pleaseend me fifty Grain Growers' buttons $y$ return. We are now thirty-tw trong and expect to be fifty-six nex meeting. We have commenced to build a hal or our own use, and at the last meet ing where the matter was brought up it was only a matter of a few moment intil $\$ 320.00$ was subscribed. The list fifty members w
thousand dollari. Every member want a button, so please send them along. HARRY A. PELLE,
Sec'y Mt. Chase G.G.

## lapton, Sask.

## HERON HEARD FROM

Enelosed please find order for $\$ 6.50$ $\$ 5.00$ for one box of buttons and $\$ 1.50$ or membership fees. This make few more to be trapped yet.
WM. STEPHEN,

## FLORADALE FLOURISHING

## Yours to hand of Feb. 24, in whie

 you state you were 'mailing underseparate cover one dozen constitutions and twenty-five membership tickets. I elosing $\$ 5.00$, which is half of our mem closing 85.00 , which is half of our mem for the cards and constitutions. might say we are doing well in our association. We have now twenty-four
names on our list. Just ten have paid ap so far, but I expect to receive the

## A. CARSWELL

P. S.-Just received another $\$ 1.00$ an enclose further

CLAIR WILL CO-OPERATE Enclosed please find $\$ 7.50$, being fif teen more subscriptions from the Clai
branch. We have now forty-seven mem bers and are trying to get a co-opera
tive elevator in. Kindly send us any iterature you have on hand. CYRIL SMITH Clis SMITH,

## SKALHOLT STIRRING

have the pleasure to inform you

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holt 6.0.A. We consiat of fourteem members at present, for whom 1 here Central sasociation is accordance wit the conatitution. The names it executive are as follows: President, Paul Gudmundson; vice-president, 8ig urgeir Austman; secretary-treasurer, 0 . Stevenson.
G. STEVENSON,

## Lealie, Sask.

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## enthusiasm at etonia

 1 beg to inform you that we have the town of Maymont with nead of ters at the Etonia school house. Wil you please send un fifty memberahl tickets, also copies of the constitutio and by-laws so that we may know how to govers oyrselves. Any literature you may have on current topics or any. would be appreciated. I enelose order for $\$ 8.00$ representing subscriptions of siderably increase this number.The officers elected are as follows A. MeDonald, president; Thos. Nieholson, vice-president; H. G. Langley, see retary-treasurer
G. LANGLEY,
See'y Etonia G.G.A.

## LANGHAM SAFE AND SOLID

 after my lant lett you again you won't rrumble you won't grumble Here's another since I came back from convention. only wish I could keep up the pace that a lot of our men are realize the importance of the life memr bership scheme and that it is the only safe and solid foundation for the asso ciation to be on. Please send certificat and button to Jacob Waldner, Br . Langham, and ask him to try and get THOMAS SALES.HAWKES WHL BE HAPPY will A. G. Hawkes, of the Executive, dates mentione following places on the of the Co-operative in the interests and would be pleased to take company, a meeting of anv association at these points or to assist in organizing an as-

\section*{11 and 12 -Griffin.

FINDLATER FORMED Our association was formed on March
in the town of Findlater another meeting two weeks later on Saturday, the 16 th , at which we obtainwill find enelosed $\$ 10.00$, being the usual membership fee. Kindly let me the nam it is necessary to send you also find enclosed 50 cents for rou will five copies of the constitution and by-
R. DICKIESO Sec'y Findlater G.G.A.

## April 4-Riefstein. <br> April ${ }^{\text {4-Riefstein. }}$ is i-Brough. 11

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Ques.-What are the present regylations regarding tencing on homestead and kerping stork on in in liey of culti--vating land to earn patent for the same. Ans--The regulations with regard to keeping etock have beeaned by cultivation of homestead.

