

# TAMWORTH INDUSTRIAL CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY

LIMITED.

Established November 24th, 1886.

Registered March 18th, 1887.

Reg. Office: 5, Colehill, Tamworth, Staffordshire.

Register No., 2,582.

Telephone No. 16.

Telegrams: "KOHOP."

The 144th

## Quarterly Report

FOR THE

Quarter ended  
Oct. 14th, 1922.



BANKERS:

CO-OPERATIVE WHOLESALE SOCIETY LIMITED,  
MANCHESTER



CENTRAL PREMISES

# OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

**Chairman:** MR. W. J. FRENCH.

**Secretary and Manager:** MR. F. S. WHARTON, F.C.I.S., F.L.A.A.

**Auditor:** SIR THOMAS BRODRICK, Public Auditor, Co-operative Wholesale Society Limited, Audit Department, 1, Balloon Street, Manchester.

**Arbitrators:** H. J. FAUSSET, Esq., M.D. and A. E. RICHARDSON, Esq., M.D.

## GENERAL COMMITTEE AND THEIR ATTENDANCES.

NAME.	Time Expires.	GENERAL.		Finance.	Trade.	Farm.	Building.	Special.		TOTAL.
		Possible.	Actual.							
*MR. HENRY SANDERS .....	Dec., 1922	25	25	13	11	5	8	3	..	65
+ " WILLIAM JACKSON .....	"	25	20	10	..	..	..	1	..	31
* " GEO. H. SMITH .....	"	25	23	..	10	..	..	1	..	34
" THOMAS GENDERS .....	June, 1923	25	24	..	..	9	..	..	..	33
" JOHN SMITH .....	"	25	18	..	10	..	4	..	..	32
" JOHN DAVIS .....	"	25	25	..	..	9	..	..	..	34
" ALBERT E. HACKETT .....	Dec., 1923	25	24	..	13	..	9	1	..	47
" JOSEPH WRENCH .....	"	25	23	..	..	8	..	..	..	31
" J. W. RICHARDS .....	"	25	17	..	9	..	..	1	..	27
" GEORGE SHUTTLEWORTH .....	June, 1924	25	25	13	..	..	..	2	..	40
+ " GEORGE NEWSTEAD .....	"	25	15	..	..	8	6	..	..	29
" WALTER J. FRENCH .....	"	25	20	12	9	4	6	2	..	53

Those marked \* retire, but are eligible for re-election.

+ Ill three times.

; Ill once.

## NOMINATIONS FOR GENERAL COMMITTEE.

The following gentlemen were nominated at the last Quarterly Meeting:—

Nominee.	Nominator.	Seconder.
MR. HENRY SANDERS .....	Mr. A. Nicholls .....	Mrs. Withnall.
" WM. JACKSON .....	" W. C. Atkins .....	Mr. Wm. Sanders.
" " .....	" H. Raybon .....	" W. Treadwell.
" GEO. H. SMITH .....	" W. Walpole .....	Mrs. Coley.
" " .....	" W. Chapman .....	Mr. G. Rammell.
" " .....	" P. James .....	" E. Gilbert.
" GEO. H. FARMER .....	E. Wright .....	" Frank Asbury.

Voting will take place at the General Office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12 noon, and at the Town Hall between 2 and 8 p.m.

Voting Papers will be supplied at these times, but the SHAREHOLDER'S CARD MUST BE PRODUCED.

# THE QUARTERLY MEETING

WILL BE HELD IN THE

Town Hall on Wednesday, December 6th, 1922.

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**Members will only be admitted to the Business Meetings of the Society upon production of their Pass Cards at the door, in conformity with Rule 22.**

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Chair to be taken at **7 o'clock**, when the following and any other Business that may transpire will be brought forward:—

