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## "THEY RAN AWAY!" COMPLETE RETORT TO A LIE.

"They ran away!" This taunt, crudely and unscrupulously levelled against the Labour Party by fools who discuss last year's political crisis, was shamed once and for all by Major Attlee, M.P., during a recent debate in the House of Commons. The following account of the scene is taken from the "Daily Herald":—

"He had just uttered the words, 'We of the Labour Party are not afraid to face the situation' when the remark, 'Who ran away?' was made from the Government benches, followed by a loud shout of laughter.

"Major Attlee bent over the dispatch box and pointed his finger at the rows of jeering Conservative members.

"I suppose some of you have been soldiers," he said. A sudden hush fell upon the Government benches. "There is only one time when a soldier is justified in disobeying orders," he went on, "and that is when his captain surrenders to the enemy." (Loud Labour cheers.)

"I was sent for at a moment's notice," he went on, "and told by my leader that he proposed to go over to the enemy. I did not follow him.

### Just Suppose!

"I would ask Conservative members who laugh to suppose that Mr. Baldwin at the time of the general strike had suddenly informed them he proposed to go over to Socialism, taking Mr. Winston Churchill with him. (Laughter.)

"Supposing that he had then proceeded to socialise the mines, nationalise the land, and abolish the House of Lords. Suppose further that when members opposite complained we had said to them: 'Ah, but you ran away.' (Opposition cheers.)

"There was no further laughing during Major Attlee's speech."

## EFFECT OF THE WHEAT QUOTA.

It is interesting to note that the effect of the Government's action in passing the Wheat Quota Act will cause the Leeds Co-operative Society to pay something like £15,000 per year as their share of the subsidy to the farmers. This is based upon the number of sacks of flour which passed through the mill last half-year. In a full year 137,000 sacks will be milled which at 2s. 3d. per sack will yield approximately the amount stated above.



RIGHT HON. A. V. ALEXANDER, who will speak at the City Hall, Sunday, October 2nd.

## ECONOMICS FOR THE CONSUMER.

NEXT month we shall commence the serial issue of ECONOMICS FOR CO-OPERATORS in particular and Citizens in general.

### ECONOMICS FROM A NEW POINT OF VIEW— THE CO-OPERATIVE.

The case will be put quite simply, and will make quite clear what every voter ought to know.

The author has written the following introductory statement in explanation of the whole work:—

"Work, according to the Biblical account, is nothing to be proud of; it is a curse placed upon man for misbehaving himself. But neither the Bible nor common-sense suggests that we should have more of it done than is necessary, nor that some of us should do it all and the rest of us do nothing!

"Much work that we do is a sheer waste of time; and however much we do there is no certainty that we shall thereby get enough to eat and to wear. And however much useful work may want doing, there is no saying whether we shall be allowed to do it, even if at present we are doing nothing at all!

"This is a shocking condition of things, surely!

"One thing we must be sure of, work or no work, we must eat, have clothes to wear, and houses to live in. We must also have books and scientific instruments and scores of other things if we are really to LIVE! It would seem that what we really want is as many of these things as we need (and the need is rightly a growing one, both with regard to the NUMBER of each such article and by reason of their increasing variety) produced as economically as possible, so that we may enjoy life itself.

"We are therefore to consider man primarily as a CONSUMER, a person of NEEDS; and neither as a profit-earner nor a mere producer even of good and useful things."

## SHEFFIELD CO-OPERATIVE PARTY

# DEMONSTRATION AT THE CITY HALL

Barker's Pool

## Sunday, October 2nd

7-38 P.M. (DOORS OPEN 6.45)

Speakers:

RT. HON.

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## CO-OPERATIVE TRADING.

### SHEFFIELD AND ECCLESALL'S HALF-YEAR'S RESULTS.

As a result of the trading operations for the half-year ended July 31st, 1932, the Sheffield and Ecclesall Co-operative Society Ltd. reports that the sales for period amount to £537,621, or 1.12 per cent. less than the corresponding period of a year ago. This slight decrease is considered to be satisfactory in view of the large volume of unemployment still unfortunately prevalent, resulting in decreased purchasing power of its members, and also taking into account the effect on turnover of lower retail prices.

Members' share capital now stands at £537,170, which is £15,508 more than at the beginning of the half-year.

Maintaining an influx averaging nearly 300 per week, 4,717 new members have been admitted during the year, 2,300 during the past twenty-six weeks, the membership figure now standing at 47,417.

