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FAIR PRICES COMMITTEES

The Canadian Municipal Journal is a strong advocate of a fair prices committee in every municipality. It says:—"There are municipal men who are under the impression that municipal government in Canada is confined to the collection of taxes, and the building and maintenance of local public works. As a matter of fact, this is but a part of local government—and a small part at that. Every phase of citizenship affecting the community as a whole comes under the purview of the local council as representatives of the people, and we don't know of any phase more important at this time than the matter of the cost of living. Since the war broke out everything has increased in price, much more so than the average family income. This may be taken, and has been taken, as part of the price of war to be paid by those staying at home. But when advantage is taken of necessary increases in the price of foodstuffs to still further advance the cost for the benefit of the few dealers or manufacturers, and which will be to the detriment of the already extra-burdened consumers, a sharp lesson is needed. And now that they have the power, the councils should not hesitate to act when necessary, though we believe that the publication of a fair price list will be quite sufficient to deter the evil-doer. Only the Fair Price Committees cannot be appointed too soon."

There has lately been a change in the constitution of such committees, apparently for the better doing of the work. St. John could do with a permanent fair price committee, always on the job.

UNJUST CRITICISM

The Moncton Transcript appears to think that because St. John contends that freight should not be hauled past its doors when it ought to be handled here, therefore St. John is jealous of the growth of Moncton. The Transcript is quite wrong. St. John is glad to see Moncton grow. It is glad to see any city or town or village in the province grow. Their growth helps St. John. Surely the Transcript can see that, as the people of St. John see it. Not only so, but St. John deprecates any attempt made—and it is too often made—to create prejudice in other provincial centres against the city of Saint John. That is too small a business for live men to be engaged in. St. John gains by whatever legitimate growth any other portion of the province enjoys. There should be no antagonism between this city and Moncton. St. John is an ocean port. Moncton is not. St. John should have whatever business its geographical position entitles it to, and should not be made to suffer because of political or any other consideration not related to the prompt dispatch of the country's business. No doubt there will be enough trade eventually to keep many ports busy, but that is no excuse for present injustice to St. John. If trade goes to Halifax or anywhere else that should be handled at St. John because of its geographical position, then some other consideration than that of good business is operative, and it should be as keenly resented in Moncton as in St. John.

MR. WILLIAM C. JORDAN.

The news of the death of Mr. William C. Jordan came this morning as a very severe shock to the citizens. His long connection with the business staff of the St. John Globe had made him widely known, and he was not less widely esteemed for his genial nature and high sense of honor. Not merely the Globe staff, but all who have been engaged in newspaper work in this city for any length of time will sincerely regret that he has passed out of life. The business community generally will miss him at his post of faithful duty, and those philanthropic causes which he helped in a generous and unobtrusive way have lost a friend. It is difficult to realize that his familiar figure will not be seen again along the street where his working day were spent, nor his friendly greeting fall upon our ears. A good citizen has gone to his rest.

A daily mail service by airplane between New York and Chicago is a novelty that will soon become commonplace, not only in regard to the mails but passenger traffic as well. The air will soon be a general medium of transportation. The remarkable advance made in the last four years in aviation is but the beginning of wonderful developments.

The Germans told the people of Mons that the Canadian army was "a rabble of the worst type." Part of that rabble is now keeping the peace in Germany and to its everlasting credit is not doing any of the things the Germans did in Belgium.

Milk may not be cheaper, but perhaps the quality will be improved as a result of recent enquiry and discussion. It would be a very foolish proceeding to let the subject drop.

If vigilance committees are necessary to put down the illegal traffic in liquor, why not have them? The traffic disgraces the city, and therefore the citizens. Why lie down under the disgrace? With such hints as many citizens could give them if they would, the inspectors could soon jam the lid down hard. It is because the general attitude is to let the law enforce itself that it is not enforced as fully as is desirable. Why not regard the trafficker in liquor as a public enemy and go after him?

