

NOTE.—QUARTERLY MEETING AT TOWN HALL, TAMWORTH, DECEMBER 5th, 1923. at 7-15 p.m.

# TAMWORTH INDUSTRIAL CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY

LTD. LIMITED.

Established November 24th, 1886.  
Registered March 15th, 1887.

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

Register No. 2582, Staffs.  
Telephone: Tamworth 16.  
Telegrams: "KOHOP, TAMWORTH."

The 148th

## QUARTERLY REPORT

FOR THE

QUARTER ENDED  
OCT. 13th, 1923.



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. ALBERT F. HACKETT.....	Dec., 1923	23	23	..	10	..	..	..	..	33
* " JOSEPH WRENCH.....	"	23	22	..	..	5	..	1	..	28
* " J. W. RICHARDS.....	"	23	14	..	7	..	..	1	..	22
" GEORGE SHUTTLEWORTH.....	June, 1924	23	23	13	..	..	4	1	..	41
" GEORGE NEWSTEAD.....	"	23	15	..	..	4	4	1	..	24
" WALTER J. FRENCH.....	"	23	22	12	9	4	3	1	..	51
" HENRY SANDERS.....	Dec., 1924	23	22	13	10	3	4	1	..	53
" WILLIAM JACKSON.....	"	23	23	12	..	..	..	1	..	36
" GEO. H. SMITH.....	"	23	22	..	11	..	..	1	..	34
" THOMAS GENDERS.....	June, 1925	23	22	10	..	..	..	1	..	33
" JOHN SMITH.....	"	23	20	..	..	5	..	1	..	26
" JOHN DAVIS.....	"	23	20	..	9	..	5	1	..	35

Those marked \* retire, but are eligible for re-election, excepting Mr. Richards who does not seek re-election.

## NOMINATIONS FOR GENERAL COMMITTEE.

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

Nominee.	Nominator.	Seconder.
MR. GEO. H. FARMER.....	{ Mr. G. H. Jones.....	{ Mr. G. T. Clamp.
	{ " F. Asbury.....	{ " E. Wright.
	{ Mrs. E. Tricklebank.....	{ " W. J. Davis.
" A. E. HACKETT.....	{ Mrs. A. Faulkner.....	{ Mr. R. G. Talbott.
	{ Mr. F. J. Riley.....	{ Mrs. M. Pratt.
	{ Mrs. M. A. Pearson.....	{ " M. Newman.
" JOS. WRENCH.....	{ Mr. G. T. Leafe.....	{ Mr. E. Chapman.
	{ " W. Keen.....	{ Mrs. C. Blythe.

There being only three nominations for three vacancies no voting will take place.

# THE QUARTERLY MEETING

WILL BE HELD IN THE

Town Hall, Tamworth, on Wednesday, December 5th, 1923.

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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 7-15 o'clock, when the following and any other Business that may transpire will be brought forward:—

## AGENDA.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting.
2. Report of Committee.
3. Recommendations of the Committee. That the Society subscribe:—
  - (a) Four Months' Bread, free of charge, to the Tamworth Hospital.
  - (b) £4. 4s. to the Birmingham General Hospital.
  - (c) £2. 2s. to the Birmingham and Midland Ear and Throat Hospital.
  - (d) £1. 1s. to the St. John Ambulance Brigade.
  - (e) That a Special Grant of £100 be made to the Educational Committee.
4. Referendum of Congress *re* the Co-operative Daily Newspaper.

5. Elections:—
  - (a) Arbitrators.
  - (b) Auditors.
  - (c) Scrutineer.
6. Nomination of Three Members to serve on the Educational Committee; Mrs. Farmer and Messrs. Jno. Newman and Alfred Allsop being the retiring Members.
7. Reports of Delegates:—
 

C.W.S. Divisional Meeting at Ruddington.  
Stafford District Conference at Cannock.
8. Declaration of the Election of Three Members to the General Committee.



# COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

## FELLOW-MEMBERS,

We have pleasure in submitting to you the following Report for the Quarter ended October 13th, 1923, and trust same will meet with your approval.

**SALES.**—The Sales for the Quarter amounted to £61,948. 2s. 5½d. being an increase of £993. 19s. 9d. upon last Quarter, and an increase of £6,117. 5s. 2½d. upon the corresponding Quarter of last year. Details of the Sales by departments is published herewith for your information:—

	£	s.	d.
Grocery, Central .....	25902	11	2
Dordon Branch .....	3284	12	8
Butchery .....	5900	19	7
Coal .....	686	19	8
Boots .....	1141	5	6
Drapery .....	1330	10	11½
Outfitting .....	1523	3	1
Furnishing .....	1721	4	3½
Milling .....	1710	7	0
Greengrocery .....	669	13	11½
Dairy .....	1725	10	2½
Bakery .....	13126	7	6
Boot Repairs .....	366	13	5
Millinery .....	400	9	5½
Chemistry .....	889	6	4½
Fishmongering .....	493	8	3
Oil and Sundries Van .....	446	2	1
Confectionery .....	628	17	1
	£61948	2	5½

The condition of the markets at the present time is very difficult, and we are exercising the greatest possible care in making the purchases so that we may be able to sell at competitive prices compatible with the very highest quality.