The 15,046 depositors in the penny bank have to their credit £26,184, which is an increase both in number and deposits. A popular feature of this section is the issuing of home safes, of which 3,060 are now in circulation.

### MILK Sales Increase.

The sales of pasteurised milk from the society's model dairy continue to increase, 3,270,512 pint bottles having been sold during the half-year, which is an increase of 61,130 gallons on the corresponding period of last year.

The society's free depth benefit scheme has met 326 claims during the period, with payment of benefit amounting to £1,919. Over £44,000 has now been paid out in benefits by this scheme.

The erection of a new warehouse and cooked meats factory at Millhouses is proceeding satisfactorily; the steel framework being now completed. Work is in progress on the walls and basement floors.

The society's quarterly meeting will be held in the banqueting hall, The Arcade, Ecclesall-road, on Tuesday, September 6th, at 7.30 p.m. The particulars of business will be found in the 25th quarterly report and balance sheet which has just been issued.



MR. ALFRED BARNES, who will speak at the City Hall, Sunday, October 2nd.

## HOW THEY CARRY ON IN THE SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL.

Administration in the Council Chamber, somewhat like the battle fought at the 11th Avenue, is the result of the decisions of Sheffield, but here the Mayor, and not merely get their share of information from the Mayor, they build up the case for the Labour and Co-operative Party in their case. Ordinarily, the Mayor's staff, but, is all on the same side. (There are two meetings, for example.)

### Fair Wages

At the former meeting, a contract was on the point of being signed, but at the last moment the firm concerned was under the suspicion of not having paid fair wages as conditioned by an earlier contract.

Councillor Garnett made the allegation, asking for an inquiry to be made before the present contract was signed. He was asked why the information was not presented to the responsible committee, it being urged that now it was too late.

But why too late? He had only recently received the information, and surely, any time prior to signing should be too late.

Councillors Neal and Irwin Mitchell made typical "defending counsel" speeches indicating they were prepared to waive the matter. The "progressive" party is so very progressive that it tried to turn down an inquiry.

### The Common Practice

where a firm has paid less than "fair wages" is to draw attention to the fact. The defaulter firm in any such case then pays up the correct wages, but

suffers no other disadvantage whatever.

It may obtain another contract and so exactly the same again. Your Labour members asked for punishment in such cases, and indicated that a firm guilty of such a practice ought to be debarred from contracting for, say, a year after any such offence. They got no support from the other side in this either.

### Printing Department.

You should have heard the effective dressing-down given to Alderman Blanchard by Alderman Rowlinson. Alderman Blanchard asked questions about the Corporation Printing Department, suggesting that it did not pay, and that the cost of printing had gone up enormously.

Alderman Rowlinson told Alderman Blanchard what he ought to be known—that the figures of total cost be quoted included stationary purchases for 1931, but not in the case of the earlier year to which he made comparison! Alderman Blanchard will have to get up earlier in the morning, or get somebody to prime him with better information! In any case, not even the members of the Progressives had ever raised a word of opposition in committee when proposals for printing were moot, or at other times.

Following this, there were some knock-out blows as to prices, comparisons being made between the prices charged last year by private enterprise, the price paid this year (before April 1st) at the Corporation Printing Department, and the future price at that department. For convenience they are tabulated here:—

Last Year's Price.	Corporation Printing Department, from April 1st, 1932.		Corporation Printing Department, Future Price.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1,000 Outdoor Task Summary Sheets. (Private Enterprise.)	15	0 0	4	0 0
20,000 Wages Return Forms	5	0 0	4	17 0
1,000 Posting Sheets, Task Assistance.	15	12 0	2	0 0
1,000 Posting Sheets, Domestic Assistance.	15	0 0	4	0 0
4,000 Collectors' Ledger Sheets	44	0 0	38	15 0
	£95	2 6	£43	12 0

The first column refers to actual prices paid last year. On these terms, more than half the cost has been saved.

What is more, the price will be almost halved in future, now that a stabilised rate of profit is arranged for by the Corporation Printing Department. Needless to say, the opposition went into silence by this exposure.

The visitors in the gallery enjoyed it immensely—as well they might.