Toronto has dismissed thirteen officials of the "police union," affiliated with the Trades and Labor Council, and 886 policemen have gone on strike. The issue is squarely joined. We have been told in St. John that a police union could not affiliate with the Trades and Labor Council. In Toronto it appears to have done so.

Out of 6,372 Newfoundland men in the war there were 3,757 casualties. That is a record of devotion and sacrifice of which the people of the Ancient Colony will always be justly proud. No less than 210 men received decorations for bravery. Newfoundland men were at Gallipoli, Ypres, the Somme, the Arras sector and at the end in Flanders.

The influenza has given the state of Pennsylvania 45,000 orphans to be cared for, and the number still grows. The disease has been a terrible scourge to the whole continent.

The dance halls of Berlin are said to be crowded with well-dressed people. The very poor of Germany are hungry and ill-clad. The well-dressed folk are dancing on a powder magazine.

Commissioner Fisher says bread should sell at retail at thirteen cents per loaf. That is also the view of Dr. Keirstead of the food board. Well?

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TWO TROOPSHIPS

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The military department in Ottawa has received word that twenty-four officers and 955 other ranks are due to arrive in Halifax on the steamer Northland on Dec. 23. Of this number one officer and thirty-four other ranks are for New Brunswick district. The Grampian, which is due here on the same day, has 110 officers and 838 other ranks, of which seven officers and twenty-one other ranks are for this district.

Sergeant Robinson, former recruiting officer of the Canadian Engineers Local Depot, under Lieutenant Currie, has been granted his discharge. He has accepted a position with a Montreal firm. Military headquarters announced yesterday that arrangements have been completed here for the establishing of an information bureau in connection with the arrival of the boats from overseas and all queries in connection with them. Capt. J. R. Thompson has been appointed officer in charge.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Envious. "What do you think of a man who will constantly deceive his wife?" "I think he's a wonder!"

"How is Flatbush making out?" "He says he is earning \$10,000 a year." "He may be earning that. But what is he getting?"

"Does your wife make a fuss over a late dinner?" "Depends on whether it is due to my meeting a friend or her being to the matinee."

Wife—"Did you kill that fly, dear?" Aviator Husband—"No, but I drove him down in a badly damaged condition."

A candidate was being heckled at a political meeting. "Who brayed there?" he cried out sarcastically. "It was only an echo!" replied one of the audience.

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CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

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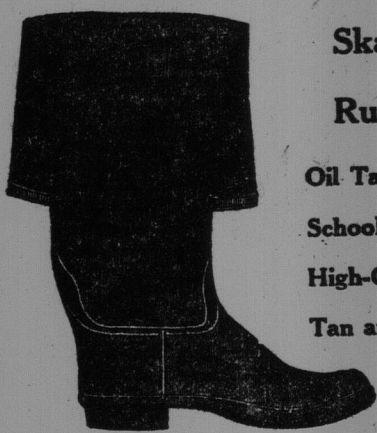
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GIRLS

Skating Boots,

Rubber Boots,

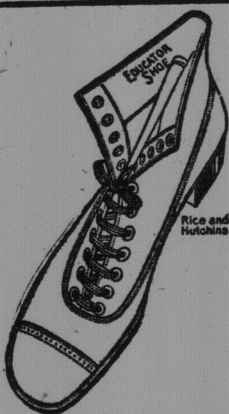
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Colored Gaiters,

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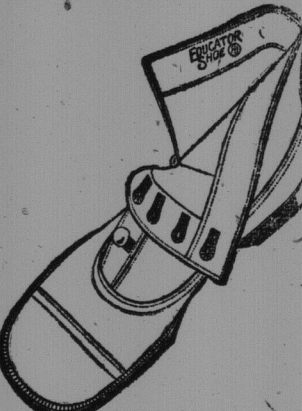
Leggins, \$1.35 to \$1.50

Rubbers, White Tan or

Black.

Noisless Felt Slippers.

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THE BABY

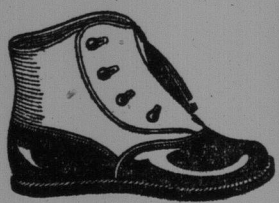
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