

The achievements of this movement in this section of Canada attracted world-wide attention and its leaders were invited to tell their story all over the North American continent. Other Canadian provinces, especially Manitoba, Quebec and British Columbia, have drawn on the Nova Scotia experience and much of the recent development in co-operative endeavour in these provinces can be traced to the "Antigonish Movement".

The Co-operative Union of Canada.—On Mar. 6, 1909, at a conference of representatives of Canadian co-operative societies held at Hamilton, Ont., the Co-operative Union of Canada was formed as an educational body similar to the Co-operative Union of Great Britain. It is governed by a congress made up of delegates from affiliated organizations.

At the first meeting in 1909, 6 societies with a membership of 1,595 became affiliated. In 1940 there were 92 societies with a total membership of 184,992, including 74 retail societies with a total membership of 20,098, 2 buying clubs, 5 wholesale societies with a membership of 488, 2 educational societies with 4,970 members, and 6 societies marketing live stock, grain and dairy products with a membership totalling 163,505. There were included also one transportation society, one co-operative residence and one co-operative oil refinery with a combined membership of 901.

Practically all of the above societies that are owned or controlled by farmers report to the Department of Agriculture and are included in the statistics of agricultural co-operation pp. 548-549.

The Union has acted in an advisory capacity in the framing of legislation for co-operatives and has many times used its influence effectively in safeguarding the basic principles of the co-operative movement.

Since October, 1909, the Union has issued a monthly publication, *The Canadian Co-operator*, which enjoys a wide circulation among co-operators throughout the Dominion.

Subsection 1.—Producers' Co-operation

Farmers' Co-operative Business Organizations.—Co-operation among Canadian farmers in the marketing of farm products and in the purchasing of farm supplies has grown during the past ten years. Not only has expansion been noted in membership and volume of business but also in the number of products that are being marketed co-operatively. Elevators, stockyards, common and cold-storage warehouses and chick hatcheries are owned and operated by farmers co-operatively. Butter and cheese are manufactured and chicken and fruit products are canned in co-operative plants. Hogs are processed into bacon and other pork products by the First Co-operative Packers of Ontario Limited.

In the field of farm supplies, commercial feeds and spray materials are prepared by co-operatives. At Regina, the Consumers' Refineries Co-operative Association Limited, which is owned by farmers, refines crude oil into gasoline, distillate and other petroleum products. These supplies are distributed to farmers by wholesale