### "Clocking-in."

Incidentally, it is time the Council adopted a more economical—not to say efficient—means of recording the attendance of members. At present the names are read out and replied to by those in attendance at the commencement of the meeting. It is a waste of about ninety people's time for names to be called out in succession; and there is much likelihood of people present not shouting "here" when they are actually present. There are many ways of remedying this, and "clocking-in" would definitely be an improvement!

Alternatively, a board outside the Council Chamber, with holes upon which were hung name tags—one for each member, and bearing such member's name—would be a suitable means. Each member could then remove his "tag" and leave it with an attendant on entering the chamber, and business could proceed at once. If this saves too much of the factory for the feeling of some councillors, then an attendant should be told off quietly to mark the register—always assuming that neither the Municipal Corporations Act nor any of its amendments makes calling out the names a legal necessity. If it does, then it is time municipal corporations agitated for a change.

It is time, too, that the seats were wired and two electric "pushes" placed on each desk, as in the case in some French chambers. Votes are then taken by the members pressing on the "aye" or "no" push, and are immediately registered and totalled automatically. To see the Town Clerk busily counting hands from time to time is not without its comic aspect, and the procedure is by no means in accordance with some of the "slick" modern methods in vogue in the corporation departments.

### Sitting Education.

There was a raked attack on the city's education once more, led by Councillor Bennett and Irwin Mitchell. Two positions were vacant on the administrative staff of the education department, and the councillors concerned immediately came to the conclusion that it was a desirable economy not to fill the vacancies.

Acting on those lines, we presume that if either of them loses his work, a woman similarly, he will assume that it is a desirable economy not to fill that vacancy!

Alderman Rowlinson dressed them down once more, however, pointing out that the cost of administration in Sheffield was amongst the lowest in the whole country, and that the work of education visiting in connection with the work had increased enormously. Much of this was due to duties which had been taken on Education Committees by Parliament, and the necessarily-increased number of meals to school children was a sample of the extra work that had to be done. The number of such meals had been multiplied by seven, as compared with a few years ago!

Evidently the Progressives had made up their minds that they would make the saving, notwithstanding any arguments otherwise, for they voted solidly. Perhaps they will follow up their action by cutting down the number of police! However, there were not enough of them, though they made references to "November," when presumably they hope to start stunting the services which benefit specially the working classes.

Well, it is up to the working classes!

### Buses to Birley Carr.

A number of "Progressive" members were up in arms with respect to the Tramways and Motors Committee's decision not to provide a bus service to Birley Carr at present. One such member went to great and laboured length explaining what everybody present knew, that the diversion of a present bus service should be considered.

It had been considered, and the Progressive members on the committee had raised no objection whatever to the decision in the committee itself. Alderman Humberstone made an effective speech, in which he devastated the case of the opposition.

### Sunday Games.

Councillor Gandy got in once more with his proposal that games should be permitted in cooperation parks and recreation grounds. He hardly did himself justice—though he succeeded in cutting across party divisions when the vote was taken. Some of his arguments were excellent, but he tapered off into genial chaff, and got shot at with the heavy, but rather slow-firing guns of Alderman Hawart.

Can it be that Alderman Albert Smith has joined the Oxford group? One could not help wondering, when his hand was seen to shoot up (as though with some enthusiasm) to vote against the motion! Perhaps he, too, has been reading "For Sinners Only."

## THE ARCADE DIVIDEND SALE IS NOW PROCEEDING

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**LENIN.**

["Lenin," by James Minton. Published by Peter Davies. 5s. net.]

EVERYBODY knows James Minton—at least by name. People either like him and agree with him or like him and disagree with him. Those who know him personally like him very much indeed, and it is one of the rare treats of life to hear him sing: "I am a Pirate Bold."

For he has a great humour, and great grace and gentleness. He is a sort of twentieth-century Robin Hood, who would fain spend his life "stealing from the rich and giving it to the poor," but he would do it graciously (so far as that is possible!) and perhaps with a joke. These are great gifts in a sterile age, when Parliaments move just a little from one side to the other—but never forward!

**The Propagandist.**

Minton is not a tub-thumper or an em-saver; he is no so-called "soap-box orator." His language is choice and even when most forceful it has the grace of one who regrets as well as objects. But he would never really do for the work that Lenin did; his rather too emotional. His is not the mind of the man of reflection and feeling.

This is the man who writes for us a biography of Lenin, and his own character shines forth in his writing. There is a touch of rather grim humour, there is grace, restraint, good phrasing, and the clear conviction running through it that Lenin was right.