## **AGENDA.**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Confirmation of Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting.</li> <li>2. Report of Committee.</li> <li>3. Recommendations of the Committee. That the Society subscribe:—             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Four Months' Bread, free of charge, to the Tamworth Hospital.</li> <li>(b) £4. 4s. to the Birmingham General Hospital.</li> <li>(c) £2. 2s. to the Birmingham and Midland Ear and Throat Hospital.</li> <li>(d) £1. 1s. to the St. John Ambulance Brigade.</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Elections:—             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Arbitrators.</li> <li>(b) Auditors.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(c) Scrutineer.</li> <li>(d) Delegate to Stafford District Conference, in place of Mr. J. S. Harding (deceased).</li> <li>(e) One Member to Educational Committee, in place of Mr. J. S. Harding (deceased).</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Nomination of Three Members to serve on the Educational Committee, Mrs. F. L. Kent, Messrs. Thomas Sutton, and G. H. Brookfield being the retiring Members.</li> <li>6. Reports of Delegates:—             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>C.W.S. Divisional Meeting at Stapleford.</li> </ul> </li> <li>7. Declaration of the Election of Three Members to the General Committee.</li> </ol> |
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## COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

### FELLOW-MEMBERS,

We have pleasure in submitting to you the following Report for the Quarter ended October 14th, 1922, and trust same will meet with your approval.

The **SALES** for the Quarter totalled £55,830. 17s. 3d., being an increase of £1,931 upon the previous Quarter, but a decrease of £12,714 upon the corresponding period of last year. We trust our Members will do their utmost to give all their trade to the various departments of the Society. The condition of the markets have continuously called for the very careful revision of our prices in order to carry out our policy of selling at the **lowest possible prices** with the highest of quality.

The **BREAD OUTPUT** for the Quarter has been 73,551 stones, as compared with 70,605 stones for last Quarter, and 74,177 stones for the corresponding Quarter of last year. This does not include Milk Bread, of which we sell a considerable quantity. We venture to state that our Bread is the very best it is possible to make, and trust that you will not purchase elsewhere when you can buy "**CO-OP. BREAD**" and be satisfied.

The **MEMBERSHIP** is as follows:—

Number of Members at the beginning of the Quarter	7358
Admitted during the Quarter	127
	7485
Less Removals, &c.	156
	<u>7329</u>

This shows a decrease of 29, but 118 accounts have been closed owing to the cessation of trade on the part of the Members who were holding these accounts. The real increase is 89 for the Quarter.

The **PURCHASES** by the Members equal 11s. 8½d. per week, as compared with 12s. 0½d. per week for last Quarter, and 14s. 11d. for the corresponding Quarter of last year. Below we publish a Statement of the Trade of each district, and trust it will prove interesting information, also an incentive for the Members of those districts at the bottom of the list to make a special effort to get up to the top as soon as possible:—

DISTRICT.	Purchases.	Average Purchases per Member per Quarter.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Hogshill .....	63 12 6	12 14 6
Hall End .....	341 15 0	9 15 3
Shuttington .....	482 15 0	8 15 6
Dosthill .....	1451 5 0	8 13 9
Hopwas .....	1093 17 6	8 12 3

DISTRICT.	Purchases.	Average Purchases per Member per Quarter.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Austrey .....	213 17 6	8 11 1
Haunton .....	66 12 6	8 6 7
Canwell .....	87 17 6	7 19 9
Kingsbury .....	1959 7 6	7 17 4
Bonehill .....	228 0 0	7 17 2
Orton-on-the-Hill .....	53 12 6	7 13 2
Birchmoor .....	1247 5 0	7 12 1
Glascote Heath .....	508 0 0	7 11 7
Cliff .....	52 17 6	7 11 1
Alvecote .....	459 12 6	7 10 8
Syerscote .....	75 0 0	7 10 0
Kettlebrook .....	3252 12 6	7 5 10
Edingale .....	203 0 0	7 5 0
Elford .....	411 2 6	7 1 9
Bolehall .....	509 5 0	7 1 5
Bodmoor Heath .....	190 12 6	7 1 2
Tamworth .....	12682 7 6	6 17 9
Clifton .....	296 0 0	6 17 8
Hurley .....	1757 2 6	6 17 0
Drayton .....	355 0 0	6 16 6
Amington .....	2938 5 0	6 16 4
Polesworth .....	2832 17 6	6 14 3
Glascote .....	4383 10 0	6 13 0
Whitacre, Hints, and Harlaston .....	612 7 6	6 11 8
Dordon .....	2928 10 0	6 11 0
Warton .....	481 5 0	6 10 1
Dordon Common .....	45 7 6	6 9 7
Fazeley .....	2275 5 0	6 9 3
Comberford .....	268 5 0	6 7 9
Seckington .....	113 17 6	6 6 6
Newton Regis .....	389 10 0	6 5 7
Lea Marston .....	62 2 6	6 4 3
Frazeley .....	74 0 0	6 3 4
Wigginton .....	541 5 0	6 3 0
Coton .....	237 15 0	6 1 11
Thorpe .....	121 12 6	6 1 7
Noman's Heath .....	136 7 6	5 18 7
Twogates .....	1034 17 6	5 15 7
Hockley .....	231 12 6	5 15 7
Middleton .....	159 10 0	5 14 0
Wilnecote .....	3017 12 6	5 10 6
Belgrave .....	507 7 6	5 7 2
Ashby Road .....	133 17 6	5 3 0
Mount Pleasant .....	261 12 6	4 17 0
Statfold .....	109 10 0	4 15 2
Packington .....	30 10 0	4 7 1