GRAIN LYING AROUND
Ques.-Can a man leave grain lying around outside an open granary inside
the town limita? stock are injured through eating this grain can he recover damages from the owner of the grain?-Reader.
Ans-There is nothing to prevent a man keeping grain exposed on his own premises, and if horves are loose in town they would be liable to be fmpounded, the and owner woudd have to pay

RENTING A HOMESTEAD
Ques.-Can a homestead that has been rented or leased before patent is obtainect be cancelled?-L. Barr, Langham.
Ans.-A homestead must not be dis posed of before patent is obtained, bus so residence duties and the necessary improvements are made he can make his own arrangements for the breaking and cropping of the land

BUILDING ON PURCHASED HOME. stead

Ques.-When a man filed on a purchased homestead prior to January, 1912 , and is performing his residence duties by residing on his first homestead within nine miles of his purchased homestead. is it necessary for him to erect?-: 8 . T. Ans.-No.

## BEE KEEPING

Miss Herron, Eigenheim, Sask.-An article on bee keeping which will contain all the information you ask for is being prepared and will be published in The

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No action has been taken by Parliament during the present session towards the The government has been urged by the The government has been urged by the bill which has been before Parliament for several years past, but so far without success.
The following letter has been received by the editor of The Guide from Premier My Dear Sir:-- Your letter of the 10th inst. to Mr. Monk has been forwarded to ine. I fear that it will be impossible to undertake legisiation in respect of has been necessary to postpone several has been necessary to postpone several
matters of importance. $\mathbf{Y}$ Yu may, perhatters of importance. You may, per meet Parliament in about four weeks after we assumed office in order that provision might be made for the needs of the public service. Since then the demands on our time and energies have been very insistent and imperative in
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Can be to as more gracions or more
dear And the', when God saw all His works were good,
There was no rosy flower of babybood That none could enter heaven day sueh as they

The earth, which feels the flowering of Was glad, $O$ little ehild, when you were The earth, whieh thrills when skylarks seale the blue,
Soared up to God's own heaven in yous
And heaven, which loved to lean dow: And heaven, which loves to lean down and to glases
Its beauty in each dewdrop on the Heaven sm
and fair.
And left, 0 little child, its reflen ther William Canton.

## PAPER BAG COOKERY

Where there's a will, there's a way llaving sent out invitations to that my supply of paper bago had ruin out. In this emergeney, $I$ waed the ordinary foolseap paper. It ean be bought at any stationery, shop at 10 e a quire, and flat paper elips made of twisted wire. And I defy even a professional cook to turn out more appetizing meals than I do now when using these simple appliances. I soon found that it is not advisable to use pins, as they make hoies in the paper, The shain be kept air-tight.
are:

1. The oven must be really hot be
fore the food is put into it. fore the food is put into it.
2. The food to be cooked, after being wrapped in paper, should be placed on the gridition bars in the oven, not containing only solid. shelves, in find it a good plan to put a meat trivet into the oven, and let the food stand on this. This ensures even heat all round the paper. edges of the paper must be placed together, rolled over twiee lightly, and then secured with a paper
fastener of a pattern. that will not pieree any hotes.
3. The paper wsed should be well brushed over inside with warm drip-
ping, lard or butter, before the food

## Placed in it. Here is a <br> Here is a most excellent breakfant


dish that I always cook is paper. In gix other way ean 1 get the mame flavor six rashers of bacon, three tomatoes. Pepper and a little butter proof a sheet of fociscap or grease warmed butter of Aripping. Lay the edges of the paper together, then fold
 ing them each time firmly down; this is
important Serare thrm in pacition with jpyer elipes. Faper clipe
fromer the bacos, lan it fat in the thas Stamen wipe and haske the tomatoes, and lay them of the top of the hacon, sdid a dast of pepper and fold and fasten the top opening. Mrake sure that the oven to vety het, then lay the bage on the uridiron shelf in the oven and cook for about six to ten minutes.
To find out if the contents of the bag are really cooked, press one of the tomatoes zently, but do not priek the bag. If the tomatoes are nice and soft. the baron will be done. When done, anfasten the bag, slip its content: gently out on to a hot dish, and serve. at once.

