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## SHALL THE PRICE OF WHEAT BE FIXED?

There having been a demand made in Saskatchewan that the present government price of \$2.24 on 1918 wheat be continued on the 1919 crop, the question arises, Whether this may fairly be done?

In peacetime, Liverpool sets the world price of this cereal. Whether it is high or low depends on yields and the surplus which grain-growing nations have to export.

Since the armistice was signed, Australian wheat, that had been held for several years in storage, for lack of bottoms, is finding its way to the principal market. This can now be laid down at Liverpool at \$1.44. As ships can be released from other occupations, the world-price of wheat will recede, it is expected that come July, wheat will not fetch more than \$1.25.

The request that the Canadian authorities continue the price at \$2.24 would probably mean paying our grain-growers a bonus of \$1 per bushel on 1919's wheat harvest, and thus mean a tax of between two and three hundred millions of dollars on the Canadian people.

Those who advocate a continuation of price fixing, claim that it is as reasonable to do this as to expend public money on provincial highways, shipbuilding, housing, and loans to Rumania and Serbia.

Is it? State-aided highways will benefit the farmers more than any other section of the population. These will enable them to market their salable products easier, quicker, at less cost and all the year around.

The chief reason why the Dominion is about to build ships is that it wishes to get out from under the shipping combine. This organization now charges whatever it pleases, comes when it likes and goes when it likes. The higher its rates the lower the net amount the farmer receives for his products. Until recently foodstuffs have been the country's principal exports. Hence farmers will be the greatest gainers from national shipping.

As far as housing is concerned, the state loans are not to be confined to towns. Rural and urban municipalities may alike borrow money for the erection of homes for workmen. It is not a gift. The money will be repaid with interest.

Credits to Rumania and Serbia are to be made for the purpose of enabling them to buy in Canada the necessities of life. This will include both food and clothing. The farmers will likely supply as great a proportion of the goods sold them as any other industry. They will be certain of getting their money and the Canadian government will later collect the loan.

None of the arguments advanced by those advocating a bonus on wheat, because the country is about to undertake certain public works, is watertight. It is noteworthy that the grain-growers of Manitoba and Alberta have gone on record as being opposed to the government fixing a price on the next wheat crop.

It may be that the growers of Saskatchewan have noted that the American government, reckoning that the war would not end until next summer, fixed the price at \$2.26 on the 1919's crop. To fulfil its agreement, in face of a falling world market, it has had to provide a billion dollars to take up the expected loss. It should be remembered that this price-fixing was done last year. Our Saskatchewan friends are simply asking that a free pie counter be set up in Canada.

The well-being of millions of consumers are directly affected by this proposal. Bread is the staff of life. To take unnecessarily \$200,000,000 out of the pockets of the wage-earners of Canada in order to place our wheat-growers on the same footing as the American farmers, would be a hardship.

The reason American farmers are to enjoy a gift of \$1.00 per bushel is due to an error of judgment on the part of U.S. legislators. They took a long chance and missed. This miscalculation will cost every American household \$50. Before the matter is ended this wheat tax will have been added to the cost of everything the farmer buys.

The high cost of living affects everyone, including the farmer. His dissatisfaction is being shown by his attacks on the tariff, which is thought to be the root of the evil. It is becoming convincingly clear that the high cost of foodstuffs has most to do with the abnormal costs of everything else, since wages must attempt to square with the cost of food.

The farmers of Canada merit fair rewards for their toil. With the war ended, the price of wheat will probably go to a lower level. A drop of 40 per cent. would still give him a fair price and go far to deflate the prices of the things he buys.

All concerned will be better off when world conditions reduce it to \$1.25 per bushel.

## MEMBERS SPEAK OUT IN CAUCUS

Referring to the caucus of government M.P.'s, at Toronto, the Mail and Empire says that:

It was, as caucuses go, a fairly peaceable affair, chiefly marked by evidences of a desire on the part of the members for closer co-operation between the members of the Government and the rank and file.

That the members' objections had some effect is shown by the further statement that the referendum to be submitted on the temperance question will not be submitted in the form in which it appears in the Ontario Temperance Act, namely: "Are you in favor of the repeal of the Ontario Temperance Act?"

There is a strong section of the Conservative members that believes that what the matter is sent to the electors, it should be placed before them in such a manner as will enable them to declare what they want, instead of compelling them to choose between two extremes. Hence there will in all probability be an alternative covering light beer and wines.

When the supporters of the government pressed the premier and his cabinet for closer cooperation, they were well within their rights. No riding desires to see its representative lose his individuality and become a mere letter on the governmental rubber stamp.