**INTERIM DIVIDEND.**—This we recommend to be 9d. in the £, and to be paid out in the Baths and Institute on December 7th, 8th, and 9th, 1922.

**NEW BOOT SHOP.**—The work in connection with the New Boot Shop is nearly completed, and, when the fitting out of the building is finished, we have no hesitation in saying that it will be a fine place, and should prove a valuable acquisition to the Society. Please give all the support you can to this department, as no Boots or Shoes can be obtained to give better service than those supplied through your own Society.

**CASH SYSTEM.**—During the Quarter we have had installed at the Colehill Premises a new Cash Carrier. For some years the Rapid Wire System has been unsatisfactory, it generally breaking down just at the busiest periods of the trade for the week. It is hoped that this installation will prove very useful to the Members and the Assistants, and obviate the necessity of Members having to wait for their change.

**BAKERY HOT PLATE.**—It has also been deemed necessary for a new Hot Plate to be fixed in the Bakery Department, as the old one was very antiquated, and did not tend towards a satisfactory output of Pikelets, Scotch Scones, &c. Now that the new Plate has been installed, we shall be able to have a larger output of these Hot Plate Goods, and thus save disappointment to Members.

**ARTESIAN BORE.**—The Artesian Bore at Halford Street is now completed, and a yield of 12,000 gallons per day has been procured. The water has been analysed, and is satisfactory. To save the work of continuous pumping it is necessary to sink a well 80 feet deep by the side of the Bore, and a passage cut to allow the water to run from the Bore into the well. It is also necessary to have a Tank fixed so that the water can be pumped from the well to this, and then distributed over the various departments through pipes running from the tank.

**TAILORING DEPARTMENT.**—For some time the trade done in this department has been falling off, and we now find the output does not warrant a separate department. It was, therefore, thought advisable to close down the department, and all orders for Tailoring Goods will be in future taken in the Outfitting Shop on Colehill. We feel confident this will prove satisfactory, as a good fit and up-to-date style can be guaranteed in all the work entrusted to us, which will be made by practical and competent workmen.

**SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING.**—The Special General Meeting, called after the last Quarterly Meeting, being adjourned, owing to each Member having to be given officially two days' notice, we have considered that such expense should not be incurred at the present time; and, as there are other Rules requiring amendment to bring them up to date, we advise this matter stand over to a more propitious time.

By the time this Report reaches you it will be close upon the Festive Season, and we now take the opportunity of wishing you a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

We remain, yours fraternally,

Per pro the Committee,

FREDK. S. WHARTON, Secretary.

## REPORT of the PROPAGANDA COMMITTEE.

### FELLOW-MEMBERS,

We have to report that Meetings arranged by the Committee have been held at Amington, Dosthill, Polesworth, and Warton. These proved to be a great success so far as attendance went, and it is hoped with good influence for the Society. The Meetings were well conducted, and samples of our Coso Cocoa were distributed free at each gathering. Entertainments were rendered by the Women's Guild Troupe in an excellent manner, and the speakers at each Meeting very concisely placed before the audiences many of the advantages to be obtained by being Co-operators, such as Collective Life Assurance, Good Rates of Interest upon Share and Small Savings Capital, and Good Value for Money spent in each of the Departments. In addition, such meetings give a valuable opportunity to Members of the General, Educational, and Propaganda Committees, and the Officials, to converse with and explain to any individual Member any matter the Member is desirous of knowing more about.