STEWED MACKEREL
Fish is particularly niee eooked in paper, and it is far leas trouble than either boiling or frying, while there is no chance of the fish becoming towgh. as it sometimes does when boiled. Wash and elean the mackerel, then split it through the backbone, open it out like
a book, and dip it in a little four. But a book, and dip it in a little flour. But ter some foolscap paper and make - it
into a bag: put into it the mackerel into a bags put into it the mackere and parsley. Season the milk eare. fully with salt and pepper; pour already direeted. Pot it on the alid already direete. guite sure the oven is very hot, then let it cook for fifteen minutes. Turn the contents of the bag on to a hot disk, and serve at once

## HINTS FOR THE COOK

 Steamed Dumplings When steaming dumplings, a eloth steamer before the plid is put on. This prevents the steam from condensing and dropping on the dumplings, and in sures light, puffy pastry.The poekets of kitehen aprons are continually eatehing on door handles, pails, ete. The purmg. The poeket can be reached by either hand, and eannot eateh on anything and tear.

To Make a Jelly Bag
heavyweight flannel, fold together the two opposite sides, and stiteh the edges, sides and bottoms together. Bind the top with tape, and fasten on the upper
side strong ropes by which it may be side strong ropes by which it may be swung. A Good Test
A fine knitting needle is excellent for testing to find out whether baked or
hoiled fruits and vegetables are suff:ciently cooked. It does not break them Stained Hands
A slice of raw potato is excellent for removing stains from the hands. It is
a good plan to keep a bowl of cold a good plan to keep a bowl of cold
water at hand, in which to dip the fing. ers when working with fruit of any
kind, as this helps to rinse off the stains.

## A Good Fire

Sprinkle a few tablespoonfuls of salt up, and it will keep going for hours without requiring any attention.

For Flavoring
If only a few drops of onion juice are required for flavoring, eut a slice press it against a grater with a rotary

## A scrubbing Hint

Cold water is much better than warm for serubbing boards, as it does not
sink into the wood, and dries very

## HOW I KERP MYRELF FIT

 I keep my skie is perfect condition, whole health and vitality.Every mornisg if get a topid bath; and poonge myself mil over with per
fectly cold water. 1 spuese the witer fectly cold water. I squeere the witer down my spine, and this, I find, has
a tonie effect upon my servose syatem a tonie effect upon
and general healis.
and general healti.
Thie ahsolately cold bath sever agreet with me, as I did not like the shoek and could not get sufficient reaction af terwards. 8 o 1 began by standing in cold water and sponging myself with colder and colder, untif I coold guit comfortably enjoy a cold sponge. comfortably enjoy a cold sponge.
troubled with perpetas) colds, thiel had always saffered from, and began to sleep better also.
I found that my constant stight headache became mach less common, and that I gradually improved is health all around.
The daily oposge and cold water ap plieations to the spine seemed to keep me fit as nothing else had done, and in
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## The goss.

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adapted to many uses and occarions. This one
 propriate for morning wear or cas be made of
 any eontrasting material. Por morning lues, vut eashmere, challis and albatrost are much sued. Yor afternon oecaions the model can be stilized
for taffeta, bearietta eloth, the fashionable poplis $r$ any similar material.
The gown is made with blouse and akirt. The The skirt ise five that are seewed to the armholes. The skirt is five gored. The two are joined to a belt and can be dored with buttons and buttonto Po the medium sire will he required 8 yards
material 27,6 yards 36 , $4 /$ yerds i4 inehes
 and cuff, of yard 27 for sheield and banding.
 a6, ${ }^{2}$, 10 and 12 inch buat measure and will be
mailed to any addrest by the Fashion Department

No...
quiekly.
treatment made me slmest immune from hest-fay and depression.
No I keep up my tepid bath and cold sponge. It is a very simple measure, and 1 anis aste it has kept me fit sime I started it.