He who exercises his independence in the legislature, regarding himself first and foremost as the servant of his constituency, wears longest. He may not be invited to many high teas but he will strengthen himself with those whose good opinion is more to be

valued than ministerial smiles.

Only purlined men overlook the political unrest prevalent throughout the province and fail to seek and remove its cause.

Plain speaking in caucus is good as far as it goes. But it is expressed behind closed doors. It would be more refreshing if there were some of it uttered on the floor of the house.

More power then to the members who, when measures are introduced which do not find favor in their riding, voice their objections.

## BY THE WAY

Ringmaster March began its show with a lion exhibit.

Will the Republicans of the United States succeed in preventing the consummation of the league of nations?

At the present rate of departmental expenditures, local ratepayers will need a 'stepladder' to reach the tax rate.

The city council is of the opinion that since a loss must be taken on the Algonquin Park wood, the citizens should be given an opportunity to buy it at a reduced price.

An observer courteously offers the suggestion that when the Hospital Board makes its contemplated improvements, these might well include a smoke consuming device.

Judging by the comments made by the Toronto press on the singing of the Mendelssohn choir, it is not up to par. Evidently both public and choir miss the leadership of Dr. A. S. Vogt, America's greatest choromaster.

## CHILDREN'S ANSWERS

Copied from New York State School Examination Papers

—The function of the stomach is to hold up the petticoats.

Pompeii was destroyed by an eruption of saliva from the Vatican.

Six animals peculiar to the frigid zone are three seals and three polar bears.

Three kinds of teeth are false teeth, gold teeth and silver teeth.

The permanent set of teeth consists of eight canines, eight bicuspids, 12 molars and four cuspids.

Typhoid can be prevented by fascination.

Guerilla warfare is where men ride on guerillas.

Three heavenly bodies are the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The qualification of a voter at a school election is that he must be the father of a child for eight weeks.

## A mile or Two

Jammed Together  
Three largest English jam concerns merged. All jammed into one so to speak—Boston Transcript.

A Run For His Money  
Client (After confession)—Do you think you will be able to keep me out of jail?

Lawyer—I may not be able to do that but I can make the State spend a lot of money in putting you there.

Describing It  
George—Rudolph, go downstairs and get some excelsior.  
Rudolph—Excelsior! What's that?  
George—You know, that stuff that looks like hay.  
Rudolph—Oh that long sawdust!

A despatch from Switzerland states that Germany has disbanded its navy. Why we thought England took that job off her hands.

How They Love Each Other  
Miss Stoutleigh—Gentlemen are still very polite. Why, three of them rose and offered me a seat in the Elevated today.  
Miss Boney—And you took all three, I suppose.

The Test  
Bos, now that the glamour is over, Here's a test for your Mabel or Rose.  
Will she love you the same  
When you're out of war's game.  
And back in your old peace clothes?  
Boston Transcript.

## WAIT A MINUTE

Corrections made recently in maps of Greenland have shown it to be about 150,000 square miles larger than formerly believed.

As a carrier of bubonic plague and other diseases, the rat is charged with the loss of more human lives than all the wars of history.

A Field Marshal of the British army never retires, but remains on the active list and draws full pay until the day of his death.

The volcano Aso-san, in southern Japan, has the biggest crater known. It is fourteen miles across the one way and between ten and eleven the other.

The cotton handkerchiefs supplied to French soldiers have printed upon them a number of precepts to be observed on the march and during a campaign.

It has been found possible by aviators to use magnetic compasses by mounting them on horsehair cushions, which counteract the vibrations of aeroplanes.

The word "magnet" is derived from the name of the city of Magnesia, in Asia Minor, where the properties of the lodestone are said to have been discovered.

The word armistice is derived from two Latin words signifying "arms" and "to stop" and implies a temporary cessation of hostilities.

The tracery on bedroom windows during a frost is due to the warm breath of the sleeper being condensed and frozen on the ice-cold window.

Many British veterans of the war are wearing four chevrons—one red for the first year, and three blue for the subsequent years of service.

During the war nearly 14,000,000 publications, representing a monetary value of something like \$1,500,000 were sent by the British public to the troops.

Thousands of hats discarded by English women are exported every year to Brazil where they are eagerly bought by the Indians. The feather and other ornaments on the hats are taken by the men, and the bare straw shapes given to their women folk.

Fully one-third of Germany's iron ore deposits have been taken from her by the restoration of Lorraine; for it was from the Briey basin that Krupp got most of their material for guns and munition. Some of the big potash beds were also in the reconquered provinces.