It is proposed to hold further Meetings in the near future in other districts. We think this work should prove very valuable to the Society, and we hope it will increase the trade, and, by increasing trade, help us to get into a position to pay a larger dividend. We appeal to all Members to help us to help them by increased loyalty in all departments.

Yours faithfully,

For the Propaganda Committee,

FREDK. S. WHARTON, Secretary.

It is with our deepest regret and affectionate remembrance that we have to record the passing of Mr. John Shepherd Harding, which occurred on September 13th, 1922. He was one of the pioneers of this Society, and was elected on the first Committee which was formed. He has also been Secretary of the Educational Committee for many years, and to him was delegated the work of compiling the Society's History, copies of which were distributed in 1910. Our sorrow goes out to the widow and family of our late friend.

**PUT**

YOUR FAITH INTO YOUR OWN MOVEMENT AND HELP  
TO SWELL THE RANKS OF CO-OPERATIVE MEMBERS.

**AND**

BY PURCHASING ALL YOUR REQUIREMENTS FROM  
YOUR OWN SOCIETY YOU WILL PROVIDE EMPLOY-  
MENT FOR PERSONS TO PRODUCE GOODS FOR  
CO-OPERATORS AT THE CO-OPERATIVE FACTORIES  
IN EXISTENCE AT THE PRESENT TIME.

**TAKE**

THE WHOLE OF YOUR TRADE AND CAPITAL TO YOUR  
OWN SOCIETY WHERE GOOD VALUE FOR MONEY IS  
ALWAYS ASSURED.

# **WE SPECIALISE IN USEFUL CHRISTMAS PRESENTS !!**

For Grown-ups and Kiddies we now are showing  
Fine Stocks of

## **GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS.**

FUR SETS, EIDERDOWNS, NECK-  
LETS, GLOVES, HANDKERCHIEFS,  
:: BLOUSES, BOOTS AND SHOES, ::  
CROCKERY, ORNAMENTS, &c., &c.

**YOU CANNOT BEAT YOUR OWN SOCIETY.**

**SAVE MONEY BY BEING LOYAL.**



## QUALITY ALWAYS TELLS.


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CALL AND MAKE YOUR PURCHASES  
OF THE FOLLOWING:

**Cakes, Dried and Crystallised Fruits,  
Mince Pies, Chocolates & other Sweets,  
and Plum Puddings.**

THESE ARE IN STOCK NOW, ALL FRESH  
AND OF THE FINEST QUALITY.

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**REMEMBER FOR QUALITY**  
 **COME TO THE CO-OP.**

# For Your Special Notice.

# Are You Assured

## IN CASE OF DEATH?

IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THIS SOCIETY

# You Are Assured

THROUGH OUR  
COLLECTIVE LIFE ASSURANCE SCHEME.

**BENEFITS** are as follows:-

1. When husband and wife are separate Members, joint Members, or only one of them is a Member (a) On death of husband **4s.** per £ of the average annual combined purchases—limit of claim, £40; (b) On death of wife **2s.** per £ of the average annual combined purchases—limit of claim, £20.
2. (a) When the Member is unmarried or (b) is a widow or widower, and no claim on the death of husband or wife has been paid within the average term applicable to the deceased, on death **5s.** per £ of average annual purchases; (c) When a previous claim in respect of purchases in such average term has been paid, the amount of claim payable will be **5s.** per £ upon the share of average annual purchases since first death, together with **2s.** per £ on death of widow or **4s.** per £ on death of widower upon the share of average annual purchases preceding first death—limit of claim, (a), (b), or (c), £50.

### CLAIMS PAID LAST QUARTER.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1.....	21	2	8	5.....	1	19	9	9.....	3	3	4	13.....	13	11	6	17.....	6	4	10
2.....	12	12	2	6.....	4	4	10	10.....	16	17	11	14.....	3	15	2	18.....	13	6	5
3.....	12	7	2	7.....	0	10	0	11.....	9	14	8	15.....	24	12	0	19.....	1	6	1
4.....	16	11	8	8.....	7	11	9	12.....	4	14	9	16.....	6	10	9	20.....	17	19	

# To the Tamworth Industrial Co-operative Society Limited.

## AUTHORITY TO WITHDRAW DIVIDEND.

*I, the undersigned, hereby give notice to withdraw my Dividend due for the Quarter ended October 14th, 1922, and I hereby authorise you to pay the same to the bearer of this Voucher.*

*Signed* .....

