

## —out, damned depression its over, say we—

So far as the black sheep is concerned the depression is over and from this time forward we regard each successive day of crisis as just another reflection on the capacity of the people who run things in these parts.

Of course, the great difficulty in most stabilization schemes is that there is no money to made out of them. With this disadvantage eliminated, Sir Herbert Holt could undoubtedly be persuaded to take charge and solve this depression business in a few minutes.

Economic disquisitions are usually unreadable: so therefore, I shall be brief and have at you in short order.

1. You may have heard of unemployment. As a matter of fact there are at least 65,000 jobless persons in Montreal. (B)

2. You may have heard of low farm-produce prices. As a matter of fact, there is a vast unsaleable surplus on Quebec and Ontario farms. (B)

3. In Montreal, there is idle machinery sufficient to produce consumers goods for every unemployed man in the place and leave enough over to keep the farmers in comfort. (B)

4. In Montreal, manufacturers are complaining of having unmovable stocks of raw material on hand. (B)

5. In Montreal, landlords are on relief because they cannot get paying tenants. (B)

The last four items provide all the factors necessary for the support of the 65,000 persons mentioned in the first.

The one thing necessary to start the works is an adequate supply of something that can be used as money in the hands of our 65,000 jobless. The banks show no desire to go into the printing business, so it remains for some other body to print and circulate money. I do not suggest crime, my friends, merely an issue of scrip under certain conditions. (Follow the diagram on Page 1.)

1. Form a central committee or "Bank" to manage the scheme. Make its members as respectable and trustworthy as is consistent with getting a lot of hard work done. (A)

2. Let the committee make a thorough round-up of all available supplies of farm produce. (B)

3. Let them find out which manufacturers are willing to sell for scrip. (B)

4. Let them make contact with own-

ers of idle machinery. (B)

5. Let them make contact with landlords willing to rent homes for scrip. (B)

6. Let them actually print and issue scrip for the following purposes:

- (a) purchase of farm products
- (b) purchase of raw materials
- (c) rental or purchase of idle machinery

(d) payment of unemployed workmen who are to be set at work manufacturing consumers goods.

### — — here's how

*Here is how a firm like the Dominion Textiles could co-operate.*

*Their employees are now working part time shifts, and drawing less than normal pay. A large part of the cost of the finished product is made up of labour costs. Suppose a man is drawing \$12.00 per week, as against his normal pay of \$20.00. The Dominion Textiles could supply material to the Unemployed Workshops, and receive scrip in payment. The workmen at the mills will be willing to work normal hours, receiving now their former part time pay of \$12.00 plus \$8.00 in scrip, which the employees can promptly turn in at the warehouse for foodstuffs.*

The result of all these activities will be a large stock of consumers goods (c) at the disposal of the organizing committee; and from that stock they will redeem all scrip brought in for conversion by the workmen, farmers, raw material men and other holders.

If Sir Herbert will bring his influence into line the black sheep will make it worth his while to put the scheme over. We will guarantee him \$1,000,000. How? None of your damn business.

In this the black sheep is serious. We want to see something done. Commercial arrangements many, many times more difficult of achievement are carried out yearly on this Continent, and if the "brains" which are said to be found in the business world would give but a fraction of their energy and influence to the scheme outlined above, next winter would find our 65,000 unemployed in a reasonable economic condition.

The black sheep has no influence whatever, but if any of you gents on St. James Street, or any of you unemployed, or any inspired organizer, or any of you holders of food and goods would like to get together and talk things over this magazine will put you in touch with each other. Send your communications to Box 374, GOP, Montreal.

### the inhibited lover

*Her body is beside me.*

*Her throbbing body near;*

*What if my conscience chide me?*

*Its voice I cannot hear.*

*My being, All my being,*

*Is fraught with fierce desire;*

*For no amount of seeing*

*Can quench this scorching fire.*

*Her body does entice me—*

*So lovely and so rare—*

*Nay, sight will not suffice me*

*For all the world can stare.*

*My brain turns in confusion,*

*Ah Heaven! Hear my moan.*

*God grant me this delusion—*

*Eternity alone!*

*What! Say such love is sinning?*

*My higher self is lost?*

*—When head and heart are spinning*

*I cannot count the cost.*

*Say on! For she is near me,*

*Her body is my creed.*

*And naught but love can steer me;*

*I love! I want! I need!*