## A CHILD's RIORT

Once I heard a friend say, is speaking of a amall boy ia whim we were
both deeply intereated, if Yee, Bithase both deeply interested: "'Yee, Riehard it always on his mother's heart." Is that she gave me the key to the probamertais whereis iay the samis boy to of his shorteoming the cause of some of his shorteomingg. That was the on his wother's heart. It is slment invariably the esse, where s lovisy to imariably the case, where a loving woehildren, that she maniffets toe mweb anxiety over leer small brood, or perhape a apecial ose; and this trouble with chilaren is enpeeially prevalent in this age, when families are almont uni veraily omall. In the old diys of larice families there was lest time for the mother, however devoted, to worry over any one of her darlinga. I believe the very worst thing a mother ean do for lher ehild-more especially a boy-is to lave him always in mind, to be worried
and anxious for his wifare and anxious for his welfare. This is
not to love the ehild with intelligence not to love the ehild with intelligence
and wislom. If she seeks and wisiom, If she seeks her ehild's
well belig she will come fo sees, sopner or later, ithas it is better found slithost seekisg; that if ahe seeks his Wimhest good she must seek first net to ighes goowhieh sounds paradoxiesl, but is is reality a truth. For the true way to find his welfare has already been provided by a Higher Power; and in the peace which follows this blessed sssurance she can be more to her child than she could ever hope to become through worry and anxious seeking. When we rend of the foremoet characters in history, the men who have done things, and wha have left admit able records, we do not, as a ruie, lind them the product of homes where every comfort was supplied by doting parents, and where they were continually watehfind that these great men osually had great mothers. wise mothers but in many cases they were mothers whom circumstances of one kind or another restrained from devoting too mulh time or anxiety to their little ones-not to the extent of "fussiness," at any rate. -To be Centimued


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EUGENICS
THE PURPOBE OF EDUCATION instraction is only an instrument of edueation. The misuse of the instra: ment may even ruin the material upon which it works. Kasentially, education is not a process of insertion of intrusion of isotruction, but of exirication. If a child sind-bat of man-be likesed to a portman
mind mind of man-be likened to a portman
teas, eduration is not packing the per teas, edueation is not packing the per
manteail, is wes commonty suppose, but manjacking it. We have failed to look at the problem hiologieally, bot it is a biological problem, for it is a problem in the development of a living being. Here, of course, we are prepared te look at it in that way, and so we may he willing to accept the definition of education which the present writer has now employed for many years. Educa tion is the provision of an environment tho more and no less. It creates no-
thing whatever. Whenever we suppose thing whatever. Whenever we suppose that education has created something,
we should ourselves learn to see that it we should ourselves learn to see that it nurtare, the epportunity, the stimulus. for the development of what was al ready potentially there.

Infnence of Environment
At first hearing, many have supposed that "the provision of an environ ment'" is a phrase which reduces the function of education unduly. But if we will begin by asking ourselves what man is, we shall soon see that the provision of an environment for the whole of man, in his young state, is a great and complex business.
Since the body of man is an animal, it shares all the environmental needs of animals. But since man is more than an animal, he has special environmental needs and suscoptibilities of his own
$A$ ehild and a pappy may live together in the some house. Both require air light, cleanliness, and so forth, as part of their environment. Books and iflustrated papers lie about a house; and there is a piano or a piano-player. What those books and papers contain, and what is placed upon the piano, matters immensely for the education of the child's thonght and eye and ear, but
it is all one to the puppy. The dog is it is all one to the puppy. The dog is imited, but man is unlimited; and there is no limit to the provision of the whole environment for the whole man.
Our diffieulty is to appreciate potency of environment, and therefore, potency of environment, and therefore, tion; and at the same time to realize that it erbates nothing. Life realize and develops from within, in virtue of what it is.

## To be Continued

Dear Mrs, ${ }^{\text {CGreen:-I }}$ I was-very glad indeed to have your letter, especially as you take up the point of a home market for farm produce.
I cannot see why this could noll be we wait to start in million-dollar waysocia tion for the reception of the farm produce to be sold direct to the consumer, I am afraid we will have to wait a very long time; but I am sure a few women could be brought together very easily in Winnipeg to receive the farm produce, and sell it direct to the consumer.
the present time, which, if it way at the present time, which, if it can be brought to completion, would open the market to country women. Just how fast or how soon my plans will mature will
depend very much on the business women depend very much on the business women
of Winnipeg. I also have
patterns on the paged to have crochet patterns on the page, but of course, as
I am only opening up the work, it is rather difficult to carry out all the plans I have in order to help our women. I am perfectly certain that a woman's exchange would be a very valuable asset to our page. However, in a very short time
1 think you will see that we are-working 1 think you will see that we are working for the best interests of the women on the farm, and just as soon as possible, appear on our page.
Write often; such letters as yours ar reader of the page.

