

IMPORTANT TO RAISE STANDARDS OF LIVING

COUNSEL TO UKRAINIANS IN THIRD EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION.

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Saskatoon, Dec. 27.—Ukrainian delegates from all parts of Canada gathered here yesterday for the third Educational Convention. W. W. Swanson, Professor of Economics at the University of Saskatchewan, gave the only address in English in the afternoon, dealing with the subject of "Economic and Social Conditions of Agriculture After the War." He emphasized very strongly the importance of raising the material standards of living, to make cultural and social progress possible. He spoke at some length of the standard of living being very low in the countries from which the Ukrainians had emigrated, and compared it with the much higher standard in Canada.

Professor Swanson declared that the farmers are not profiteers. The high prices paid for wheat and other farm products during the past few years had been offset in large part by the rise in general prices. Because farmers had been selling their products too cheaply in the past, there were many ready to cry "profiteers," while, as a matter of fact, there were many farmers who, by reason of poor yields, hail, frost, etc., are no better off now than they were before the era of higher prices. Prices are bound to fall, and farmers must see to it that in the readjustment period which will follow what they produce will give them the necessaries, some of the comforts, and even a few of the luxuries of life, otherwise the standard of cultural advancement cannot be continued.

Dr. Simonevitch, a prominent Ukrainian physician of Chicago, and President of the Federation, was one of the speakers at the morning session, when he spoke in behalf of the Chicago organization and congratulated the people in Canada on their work.

In the afternoon he again addressed the delegates on "International Policies." He reviewed the world war and its causes, dealing mainly with Austria and Russia. He denounced in very strong language the oppressive and tyrannical treatment of his people by Austria.