**BREAD OUTPUT.**—The Bread Output for the Quarter has been 74,866 stone, as compared with 75,296 stone for last Quarter and 73,551 stone for the corresponding period of last year. We still claim to be turning out the highest quality of Bread in the district, and trust you will give your whole support to your own Society in this necessary commodity.

**MEMBERSHIP.**—The Membership is as follows:—

Number of Members at the beginning of the Quarter	7492
Admitted during the Quarter .....	149
	7641
Less Removals, &c. ....	102
	7539

**MEMBERS' PURCHASES.**—The Purchases by the Members equal 12s. 7½d. per week, as compared with 12s. 3½d. per week for last Quarter and 11s. 8½d. per week for the corresponding Quarter of last year.

In appealing for increased loyalty we think it well that the figures should be published of the spendings with the Society by the General Committee, Educational Committee, and the married employees. The average purchases per week are: General Committee, £2. 13s. 2d.; Educational Committee, £2. 6s. 7d.; Married Employees, £1. 15s. 3d.

We publish the following statement of the trade of each district, and trust it will prove interesting information and an incentive for greater loyalty to the Society:—

DISTRICT.	Purchases.	Average Purchases per Member per Quarter.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Canwell .....	128 2 6	10 13 6½
Hall End .....	352 10 0	10 1 5
Dosthill .....	1648 17 6	9 15 1½
Cliff .....	105 15 0	9 12 3
Ashby Road .....	349 2 6	9 8 8½
Birchmoor .....	1403 7 6	9 1 1
Dordon Common .....	72 7 6	9 0 11
Bodymoor Heath .....	289 2 6	8 15 3
Drayton .....	464 10 0	8 12 0½
Bonehill .....	423 0 0	8 9 2
Hopwas .....	1063 7 6	8 8 9½
Dordon .....	3956 5 0	8 8 8½
Glascote Heath .....	616 0 0	8 6 5½
Wood End .....	906 17 6	8 6 5
Packington .....	74 5 0	8 5 0
Kingsbury .....	2010 5 0	8 4 1
Hurley .....	1324 5 0	8 3 6
Comberford .....	371 5 0	8 1 4
Amington .....	3487 5 0	8 0 4
Orton-on-the-Hill .....	80 2 6	8 0 3
Bolehall .....	565 2 6	7 19 2
Harleston and Portway .....	290 10 0	7 17 0
Polesworth .....	3544 12 6	7 16 6
Thorpe .....	148 2 6	7 15 11
Warton .....	728 17 6	7 15 1
Alvecote .....	455 15 0	7 14 6
Kettlebrook .....	3427 10 0	7 13 0
Shutlington .....	427 5 0	7 12 7
Noman's Heath .....	190 0 0	7 12 0
Glascote .....	4937 0 0	7 11 2½
Edingale .....	256 7 6	7 10 10
Austrey .....	262 15 0	7 10 2
Haunton .....	51 10 0	7 7 1½
Tamworth .....	13600 0 0	7 5 9
Twogates .....	1239 15 0	7 2 6
Syerscote .....	77 10 0	7 0 11
Fazeley .....	2136 17 6	7 0 1
Mount Pleasant .....	453 10 0	6 19 4½
Belgrave .....	537 12 6	6 16 1
Coton .....	262 17 6	6 14 9½
Wigginton .....	609 15 0	6 8 4
Newton Regis .....	426 15 0	6 7 4½
Clifton .....	245 7 6	6 5 10
Wilnecote .....	3531 10 0	6 36
Hockley .....	263 15 0	6 2 8
Elford .....	412 7 6	6 1 3



DISTRICT.	Purchases.	Average Purchases per Member per Quarter.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Whateley, Hints, and Whitacre .....	357 2 6	5 11 7
Middleton.....	172 17 6	5 11 6
Seckington .....	80 17 6	5 1 1
Lea Marston.....	31 17 6	4 11 1
Freasley.....	53 2 6	4 8 6½
Statfold.....	90 17 6	4 6 6½

**INTERIM DIVIDEND.**—This we recommend to be 1s. in the £, and it will be paid out in the Baths and Institute on December 6th, 7th, and 8th.

**TOBACCO KIOSK.**—For the convenience of our smokers we have had a Tobacco Kiosk installed in the Grocery Department, Church Street, and there will be found all the best brands of tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes. May we ask you not to pass the shop now, as there is no need to stand waiting, but just pop in, walk up to the kiosk, and obtain your requirements quickly.

