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In the past few months, new Co-ops have sprung up around the city. They were set-up, and are being run, either by the local co-operative Associations, or directly by the Tenants Associations. These Co-ops are non profit making concerns, and were set-up to provide the local people with cheaper foodstuffs, by cutting out the retailer. Many of these Co-ops are in close contact with one another, and in the future it is hoped that by working closely together, they will be able to buy in bulk from the producer, thus cutting prices even further.

Now in the Ringsend/Irishtown area, the local cumann of Sinn Fein (Gardiner Place) has taken the initiative, and organised a Co-op for you, the people of this area. We have seen the enormous profit that is being made on essential foodstuffs like potatoes and vegetables, by the shopkeepers of this and every other area. We realised that a Co-operative organisation was the obvious answer to the problem. The reasons why we have organised this Co-op are:

1. To provide the working class families of this area with cheaper foodstuffs;
2. To show the people the benefits of the co-operative system, and to encourage them to come together in this way to help themselves;
3. To show you the enormous profit the middleman is making at your expense.

We did not set up this Co-operative as a publicity gimmick, nor do we intend it to be OUR Co-op. It is YOUR Co-op, and as soon as it is running smoothly, we will hand it over to the people of Ringsend and Irishtown. We have given the lead. Now it is up to you, the people, to make a success of YOUR Co-op.

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