*Date* .....

*Witness* .....

(To be used where member is unable to write.)

*Address of Witness* .....

*RECEIVED the sum of* ..... *pounds* ..... *shillings* ..... *pence*

*this 7th, 8th, and 9th day of December, 1922.*

*Signature of Receiver* .....

*Share No.* .....

£ ..... s. ..... d.

Members are requested to  
produce their Pass Cards  
at the time of payment.

### **TIMES OF PAYMENT.**

Thursday..10 a.m. to 12 noon.	2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Friday.....10 " 12 " 2 " 4 " 6 " 7 "		
Saturday..10 " 12 " 2 " 4 " 6 " 7 "		

**To the Tamworth Industrial Co-operative Society Limited.**

## NOTICE OF ADDRESS.

*Sirs,*  
*I beg to advise you that my present address is:—*

*Name* .....

*Street* .....

*Town or Village* .....

*Share No.* .....

# NOTICES.

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*Every Member is particularly requested to peruse the following, and their compliance with same is asked for:—*

**Clothing Club—Easy Payments.**—Subscriptions to this are received at any time, the amount so received being from 6d. to 5s. All moneys must be expended in the Drapery, Clothing, Boot, Coal, or Furnishing Departments.

**Members' Attention** is directed to Rule XX., whereby they may nominate the party to whom the money standing to their credit may be paid at their decease. If Members would attend to this rule the money could be transferred at their death free of expense, and those entitled to receive the money saved a considerable amount of trouble.

**Small Savings Bank.**—Deposits are received at any time during office hours. Sums from One Penny to Ten Shillings may be deposited, but not more than £20 can be on deposit at one time. Interest at the rate of £4. 3s. 4d. per cent per annum is paid on each sum of Four Shillings remaining on deposit for three months.

**Loans.**—Deposits received at any time during office hours. Interest at the rate of £4. 10s. per cent per annum.

**Members Changing their Address** should intimate the same to the Secretary. A Form is placed at the end of this Report for that purpose, and much annoyance will be saved to the staff if we can be advised of any alteration.

**Co-operative Insurance.**—We are in a position to effect Insurances of all kinds—Life, Fire, Burglary, Live Stock, and Accident. The risk is covered by the Joint Insurance Department of the C.W.S and S.C.W.S., and Co-operators should be convinced of the necessity of some Insurance and apply at once to the office for all information relating to the various branches of our Insurance Business.

**National Health Insurance.**—Under the C.W.S. we are an Approved Section for the purposes of the Insurance under the Act. As in every other business, so in this, we want our Members and their sons and daughters to take their benefit through this Society. We claim to be able to do this business with promptness and with a minimum of expense.

**Withdrawals** of Share Capital and Dividends can only be paid to the actual owner of the Shares, unless the person sent is provided with written authority and a Notice of Withdrawal Form duly signed by such owner of Shares. The Share Pass Book and Pass Card must be produced whenever a contribution to or a withdrawal from Shares is made. Children should not be sent to the Office either to receive or pay moneys.

**Share, Building (Mortgage), and Penny Bank Books** should be sent in regularly on or before dates given on almanac, and the importance of this cannot be too strongly impressed upon Members. When left, the Pass Card should have the amount standing in the Share Book entered thereon and same initialled.

**The Current Quarter** ends on January 13th, 1923, and Share Books should be sent in by the 6th day of month following.

**Dividends will be paid at the Central on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, December 7th, 8th, and 9th** between the hours of 10 a.m. to 12 noon, 2 to 4 p.m., and 6 to 7 p.m. Members are requested to bring their Pass Cards for production at the time of payment.

**Children should not be sent to draw Dividends.**

# WHAT SHALL YOU HAVE FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS DINNER?



Let us supply you with  
English or Foreign Mutton,  
Lamb, Beef, or Pork.

The finest possible quality  
has been obtained for YOU.

**TURKEYS, GEESE, DUCKS,  
PHEASANTS, & CHICKENS,**

From our own Farms.

**PORK PIES, SAUSAGES, &c.**

All highest value and quality.