

The Co-Operative Way of Life

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For those who are interested in the many social, political and economic factors which lie beneath the new veneer which Canada's nationhood is rapidly assuming, the story of what Canada's co-operatives are and what they mean is important. Of the various economic systems suggested today to all men seeking freedom and security, the co-operative movement is, if not the most spectacular, at least one of the most dynamic.

Co-operatives are a good thing—co-operatives are dangerous—they ought to be taxed the same as any other business—they are the best thing in the world for the common man—they are the first step towards dictatorship—they are the only thing that will stop dictatorship. These are only a few of the varied contradictory claims made in respect to co-operatives in the classroom, in hotel lobbies and wherever Canadians get together.

Like many other doctrines of salvation, the co-operative movement was born of poverty in 1844. Strange indeed was the co-operative beginning when the Rochdale pioneers, a group of English Lancashire weavers risked the little they had for a better life. A similar step had been taken in 1761 by some Fenwick weavers and around 1800 by The Good Intent Society at Brantford, England. However, both failed. The co-operators of today owe much of their present position to Robert Owen, Charles Howard, William Thompson, and Doctor William King, all of whom lived in the late 1700's and the early 1800's and contributed many ideas towards the social and political expansion of the co-operatives.

Gradually, the co-operative idea spread from England all over Europe, and then to America where in 1875 the first Canadian Co-operative was established in the barn of a supply store at Stellerton, Nova Scotia.

Co-operative Societies, as they master one field, expand into new fields of business, recognizing no limit in their effort to supply human needs. Marketing and purchasing Co-operatives owned and operated by farmers make up most of the co-operative movement in Canada. Nearly 60% of the membership in Marketing and Purchasing Co-operatives occurs in the Prairie Provinces, with Saskatchewan holding first place. Through need, Co-operatives have expanded into Service Co-operatives which include telephone communication, rural electrification, recreation facilities, Credit Unions, insurance and housing.

The Co-operative is designed for the purpose of bringing to the ordinary person, a better way of life. Its objective is to reduce costs to consumers and thus enlarge their access to the necessities of life. As far back as human history runs, individuals have found advantages in working in harmony with other individuals to help one another get what they want. The modern expression of this fact is seen in the growing multitude of co-operative businesses set up by people to supply themselves with the things they need. Goods and services are distributed to members either at the cost price, or at the current market price. If the latter method is used, the difference between the current market price and the cost price is returned periodically to the members as a savings return, in proportion to their patronage.

From the smallest community to the greatest nation, the co-operative has meant a great deal. For the individual it gives an opportunity to become

an important and useful citizen in the community, for the co-operative organization trains leaders. Also it allows him to purchase his goods at rock-prices, thus enabling him to increase his savings.

Likewise to the community, it is invaluable. It tends to draw together the surrounding communities.

In Canada, during the depression years of 1928-32, people who were suffering from want turned to the co-operative way of life. On the East Coast, co-operative fisheries were started, on the Prairies Farmer's Co-operatives sprung up, and in the Queen Charlotte Islands on the Pacific Coast, clam digging enterprises came into being.

All of these people were brought back from the slough of despond by helping themselves in the co-operative way.

Co-operatives join with other co-operatives to form district and national organizations. National Federations are federated in the International Co-operative Alliance. International Commerce carried on by co-operative wholesalers represents a kind of business that makes for peace and stability.

It is not seeking markets to exploit but is moving commodities from places where they are abundant to places where they are wanted. Hope of world friendships can be seen in this sort of commerce.

Co-operatives are surely of



SOMETHING TO BLOW ABOUT

Playing it cool seems to be paying off for Phil Nimmons, one of Canada's top progressive-jazz players. He and his group have had their CBC radio engagement increased; they are now on the air once a week.

deep significance to all thinking Canadians and may be a big factor in Canada's and the World's future.

ESSAY CONTEST WON BY CAVAN TWP. BOY

An essay contest for Grades 7 and 8 in the rural schools of Ontario on Belonging to a "Co-operative" What it means to my family. To my community. To my country. Sponsored by the Women's Committee of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture,

Phil and his nine sidemen are now heard each Tuesday night in Nimmons 'N' Nine, a programme of cool music broadcast live from Toronto on the Trans-Canada network. It is their third season on radio.