**Lenin.**

Here, on the other hand, is the man with a brain of keenly scientific order, with practical and organising; whose poetry and emotion have been "sat upon" lest they should interfere with the work that was most essential. Fine humanist, both of them; and this brief record of the life and work of one by the other is just what we should expect—and just what is required.

Unfortunately, Lenin is looked at

usually with prejudice, deliberately fostered by that false sense of most people's knowledge of foreign characters and foreign affairs, the newspaper. Someday the record will perhaps be written of Russian exiles; men of culture, of kindness, of vision, and of effort who were martyrs for the cause of their own common people. They were "Liberals" in that old Continental sense, who spent their time in Siberia or Switzerland—occasionally in London. No man could more usefully and valiantly spend his "alotted human span" than by lining up alongside the great exiles, from whose thought and travail the future shall assuredly have its birth.

**Accomplishment.**

It is given to few to see the spectacular fulfilment of the cause for which they have spent their lives and themselves as the leaders into a promised land. Lenin, university-trained, a barrister, the life of the Com. himself later set out in Siberia; incessantly writing books, pamphlets, and newspaper articles from Geneva and from London, the head of the progressive movement in Russia, turning up in Petrograd at the crucial moment when the revolution was likely to end in chaos and transforming it on as near Communist lines as could be—this is a story that some day or other will be recommended for schoolboys to read as an improvement on "From Log Cabin to White House."

This Cromwell of these days and of another race has yet to come into his own outside Russia, and many years must pass before that is possible.

Meantime, it will harm no man or woman of child to read this temperate story of his life by Minton; nay, they will be the better informed as a result. It is necessary to know about the work of great men, whether we personally approve their aims or not. Lenin's the focal point of Russian pilgrimages of to-day, that strong, far-seeing, systematic-minded man lies at rest. His work accomplished. And yet not accomplished. But really just begun. B.

**"SOVIET RUSSIA AND THE WORLD."**

["Soviet Russia and the World," by Maurice Dobb. Sidgwick and Jackson. 3s. 6d.]

The world is full of problems, and this book is one of a series dealing with them. There could have been no better choice of a writer for this particular volume than Maurice Dobb, who besides being a lecturer in Economic at the University of Cambridge, is also sympathetic to the Russian experiment.

It is a sign of our progress when an official instructor in Economics in one of our oldest (and "classiest") universities is not only liberal-minded enough to write zealously about Communism, but to have strong leanings that way himself!

He handles the subject briefly and well, and deals with some of the criticisms that are advanced in this country against Russia. The Duchess of Atholl (who has nothing to complain about with respect to her lot) comes in for treatment.

**Forced Labour.**

"Pictures of Universal 'Conscription' and 'forced labour,' one should hardly need to add, are grotesque parodies of the truth."

He gives adequate reason for this view, but anyway, what is the objection to letting people work for a living? This country has been cursed too long by a swarming tribe of the idle rich, taking no share of the labour, and far too large a share of the produce of labour.

There is, indeed, much to be said for conscription of labour in this country, and until it or something like it does happen, there is no hope of getting costs down to their proper levels.

As a matter of fact, we do at present apply industrial conscription to the working classes, but refuse to recognize the State responsibility for a sure livelihood which should follow. Wealthy critics like the Duchess of Atholl compare conditions in Russia with their own lot in England, which is decidedly NOT lot of the working classes in England is to do the things they do not want to do, imposed on them by the landowners and capitalists, backed by a Parliament which has always defended both!

**Planning.**

But whatever one's opinions with regard to Russia in general, all intelligent folk in this country can appreciate the "planning" which has taken place. She was a country in which "85 per cent. of the population was rural," two out of three of her industrial workers were employed in domestic handicrafts," and in 1928 was being in a factory. The national income per head in pre-war days was about one-quarter that in England! In her civilisation, she compared with England, and in the midst of her poverty and stark ignorance she suddenly developed a scheme for "catching up" the rest of Europe and America within a few years. Indeed, it should mean more than merely "catching-up," since her simply-planned production would not be left to get disposed of as best it could, but would be to the still larger and more astounding plan of spreading that production EVENLY over the whole people.

The "plan" has had a very large degree of success. It is indeed by all observers, and it is destined in due time to react on the working class of the whole world.

