

Financing of Co-operative Societies

FOREWORD

The general objective we set ourselves and our authors in these articles was to look generally at the financing of Co-operative societies and particularly retail societies, within the conditions and the pressures of the present and the calculable future. Their response provides a framework for continuing analysis of this requirement of Co-operative survival and success and this will be of interest to professional management, to boards and committees and indeed to all active members.

Mr. Lee and Mr. Dale contribute out of particular and successful local experience in their Societies. Miss McKinlay writes from a more detached but still sympathetic observation. And although David Hutton dealing with "Myths in the Boardroom" does not write strictly within the framework, his salutary advice can be usefully read in that connection - and indeed in any other.

We have not been able to include now contributions from the experience of the CWS and the Co-operative Bank - nor, indeed, from the Co-operative Union though that seemed within our reach for a time. However, wider still and wider, no doubt, shall our bounds be set in future attention to this topic.

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