

From the table it will be seen that good progress has been made during the thirteen-year period. The number of banks reporting increased from 91 in 1915 to 159 in 1927, the membership from 23,614 to 41,365, the number of depositors from 13,696 to 40,753, borrowers from 6,728 to 11,754, the number of loans granted from 8,983 to 16,832, their amount from \$1,483,160 to \$4,778,761, and the profits realized from \$89,893 to \$537,294.

Subsection 3.—Producers' Co-operation.¹

The chief co-operative organizations of producers in Canada, as is clearly shown in the article on co-operation published in the 1925 issue of the Year Book, are engaged in agricultural operations, including the grain growers of the prairies, the dairy farmers of Ontario and Quebec, and the fruit and vegetable growers of Nova Scotia, Ontario and British Columbia. The largest co-operative organizations in Canada are found among the grain growers of the Prairie Provinces.

The Wheat Pools.—Particulars regarding the formation of the wheat pools of the Prairie Provinces will be found at pp. 712-714 of the 1925 Year Book. The recent increase in their membership and business transacted is shown in the following table.

24.—Pool Membership, Acreage and Bushels handled by the Wheat Pools of the Prairie Provinces, 1925-1928.

Provinces.	Pool Membership.	Pool Acreage.	Pool Handling.
	No.	acres.	bush.
1925-26 Crop Year—			
Alberta.....	35,997	3,457,673	45,159,505
Manitoba.....	14,372	1,058,182	12,487,859
Saskatchewan.....	72,016	9,564,299	129,600,522
Total.....	122,385	14,080,154	187,247,886
1926-27 Crop Year—			
Alberta.....	38,460	3,650,703	44,287,382
Manitoba.....	17,234	1,215,047	16,208,625
Saskatchewan.....	80,418	10,664,948	119,453,472
Total.....	136,112	15,530,698	179,955,479
1927-28 Crop Year—			
Alberta.....	43,863	4,072,515	71,117,000
Manitoba.....	19,532	1,346,414	11,191,000
Saskatchewan.....	83,125	11,216,126	127,559,000
Total.....	149,570	15,635,145	209,870,000

Section 12.—Labour Legislation in Canada.

The Dominion Department of Labour has issued since 1915 an annual report on Labour Legislation in Canada. The reports for the years 1915 and 1920 were consolidations of legislation in force in those years. The reports for other years give the text of the labour legislation enacted during the respective years. A third consolidation is to be published in 1929.

¹ See also pp. 712-720 of the 1925 Year Book and pp. 711-713 of the 1926 Year Book.
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