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try so completely.

The book contains a lot of local color, including pioneer living conditions on the prairies and early histories of cities, towns, attitudes, and operations of community leaders. Descendants of pioneer families will find much to supplement their memories and family histories, and readers of general Western lore will be pleased to discover that the history of an agricultural industry provides enjoyable reading.

The policies of the federal and provincial governments had significant influence, both positive and negative, on the fledgling industry, and in some cases prolonged the lives of creameries that were losers from the beginning. There are extensive quotations from highly personal and confidential letters and documents. One gets the impression that Professor Church hewed to the line and let the chips fall where they may. Admitting the value of hindsight, he has pointed out weaknesses in early planning that made ultimate success very unlikely.

Professor Church has written an interesting book, even a lively book when the subject matter is considered. The tables and charts are well put up. The photographs have a nostalgic flavor reminding us that a century has passed.

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An Unfailing Faith: A History of the Saskatchewan Dairy Industry. By Gordon C. Church. Winnipeg, Manitoba: Hignell, 1985. Illustrations, photographs, index. 308 pp. \$29.95.

An Unfailing Faith will likely become the primary reference work on the development of the dairy industry in Saskatchewan. Considering its several hundred references and its comprehensive outline, it is unlikely that there exists or will appear a publication that covers the historical developments of the dairy indus-