PIANO PUPILS PASS JUNE EXAMINATIONS

The following candidates have received word from the Royal Conservatory of Music of Toronto that they passed their piano examinations last month.

NEW WATER MAIN NOW SAFELY BURIED

The work of laying the new water main down King Street

ber of days now, and connections and use of water from the new system is already in use by a few of the street residents. Those who have not already had their old system connected up to the new would be wise in doing so at once as the dead line for the old line is July 31, at which time the water will be discontinued to flow, as it will be cut off at the source and the new line be responsible for the water supply. Better hurry if you haven't made the connection yet.

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Grade 4. Victoria Medd. The above are all pupils of Mrs. Massey-Cooke.

The Churches

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 1959

THE SALVATION ARMY

Captain D. McNeilly

3.00 p.m.—Sunday School in Legion Hall.

"A Welcome Awaits You."

Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada

Zion Pentecostal Church

MILLBROOK

D. L. Johns, Pastor.

Sunday Services

10 a.m.—Sunday School

11.00 a.m.—Worship Service.

7.30 p.m.—Evening Service

8.00 p.m.—Wednesday, Prayer and Bible Study.

8.00 p.m.—Friday, Young Peoples Meeting.

PARISH OF CAVAN

Anglican Church of Canada

Rev. J. Edgar M. Palfrey Rector

Seventh Sunday after Trinity.

St. John's, Ida

9.30 a.m.—Mattins.

St. Thomas' Church, Millbrook

11.15 a.m.—Holy Communion

Christ Church, Bailieboro

7.30 p.m.—Evensong.

A member of St. Thomas' Woman's Auxiliary will be in attendance at all morning services at St. Thomas' in the Parish Hall to look after children 7 years of age and under of parents wishing to attend the services.

The United Church of Canada.

Millbrook — Cavan

Mr. Stan Northrop, organist and choir director.

Minister: The Rev. Stanley E. Snowden, B.A., B.D. in charge.

"O Come, Let Us Worship".

MILLBROOK

11.15 a.m.—Mr. William P. Piercy will preach.

Sunday School will meet with church service at 11.15 and proceed to class rooms just before sermon is preached.

Supervised Nursery during church service.

CAVAN

Sunday School children withdraw during second Hymn of church service.

PRESBYTERIAN

Centreville and Millbrook

Rev. Gerald E. Graham, B.A. Minister

Grace Church, Millbrook

Sunday School—10.45 a.m.

9.45 a.m.—Divine Worship.

Centreville Church

10.00 a.m.—Church School

11.00 a.m.—Divine Worship.

NOTICE

Ye Little Olde Tyme Editor

Says:

Rumours have been going the rounds that The Mirror-Reporter HAS BEEN SOLD.

We are afraid we have to admit this is one rumour that is true. But you will hear more about that in a few weeks time. In the meantime—

We would be pleased if All our subscribers would look at the label on their paper and if in arrears, kindly bring it up to date. It is easy to understand this label, for instance if your label reads "July 1, 1958" it means you owe one year's subscription, which would make it read "July 1, 1959" if paid. There are also a number of small accounts outstanding which we would like settled.

Note: We ask all our subscribers to do us this favour in order to save us time, work and postage involved in sending out accounts of this nature. Thank you sincerely,

Sincerely yours, J. H. BARRINGER.



"Jack" Barringer

Sunday Morning At St. Andrew's

July 5th, 1959, Mr. F. Indoo, Fairmount, in Always a very acceptable supply, his message was on Matthew 6:19-34, the of Jesus' Sermon on the dealing with the Ch duty and responsibility choices in financial aff cause where your tre there will your heart Matthew 6:24, "No m serve two masters; Ye serve God and mammo

"Fools gold vs the great price". Our job become a ministry of wo illustrate he related a tr of a well-to-do man who to help a fellow citiz needed assistance bad himself was going on journey so he decided to this carpenter with the of building a high-gra for him, to be ready w returned, and placing disposal funds suffic cover all costs. The ca undertook the job, bu way to the temptation inferior material into th so as to keep extra m himself. When his e returned the house was and the key handed to er, who handed it back builder to whom he had to give possession of the Each of us is building to-day. Whether it sh mansion in the sky or depends on the kind of

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