Morris Condon, Moore Park, Sask.I can not understand why you have not received the bags as they were certainly
sent out. However, I am forwarding sent out. However, I am forwarding
another supply and trust to have a report another supply and trust to
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For I hardly seeds to tell you how you often cothe across
A ifty-dollar asaddle on a twenty-dellar hos:
An' Sukin' is de low-grouns, you diskiver, as you go
Dat de fiase, shuck may bide de neanes' nubbin in a row
I think a man has got a mighty slender chance for heben of seben:
Dat talks about de sinners wid a heap ${ }^{0}$ ' solemn ehat,
And nebber drape a niekle in de missionary hat:
Dat's foremost in the meetin-house for raisin' all de chunes,
But lays aside his Tligion wid his Sunday pantaloons.
I nebber judge o' people dat 1 meets along de way By de places whar dey come fum an' To houses whar dey stay; fantam chicken's awful fond o roostin pretty high,
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Dey ketches little minners in de middle of de sea,
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I am printing a few aseful hinte for the preparation of your gardens. I hope sround, and aleo earing for your planto aftermands:after

## The Pisce to Plant

Plast is the sunniest part of the yard. A border near the fence makes the moat attractive garden. Cover all fences is your yards with vises.

## How to Prepare the Soll

Do not dig when the ground is wht. Dig a foot deep, making the soil fine and free from lumpa.
Mix rieh earth or old manure with your soil. Frem street sweepings will burn the little plants.

## How to Plant the Beed

Soak large seed over night.
Be careful not to plant too deep. Fine seed should be merely covered.
A good rule is to plant to $=$ depth four times the greatest length of the need.
Water the seeds gently
Your garden will be most attractive if you plant all of ene kind, or all of one color together.

> How to Make a Box Garden

The box should be six to eight inches deep.
Bore holes in the bottom of it.
Put pieces of broken flower pots or small stones on the bottom. Fill with good soil.
Put in a sunay place in the porch or on the window:
Plant vines and low growing plants in the boxes.
Water twiee a day. A box seeds mueh more water than the garden does.

How to be Successful
Water your garden thoroughly. Do not merely sprinkle it.
Keep the top soil finely worked.
Never work it when it is wet.
Pull the weeds. They rob your plants of food and water.
Train your vines. Make them cover the fence.
Piek your flowers every day. The more you piek the more you will have.
Do not waste them. The hospitas will gladly receive well-made bunches. Let a few of the best flowers go to seed for your next year's garden.
A garden will not stand neglect.
If you follow these directions, your garden will be a pleasure to you all summer and your sehool will have a
fine flower show in the fall.

Your own,
UNCLE WEST.
Dear Unele West:-I have enjoyed reading the boys' and girls' letters in the Young Foiks Cirele, and wish to become a member. I am ten years old, and am in the fourth grade. Every,
Friday we have concerts at our vehool. Friday we have concerls al our sehoor; the boys and girls give recitations. We have three hundred and twenty aeres
of land. We have five horses and four cows. Our teacher is very kind to us cows.
all.

Yours truly,
EDWR PUGH.
Arlington Beach, Sask.
SAVED BY A NOSE
The wolves were upon us," he related to the girl he was trying to impress. Their howing penetrated to our very marrow. We fled for our lives. But each second we knew that the ravenous pack was gaining on us. Closer, closer-at last they were so close that we could feel their muzzles against our legs, so that"-- Ah" sighed the lady, greatly relieved, how gir yod

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verasy will he July is, when she will veraary will be July 18, When she will Mr. 76 years old, and frail. Her name is irs. Sarah B. Stimson. A summer