**CHRISTMAS SHOW AND SALE.**—We intend holding a Show and Sale in the Baths and Institute, commencing December 10th. A good display of useful and fancy presents will be on show, and we ask you to call and patronise this venture. By holding this bazaar it helps to relieve the congestion in the Drapery and allied Departments and we hope you will give it all the support you can.

### A CO-OPERATIVE DAILY NEWSPAPER.

At the request of the Edinburgh Congress, the National Co-operative Publishing Society have prepared a scheme whereby the Co-operative Daily could be run.

Members of Co-operative Societies are called upon to decide the following important questions:—

1. Is a Co-operative daily newspaper necessary.
2. Is it possible to establish and maintain one.
3. Is the scheme submitted to the Edinburgh Congress by the National Co-operative Publishing Society practicable.

The Directors of the National Co-operative Publishing Society are convinced that such a newspaper is essential, not only to the further spread of Co-operation, but to the preservation of the ground that the movement has already won.

They are prepared to launch a scheme as soon as the movement is prepared to back the venture.

It is estimated that £160,000 would be required for the capital expenditure, this allowing for the present plant and machinery that could be used.

To have the paper edited, managed, produced, and distributed with such efficiency as would compel success it is estimated that an annual expenditure of £319,000 would be made on an estimated circulation of 250,000. The £319,000 covers the cost of paper, railway services, wages and salaries, foreign and district correspondents, illustrations, advertising

and propaganda, travelling expenses, lighting, electric power, and motor van services, &c.

The initial expenditure and one year's cost of production would thus amount to a little less than £500,000, which should be the capital aimed at.

To the year's cost of production would have to be added interest and depreciation, which would bring the trial year's charges up to £348,620.

The revenue from sales would amount to £200,000, leaving £142,000 to be realised from advertisements to avoid a loss.

The Directors of the National Co-operative Publishing Society have arrived at the conclusion that—

1. A daily paper owned and controlled exclusively by the Co-operative movement is necessary.
2. The capital sought should be £500,000, half of which sum should be called up before the venture is commenced.
3. Interest at the rate of 4 per cent should be offered on the capital.
4. Societies should be asked to subscribe the capital required in proportion to membership, viz.: 1s. 3d. per member before the venture is launched, and 1s. 3d. per member to be held in reserve by the societies until called up or in some other special manner as may be mutually agreed upon.
5. Advertising revenue should be sought to the greatest possible extent from the movement and general advertisers, and not less than £60,000 should be aimed at from this source from distributive societies.

An expenditure of £1 per week per society would produce £57,200 per annum; a sum slightly in excess of this would accrue if the societies agreed to spend 3d. per member, an outlay equal to ½ per cent on the total profits would yield £71,250; and an expenditure of 1d. per pound of sales would produce £91,145, which sum from that source would make the life of the paper secure.

In other words, the last suggestion means that the sacrifice of one penny of dividend by the distributive societies would, with contributions from the Co-operative Federations and the Productive Societies and the share of general advertising which could be claimed, enable the movement to maintain a vigorous daily paper successfully till it established itself with the general public.

We, as a committee, have given full consideration to this matter, and whilst we think that a Co-operative Daily is a necessity, the time, in our opinion, is not opportune to start such a venture.

**QUARTERLY MEETING.**—The time for the commencement of the Quarterly Meeting has been fixed for 7.15 p.m. instead of 7 o'clock, and this will give those Members who have to work late an opportunity to be present at the commencement. There is room for a deal of improvement in the attendance at these meetings, and we should be pleased to have the room filled.

By the time this Report reaches you it will be close upon the festive season, and we take this opportunity of extending to you our best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous 1924.

Yours faithfully, per pro the Committee,

FREDK. S. WHARTON, Secretary.



# EVERY MEMBER

of our Society is assured under the  
Collective Life Assurance and Death  
Benefit Scheme **without being troubled**  
**with Life Policies, worried by Col-**  
**lectors, or a Doctor's examination.**

**No Entrance Fee.**


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The more you spend, the greater will be the benefit.

## CLAIMS PAID DURING QUARTER ENDED OCTOBER 13th, 1923.

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

# AN XMAS REMINDER

When you  
are sitting  
by the 




think of  
the Kiddies  
and the gifts  
you will get

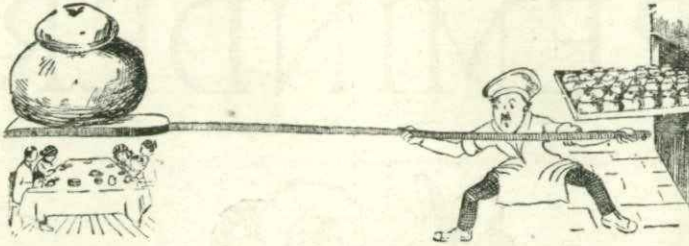


to  
bring  
them.