**Democracy?**

"Lenin once declared that 'every kitchen-maid must learn to take a hand in administering the State.'" As Maurice Dobb points out, "in an ordinary Parliamentary system, her participating would not necessarily be limited to an assent to a general programme every five years." In other words, despite "Democracy," no kitchen maid takes any hand in governing England. She votes, she exercises of family, of party, or of employer—usually not knowing or caring what she is doing. In fact, there can be no real democracy until AFTER something like Communism has become the established economic practice in any country.

The Russians are apparently beginning to feel, separately and individually, that their land and industry is really theirs—which is the best of all reasons for taking a live interest in affairs. They have responded magnificently.

**Pence or War?**

In the fine chapters of the book, the matter is discussed as to whether Russia is a "menace" to the peace of the world. The boot is on the other leg, however: "The Japanese have come perilously near precipitating a conflict with Soviet Russia." Russia is nervous; she does not want war, nor even the need to be prepared for war. Such preparation takes away her man-power and her talents from the essentials of her life: industry, agriculture, and general development. But in a capitalist world, all kinds of false criticisms are levelled at her—including that of "dumping," "consistently less than 2 per cent. of world trade. Even the wheat export of 1930, which raised so much chatter, was no more than a third of the grain export in Czarist times."

It is facts like these which show up the silliness of our newspapers! Every man and woman under forty, who has any pretensions to an interest in politics of any party, in co-operation, or in social well-being would be well advised to get and read this well-written volume.

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# PROMISE AND FULFILMENT.

MORE UNEMPLOYED. :: LESS WAGES FOR WORKERS.



- (1) Conservative Poster at the last General Election.
- (2) Recent photograph of queue at the Sheffield Labour Exchange.
- (3) Sheffield "Star" Lads' Strike.

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## A PUBLIC MEETING

will be held in the

**LONGLEY Council School**

at 7-30 p.m. on

**Friday, Sept. 23.**

Speakers:

**TOM KENNEDY**

*Ex-Labour Whip*

COUNCILLOR

**T. GARNETT**

and Mr.

**H. G. McGHEE**

*(Prospective Labour Candidate for  
Festive Parliamentary Division)*

All Electors Cordially Invited

## PROMISE.

The Conservative Party's promise during the last General Election is very fully indicated by the poster appearing outside the committee room of the Conservative candidate for the Central Division of Sheffield.

Hands were to be wanted in Sheffield factories. Work and wages were to be the feature of the Conservative administration.

## FULFILMENT.

The other photograph shows a section of the queue dealt with every fifteen minutes during office hours at the Sheffield Labour Exchange, and representing a very small proportion of the 60,000 unemployed in the city.

The UNEMPLOYMENT figures from the "Ministry of Labour Gazette" show that the total number of unemployed on July 25th, 1932, was 2,811,782; and in a more recent statement is shown to be over three millions.

In considering these figures account must be taken also of changes in the figures due merely to legislative and administrative changes in unemployment insurance, and not due to changes in the amount of employment. The Ministry of Labour estimates that during the first half of 1932 the official unemployment figures for Great Britain and Northern Ireland were lower than would have been the case if the figures had been given without regard to legislative and administrative changes.

Moreover, the changes in rates of WAGES reported to have come into operation in July resulted in a decrease estimated at about £11,900 in the weekly full-time wages of 170,000 work-people. During the first seven months of 1932 the changes recorded have amounted to net decreases of £165,500 in the weekly full-time wages of 1,332,000 work-people.

So that the promised WORK and WAGES has resulted in a vast increase of unemployed and a considerable decrease in the wages of those employed.

Our third picture of the recent "Star" Lads' Strike against a cut in commission is self-explanatory.

**RT. HON. A. V. ALEXANDER**

will address a meeting at the  
**BOLE HILL COUNCIL SCHOOL, WALKLEY,**

on  
**Friday, October 7th**  
at 7-30 p.m.

COUNCILLOR  
**J. H. SKELTON**  
will also speak

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# TOWARDS A HEALTHY COMMUNITY.

SHEFFIELD'S MARKETS. :: FINEST MEAT MARKET IN ENGLAND.

By COUNCILLOR J. H. SKELTON (Vice-Chairman, Markets Committee).

The primary duty of the Markets Committee is to ensure for the citizens a clean and wholesome food supply. From my experience on the committee I can say quite confidently that this has been the purpose and practice of the Sheffield committee during the whole of my period of service.