This family have carved for an invalid husband and father (is years) until his death, and broke down in their labor of love; have strugted now nearly forty years with continuous invalidism and onsequent poverty.
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Dear Sunshiners and fellow workers:It has been my privilege for nearly three Yary to help in the Sunshine work with Margaret, our Canadian corganizer, and to know her is to love her. Through her able to assist several needy cases in the way of clothing. etc, never once has she ailed to listen to the sad tales of poverty and help them. You know, dear friends, t has not been all Sunshine for her. She has had dark shadows too, but her sunny nature was bound to shine through it all, and as the old song says
Sunshine and shadow.
Forrow and joy,
Life is not pure gold,
But tinged with alloy;
Sorrow and sadness are oft o'er us cast, But sunshine seems brighter
But sunshine seems brighter
When dark clouds are past."
So, dear friends, you are doing a great So, dear friends, you are doing a great
work, go on. Clothing is needed, specially for children. One doesn't expect new goods, but clean ones. Some that I have unpacked were only fit for the furnace. One doesn't mind repairing clean goods. am a district visitor in the north west $f$ city and know just how pleased poor folks are to get help in the way of clothing. groceries, milk, fruit, etc., also Sunday school papers, pictures, ete. There are 140 sunday scholars in this mission, and through Margaret's kindness they get a paper each every sunday, so you are the Lambs of Christ's kingdom.

Yours in the Sunshine.

TO PLEASE HIS MOTHER

## When little Jack comes home fr

 sehoolWith dancing step and smiling face, His mother knows he's kept each rule, And in his class has held his place. But if he pouts and drags his feet, And says that school's a horrid bore And con his spelling lesson o'er. And con his speling lesson o

Or else he's whispered, or has done Something his teacher to displease She knows it's for some one of these

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## News from Ottawa

but it is severtheless quite satisfactory The clause remains in, but it is provided that it shall not come into effect "Unless
and until the Governor-General is Consel and until the Governop-General is Coapeil for bringing this evertion into force. In other words sample markets will be es tablished only sfter a proclamation has been lasued and if when it is decided to take such a step. the farmers do not consider that the conditions exiat, they will still have opportunity to enter protest. The sotice to strike ont the sample market clause was also made by Senator T. O. Davis, who led the fight on behalf of the farmers, and the sub arnendment containing the concession was moved by Senator Lougheed. It was carried by a vote of seventeen to
sisteen. Spraking in support of his sixtren. Speaking is support of his proposal, senator Davis assured his fellow
members of the Upper House that the members of the Upper House that the
elevators, interior and terminal were in the hands of a combine and that the provisions of the act would be of no ase to any one but the membiers of the combine. It would simply have the result of legalising the mixing of grain for the benefit of the elevator mes and to the loss of the grain growers

Reciprocity Defeat Meant Loss. The Senate committee to inquire into
losses or gains suatained by the defeat losses or gains sustained by the defeat of reciprocity held its opening sitting for the hearing of evidence on Monday
morning with Senator Edwards, the outmorning with Senator Edwards, the outspoken champion of free trade, in the
chair. The first evidence was given by chair. The lirst evidence was given by
Roderick MeKenzie, secretary of the Manitoba Grain Growers' association who gave to the committee an immense array of comparative figures which made it abundantly clear that the prices which prevail for wheat, barley and other grains on the Minneapolis market are. at all seasons of the year, considerably higher than can be secured by the Canadian farmers on their own side of the boundary line. "We need staple markets," declared Mr. McKenzie emphatically. Tast the case of potatoes for instance, Last year potatoes were thirty cents a bushel f.a.b. Winnipeg, when in Chicago
they were 81.05 . Of course there are they were 81.05 , Of course there are
times when the difference is not so greal but the wider market would make for stability in prices. You cannot sell a few carloads of stuff on a market one year and drop it off another year. We have to have our channels of trade cut
Senator Bell of Pictou, Nova Scotia, at this point offered the observation that the channels of trade are dearly cut out between the east and the west, but Mr McKenzie promptly retorted.
have outgrown these channels"
Chairman Edwards wanted to know if any of the Western farmers were melined to be opposed to the idea of a wider market for their products and Mr. Mckenzie it he had never had the fortune to run across them.
"Provided the expansion in production goes on, especially in hard wheat what will be the consequence in the near future if the market remains restricted?" queried the chairman of the committee.
"My opinion is" said Mr. McKenzie in reply, "that under existing conditions with all the wheat going out one spout we will not make any progress. We had fifteen million acres under crop in 1911 . In that year four million acres of new land were broken. That means eighty
million bushels more of wheat. If we million bushels more of wheat. If we get
it we can't get it out. Put that eighty it we can't get it out. Put that eighty
millions more on top of what we have got and we will lose ten to fifteen cents a bushel on our wheat."
Here Senator Bell again broke in with the declaration that the United States is a big exporter of wheat, and the recommendation that the Western farmers pay more attention to mixed farming, to which Mr. MeKenzie replied: "The biggest black eye you can give the country is to say that we must decrease our yield. The United States does not export any wheat which comes into competition With ours. The growth of wheat in the United States is not keeping up with the increase of population. Their soft wheat production of wheat in the United States in the last five years has been less than seven bushels per acre, and it takes five and a half bushels per head to feed them. Suppose we raised one hundred million Concladed on Page 3.