*WE are now showing fine stocks of Gifts for Christmas in  
all Departments, and if you want something to please  
every taste call early and make your selections. \* \* \* \**

YOU CANNOT BEAT YOUR OWN SOCIETY.  
 BE LOYAL AND SAVE MONEY.





# QUALITY Always Tells.

## OUR BREAD comes straight from the Bakehouse

to your door in the very best of condition, and quite fresh and new.

The ingredients used in its preparation are guaranteed to be of the highest quality, and its cleanliness is our first consideration.

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**You want Bread to satisfy you. We want you to have ours because we know it will satisfy you.**

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# A Word of Warning

NOT FROM A DOCTOR, BUT FROM US—

## AVOID GETTING YOUR FEET WET.

This is one of the present day difficulties with wintry weather about, but

Two factors are imperative:

- (1) **WEAR GOOD BOOTS** obtainable in all varieties from our Boot Department.
- (2) **HAVE YOUR BOOTS REPAIRED** with our superfine leather.

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Experienced Workmanship. Competitive Prices.

Quick Service and Guaranteed Satisfaction.



# 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 13th, 1923, 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 6th, 7th, and 8th day of December, 1923.

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
Saturday .. 10	" 12	" 2
	" 12	" 4
	" 12	" 6
	" 12	" 7
	" 12	" 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. ....



# Coal Thoughts

The Wintry Season is here.  
Help to make it as bright  
:: and cheery as possible. ::

Think of FATHER, who has been out all day.

Think of MOTHER, who wants a bit of rest and quietude by the warm fireside.

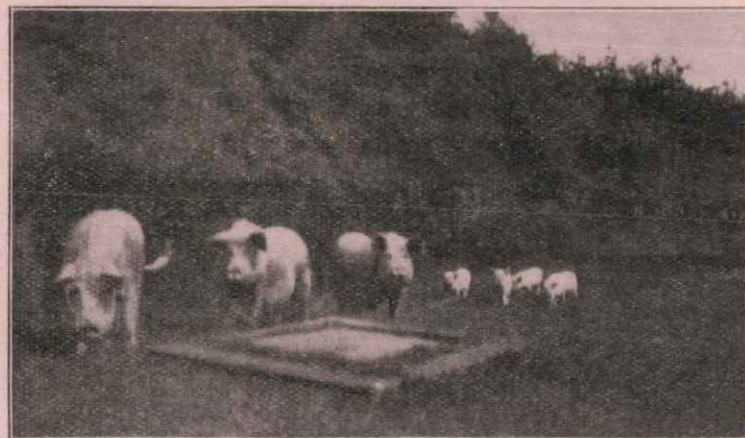
Think of the CHILDREN, who must be warm before they go to bed.

Think of **US**, who are able to supply you with all the **BEST COALS** from the following Collieries at the lowest prices:—

**BIRCH COPPICE,  
CANNOCK and RUGELEY,  
MID CANNOCK, POOLEY HALL,  
and other leading Collieries.**

# Provender Truths

**WE CAN TELL YOU** how to fill your pockets notwithstanding the slump in the Price of Pigs.



**PROBABLY** those Pigs of yours are not thriving as well as they ought to do.

**PROBABLY** you are not getting them to the Butcher as quickly as you ought to do, and consequently the extra feeding time is running away with your profits. Whether you have Breeding Sows, Stores, or Fatteners, if you feed them on our **PURE** Goods we guarantee they will give you satisfaction.

**FEED WITH THE BEST.  
= THE BEST IS CO-OP. =**



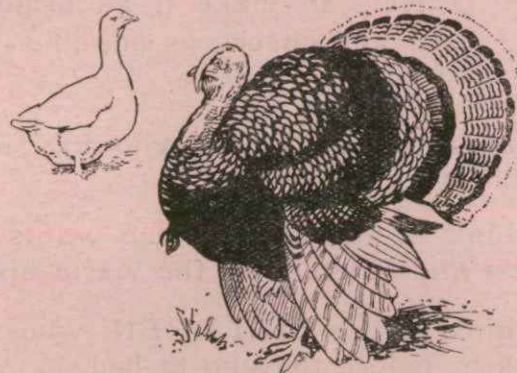
**CHRISTMAS** is drawing near.  
**THE GEESE ARE GETTING FAT.**

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BE SURE OF HAVING A GOOD DINNER by purchasing from us either a nice

**TURKEY, GOOSE, or**  
**CHICKENS** from our Farms.

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If you do not like these, we can supply you with the finest possible quality of  
**ENGLISH or FOREIGN MUTTON, LAMB, BEEF, or PORK**

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**PORK PIES, SAUSAGES, &c., all highest value and quality.**