It is now possible to enter a sleeping-car in Ciro any evening at dinner-time, and re-join Jerusalem at 10 o'clock the next afternoon. Before the building of the railroad the same trip took three weeks at least, and was not only highly expensive, but also rather dangerous.

M. Briand, ex-premier of France, was in 1911 offered a sum of \$60,000 to deliver a series of lectures in the capitals of Europe upon any subject or subjects he pleased. He was also offered the editorship of one of the principal Parisian daily papers, but he refused both offers, and went back to work as a lawyer.

A woman will forgive a man about anything—except the fact that he beats her at her own game.

It sometimes happens that a domestic explosion is the result of a lot of theories getting into a man's mind.

## WOMAN'S RIGHT TO GOOD HEALTH.

Most Troubles Afflicting Women Are Due To Weak, Watery Blood.

To every woman belongs the right to enjoy a healthy, active, happy life, yet nine out of every ten suffer years of agony, usually from some form of bloodlessness. That is why one sees on every side pale, thin cheeks, dull eyes and drooping figures—sure signs of headaches, weak backs, aching limbs and uncertain health. All weak, suffering women should win the right to be well by refreshing their weary bodies with the new, rich, red blood that promptly transforms them into healthy attractive women. This new, rich, red blood is supplied in abundance by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which reaches every organ and every nerve in the body. Through the use of these pills thousands of women have found a prompt cure when suffering from anaemia, indigestion, heart palpitation, rheumatism, general weakness, and those ailments from which women alone suffer. There is no part of this broad Dominion in which you will not find some former sufferer who has regained health and strength through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Among the thousands of women who bear testimony to the value of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills is Mrs. W. Ferguson, Plattsville, Ont., who says: "After the birth of my second baby I was left weak, and was steadily growing thinner and more bloodless. As time went on I became so run down that my friends thought I was in a decline. I tried different medicines, but none helped me until I was advised to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I began taking them and was not long in finding that they were helping me, and by the time I had taken a half a dozen boxes I felt like a new person. I had increased in weight, my color returned, and I was again enjoying my old-time health. You may be sure when opportunity offers I will gladly recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

You can get Dr. Williams' Pink Pills through any medicine dealer or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

## Letters to NewsRecord

WAS OFFERED \$1.60 PER DAY  
To the Editor:—Kindly allow me space in your paper to say that I answered the advertisement of a business firm, wanting a "handy man." On applying the proprietor offered me \$1.60 a day.

I am an able-bodied man of about forty and have had army service in India and South Africa, and been a resident hero for eight years. Being a married man, I could not accept the job at the low wage offered.

Cheap labor cannot, in the face of the high cost of living, be yet done. His son went further and offered me a lighter job at \$1 per day. Would they have me starve?

I have travelled the world over, and never seen the equal of this, I think it is disgraceful to offer a hardman, and a married man, \$1.60 a day.

J. Woodhouse  
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WHEN BUG GETS BUSY BIG THINGS FOLLOW.

Why "The Village Chestnut" Is A Screaming Comedy.

When a bug came sailing out of the etherial blue and landed

## Lemons Beautify!

Strain lemon juice well before mixing and massage face, neck, arms, hands.

Here is told how to prepare an inexpensive lemon lotion which can be used to bring back to any skin the sweet freshness of which it has been robbed by trying atmospheric conditions. Wind-chafe, roughness, tan and redness are warded off and those tell-tale lines of care or of age or softened away.

The juice of two fresh lemons strained into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white, makes a whole quart of the most remarkable lemon skin beautifier at about the cost one must pay for a small jar of the ordinary cold creams. Care should be taken to strain the lemon juice through a fine cloth so no lemon pulp gets in, then this lotion will keep fresh for months. Every woman knows that lemon juice is used to bleach and remove such blemishes as freckles, sallowness, and tan, and is the ideal skin softener, smoothen and beautifier.

Just try it! Get three ounces of orchard white at any pharmacy and two lemons from the grocer and make up a quart of this sweetly fragrant lemon lotion and massage it daily into the face, neck, arms and hands, and see for yourself.

# Ladies' Charming Spring Suits and Coats



The newest creations in Ladies' and Misses' Spring Suits and Coats are now to be seen in all the attractiveness of their first showing—never have we made a better showing—and we like to be ahead of our patrons' requirements. Come and see these to-morrow.

## Ladies' and Misses' Suits

Pretty new styles, neatly trimmed, many box and straight coat effects, pleated and shirred coats, narrow shoulder and small collars, also pretty tailored styles, all sizes. Prices—\$25.00, \$27.00, \$30.00, \$35.00, \$38.00 to \$50.00

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## Ladies' Spring Dresses

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## NEW SPRING COATINGS

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