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Od country many cotton mill operatives who, in most cases have been born and ired true co-operators it was only natura whenfo sufficest sumber had got settled down in their sew homes and had a look around with an observing eye as to the the thousht arose is their minds that there was seed for co-operation in this sex land ust as much, if not more sos, as is the old some land scross the wes.
It was aot antal October 1908 that any material move was made to forme society. A meeting was then held, and in provisional committee appointed. The committee got to work canvassing', and collecting and their efforts were to far succesfulit that on April 77 , 1903 the 40 soty was incorporated at Quebee with 40 members and 8600 capital. They obtained the services of a suitable manager and acquired desirable premises opening andra Street, Bellrive, on July 1, '1903, We have had in our history, as a society twe periods of great depresion in the staple industry, practically the only induatry in the town, namely 1004-0sfand 1905-9 and 10 . We are practically fonly now emerging from the last great deprosion and throughout all the time we paid out to all members leaving the town and to members requiring their capital during paid full dividend and interest. This paid full dividend and interest. This do manage whatever trade they engage in manage whatever trade they engage they follow the true lines of co-operation and remember the motto "Each for all and all for each." We could not make a better claim to the fact that co-operation will benefit any community and has benefited the English speaking community of Valleyfield, than refer you to our statement, which, if properly digested goes all the way to confirm that claim.
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We trust that in the wants.
co-operation will be the national slogan of Canada and each will have as our motto, 'Each for all' and all for each.' "'
Secretary Lawson sends with his repot Secretary Lawson sends with his report a detailed statiatical statement showing commencement, but while of great interest, it is too long to publish in this article. The same, howevgr, indicates that a 1903, with society commencing in July, ing now one of 120 only, has, in theintering now one of ino only, has, in the interof $\$ 15,681.30$ on the purchase of their groceries the whole, and of their shoes, a part of the time besides paying interest on capital amounting to $\$ 1,716.65$. The annual sales show an almost consistent increase ranging from $\$ 6,689.63$ the first to $839,175.56$ the last year.
Twenty months ago the other distributive society organized by cotton workers at Magog commenced business. It has and, in the time it has capeen in of 81,581 , has done a trade of $\$ 40,000$. During the lat year, a net profit of 8800 after paying all management expenses has been made and $\$ 700$ distributed as dividends on purchases of groceries.

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the general-manager and secretary, thi organization is likely to disseminate ducation in co-operative principles in hat progresaive province.
In reply to my enquiry, Mr. Hill
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co-operators readily concede this
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British Columbia
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New Westminster. That organization of working men commenced on January 1, 1909 with 128 members and it now has $81,670.00$ to $88,142.94$ it has distributed in purchase dividends the following in purchase dividends the following
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to $\$ 65,409.53$. The society at present handles groceries only but preparations are now being made to have considerable extensions in the lines of merchandise It will be gathered from the above co-operative distribution has been tried the Dominion with average intell ence and sufficient individual enthusiasm, even in centres where the private trade
interests are strongly entrenched. How much more successful should it be in the new trading communities in the Wes which are constantly coming into exist ence. It is an anachronism in this yea
grace that the old-fashioned, out of date, competitive system of tradin should be allowed to become est
In eonly organized communities. in conclusion it should be mentioned has been spent by the Co-operative Union of Canada in executive or literary services.
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national movement has been by purely fore, has been made to promote societies, the Union responding only to enquiries for information, literature and advice by bona fide consumers anxious to establish organizations in their mudst. The ever increasing demiands upon the Union will soon render voluntary services quite inadequate. it is hoped at an eaily date to place the national propaganda tor when rapid development throughout the Dominion may be expected. In the meantime, the writer will, to the best of his ability, be only too pleased to give

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Once more Senator Bell became restive. Whe maintains the duty manant Canadian "heat," he asked. "We do" came back the quick reply. "The United States offered
silent.