**Historical.**  
Very early in the history of man the necessity for some place where buyers and sellers could congregate was obvious; open spaces which became known as "Markets" met this need. Amongst the earliest records of the establishment of markets and fairs in England are those set up by Alfred the Great, A.D. 877. The grants or charters were usually made to the Lord of the Manor, and in the case of Sheffield markets, the charter was first granted to Thomas, Lord Furnival, in 1296, by Edward I. Nothing very definite is known about the progress of the Sheffield markets until 1777, when the Earl of Surrey (the tenth Duke of Norfolk) became owner of vast interests in Sheffield, and as the town had grown very irregularly, he was petitioned to take some steps for the improvement of the market-place and adjacent passages. This was done, and by an Act dated



COUNCILLOR J. H. SKELTON (Vice Chairman Markets Committee.)

1784, extensive improvements were carried on. In 1827, and again in 1847, further improvements were carried out, and in 1859 the Norfolk Market was built. It should be borne in mind that at this time the population of Sheffield was only 132,273, whereas now it is about 320,000. The Markets undertaking consisted of the Castlefields Market, Corn Exchange, Norfolk Market, Fitzalan Market, Sheep Market, Smithfield Market, Slaughterhouses, Wholesale Fish Market, and land at Castle Hill. All this property was purchased from the Duke of Norfolk in 1899, and now belongs to the city.

**Sheffield Improvements.**  
During the past few years further improvements to the Markets undertakings have been made, notably the demolition of the slaughterhouses and the creation of a modern abattoir; the clearance of the old Fitzalan Market—the site of which is now occupied by modern shops—and the building of the Castle Hill Market to house the tenants who were previously in the Fitzalan Market.

The Castle Hill Market, opened in 1930, is allocated principally for the sale of meat, fish, poultry, game, and flowers, and is considered to be the finest market of its kind in England. It is here that the Brightside and Cartbrook

Co-operative Society have stalls and a shop for the sale of all the foregoing commodities).

The moving of the Fitzalan Market and the building of this new one at Castle Hill was a tremendous improvement, and I am certain that in a few years' time the policy of the Labour Party will be universally approved in the city. Markets of this kind cannot always be judged purely on a profit-making basis, but rather on the beneficial service to the community.

**Co-operative and Labour Policy.**  
Under the rule of the Co-operative and Labour Party every effort has been made to make our markets as up to date as possible, and although the new abattoir was subject to a good deal of criticism, it is true to say that no other abattoir in the country is as efficient. This was the first public abattoir constructed in the British Isles in which animals are laird and slaughtered on meat works principles, and in which the carcasses are hung in a temperature which is artificially controlled all the year round. The lairages provide for 300 cattle and 2,000 calves, sheep, and pigs, all of which are under cover.

Meat Market and Cold Stores Section of the department.

Space also forbids mention of many other details of the activities of the Markets Committee, but it will be realised from the foregoing that it is a very busy committee dealing with over 600 tenants and holders in the markets, and not including the tenants of the Christmas and Whitecliffe Fairs which are dealt with by the committee.

The work of the Markets Committee is an interesting one, and it has become more so as time has gone on. Previously this committee was looked upon as the proper sphere for newcomers and untrained people on the City Council. Here they served a sort of apprenticeship on a committee that was not regarded as of great importance. Now, however, it is regarded as one of the major committees of the Council.

I should like to take the opportunity of paying a tribute to Alderman F. Marshall, J.P. (the chairman of the committee), with whom my association has been of the happiest, and whose directive and administrative ability is unquestioned. Mr. I. B. Condon (the new superintendent of the Markets and Abattoir) is also doing his work not only with efficiency, but with the real municipal outlook, his main object being service for the community. Mr. C. W. Spencer (our chief financial clerk) is an old Burghway-road Council School boy.

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and Cold Stores at Cricket Inn-road has been viewed by many of the readers of this journal, and I may say that the department's staff are always happy to show meatpayers round the premises.

The total value of the property administered by the Markets Committee is now over £300,000. The total income from all sections being for the year ended March 31st, 1932, £93,039.

I believe that the meatpayers of the city take too little interest in the many undertakings the council under their ownership, and it is always a pleasure to explain any department, as many of these matters become controversial at the election times, and the real value of the various institutions is never known to the people whom they serve.

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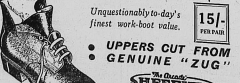
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