Mixed Farmers Handicapped
Equally interesting evidence was given by Mr E. J. Freasi, sectelary of the United Yarmers of Alberta. He assured
the committee that with wider and aurer markets Alberta would become one of the greatest mixed farming countries in the world. This he said wae fully realised by many mep who had voted againat reciproeity, but whe afterwards felt like being, kieked for having done so. Senator 'Taylor suggested that there were men who had voted for reciprocity Wream retorted that if there were auch. men in Canada he had not met them. men in Canada he had not met them. figures which made it clear what a good market there is in Chicago for the cattle and other products of the American WeatSenator Pope, who has had some experience in ranching, expressed the view that the creation of a chilled meat industry in the West might go a long way


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Pope, Mr. Fream asid that the Weatern fope, 3ir. Fream said that the Western the sheep business with all countries in the world, including Argentina. Speaking more particularfy of existing business more particularty of existing, business informed the committee that as a result of the failure on the part of the farmers to diapose of their crops to advantage writs are being lasued at an alarming rate and many judements were being piven. Altogether conditions were far from being
satidsetory. Undoubtenly they would be better had the farmers in September last secured the sdvantage of a wider lant securt.

## West Wants No Favors

When F. W. Green, secretary of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers, was piving evidence there were a number of lively interchanges between the witness and a number of protectionist Senators. Somewhat to the surprise of the members of the committee, Mr. Green displayed a knowledge of economics and an acquaintance
with general tariff conditions which was with general tariff conditions which wa: Touching on the problem of taxation Mr . Green informed the committee that, owing to geographical location Saskatchewan pays higher taxes per eapita, than any other province in the Dominion. In spite of this handicap however, the Saskatchewan farmbr was doing better than the eastern tiller of the soil, many of whom were paying 818 a ton for thei hay, 53 c . per bushel for western oate and importing egzs and potatoes from the
United States. Things were not so bad Usited that in Sarkatchewan. The present trouble was due largely to the long haut necessary to convey the products of the prairies to market. The passage of the reciprocity pact would have done much to relieve the situation. Mr. Green was inclined to admit that the farmers of the West would have to do more in the way The question of the duty on horses being The question of the duty on horses beins broached Mr. Green declared that he per-
sona!ly was prepared to compete with sonaly was prepared to compete with ready and willing to compete with anything, that draws breath. "Its pretty hard" he declared, "to try to convince the Western farmer that the East want him to have fair play when the Eas insists on shutting the West from its natural market.
Growers' association made a strong poin Growers' association made a strong point
of the circumstance that while the West is producing an immense quantity of wheat the farmers have to pay big prices for their flour. Some people liked to put their feet up on a radiator and advise the farmers to go in for mixed farming. But it was not so easy for one thing, there
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thing you should not sell him. Wood was decidedly critical of the government for causing the. price of lumber to go up by a stricter inforcement of the customs schedules. Other witnesues were Mr. George Lane who gave much evidence as to the benefit of a wider market to the cattle industry, Hon. Duncan Marshal, Minister of Agriculture for Alberta, and E. C. Drury, of the Ontario Grange, who assured the committee that
the farmers of Ontario were not opposed to free trade in natural products. The committee will take more evidence next session.
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    The government leader in the Upper House having taken the responsibility of eliminating subsection (e) the Minister but to accept. Had he done otherwise out to accept. Had he done otherwise situation. It is doing no injustice to Mr Foster, however, to state that he still believes that the legislation as pressed through the Commons by him would have done no harm to the Western farmer The victory in connection with the sample market clause was not so decisive,

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