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NORTH BAY TRAINMEN CUT COST OF LIVING
Community Buying Plan Saves Thirty Per Cent. on Necessaries.

North Bay, Nov. 13.—The railway union of this town have solved the high cost of living. Some time ago a special committee was appointed to purchase food and fuel supplies as required by their members. The committee have handled within the last week two carloads of potatoes, two cars of wood, forty head of cattle, two tons of money, eight carloads of coal and fifty carloads of hardware. In a few days they expect a carload of groceries and two of apples. The committee is composed of 25

members, representing different crafts, and it has saved 30 per cent. on their purchases to date.

MORE COLD STORAGE.
High Cost of Living Editor: Will you allow me a little space in your paper to say a little on the above subject? So much has been written and said on the subject already and nothing beneficial gained that I can hardly blame you to refuse me. I also read Prof. Mayor's address. Prof. Mayor is unquestionably a very learned and able man, but utterly ignorant of the cause or he would not have spoken as he did. Two words will tell the cause of the high cost of living today—"Cold Storage." About two weeks ago in the town of Lindsay 50,000 cases of eggs were destroyed by fire in the cold storage of Flavelle's; 50,000 cases, 30 dozen to a case,

multiplied by 12, will give you the actual number of eggs in this one little cold storage. How many are there today in the cold storage places of Toronto? yet rich and poor are crying for eggs, a dozen for the supposed scarcity, but held up by these cold storage places. Fish is another article which costs nothing to produce, and all our waters abound with them today. Why the price in price of fish? "Storage." Fowl—Only a week or two ago one firm had privilege given to work Sunday, such a large supply of fowl to put into cold storage, bought cheap, and held at 25c a lb. chickens or fowl at that, same with beef, pork, mutton, etc. When things are plentiful, then they should be cheap. Why not make every cold storage keep a daily record of every kind of produce taken in, or have an inspector appointed for each one, to make a proper statement of each day's

goods taken in, price paid and not allow it kept in over a certain period? Butters I will guarantee millions of pounds of this article are in cold storage, bought at 25c for good butter, and selling whole-sale at 40c to 42c. Then grain. Where are all the grain merchants that used to be? All one great concern today. Why should the price be what it is today? True in some parts it was short, but not such as to warrant this jump in many parts of Ontario. The yield all thru of each kind of grain was less than 27 per cent. short. Why today one grain buyer only on the market of the City of Toronto, when a few years ago three or four used to buy? Over one million bushels in elevators of western Canada of last year's harvest and much of this year's unthreshed, fill all Ontario storage places at these high prices, and oh what will the consumer have to pay the buyers for his liberal prices? Believe me, he will make you pay after he gets it all in. The government should fearlessly and boldly come out irrespective of hurting any party followers and stop this Any one with sense at all can see at the door of whom this awful charge lays. "You can keep going on with everything," "Sugar," "Take granulated," if you buy 5 lb. of granulated, you pay much to your store for Acadia, best or other brands of sugar as you do for Redpath's granulated, the highest grade, and every week or so your merchant tucks on a little more to these articles products of "Canada." Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for the space.

COLD STORAGE.
High Cost of Living Editor: In The World of the 3rd inst., Mr. Cleo is said to have given a large order for goods to the H. J. Heinz Co., and only got one-half the order filled, getting the other half later at an advanced price. This shows that the Heinz Co. had the goods, and that took the difference out of Mr. Cleo, or his customers, because they wanted it, and saw a chance to get it. Another: Some time in the early part of this fall, there was a cold storage plant burned down in Lindsay. If I am not mistaken, the amount of eggs destroyed was given as one hundred and thirty thousand cases. Butter lost was in thousands of cases, as also was cheese. In fact, I think the cases of butter went up to over a hundred thousand. All that food should have been sold to the thousands of hungry workers who are willing and anxious to buy it. At a time like the present all food should be put on the market, not in cold storage, with the sole object of plundering the public.

And again at the annual meeting of the Ontario Flour Mills Co. in Montreal lately, the annual statement of the company showed that during the past year the company had after providing for two years' war tax and paying its bond interest, a profit of 35 per cent.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Co. after paying bond interest and dividends and writing off a liberal percentage for depreciation, had left the sum of \$5,141.66.

There is no use making suggestions; no one will accept them, but Mr. Hugh Blair, in his letter in last Thursday's World, gives some advice that, if followed, would save the worker many thousands of dollars and also be better for their health.

COST OF MAKING BREAD.
Editor High Cost of Living: This may interest some of your readers to know that by actual test there is a saving in baking at home. The ingredients cost 58 cents for 15 lbs. of white bread. Bakers' price, 90 cents; a saving of 27 cents.

Stown or Graham bread costs us 37 cents for 14 lbs. Bakers' price, 84c; a saving of 47 cents on bakers' price. This was baked in workman's cook stove, and real good bread. Hoping this will be published in The World.

WILLS PROBATED
An estate valued at \$11,128.08 was left by Mrs. Annie Maria Reynolds. Several bequests are made to her relatives and family, but the most of her estate passes to her son Ernest, in Edmonton.

Letters of administration have been applied for in the estate of James W. Duff, who had an interest of \$2000 in a house. One-third of his estate goes to his wife and his daughter Laura receives the balance.

BANK CASE PROGRESSES.
Yesterday's session of the action of the Columbia Gramophone Co. of New York against the Union Bank of Canada was taken up with the cross-examination of T. A. Lowrie, auditor for the plaintiff company. The Columbia company are suing to recover \$45,144.48 from the defendants in connection with the frauds perpetrated by the company's chief clerk, W. T. Ott, who is now serving a term in jail. The case is being tried before Justice Middleton, in the non-jury sessions, and will be continued this morning.

DR. CLARKE MAY STAY.
It is expected that the trustee board of the Toronto General Hospital will effect a reorganization under which it is hoped the services of Dr. C. K. Clarke, who recently gave in his resignation, will be retained. It is proposed to relieve Dr. Clarke of many duties of business management, so that his time may be devoted exclusively to the medical superintendency of the hospital.

COMMISSION DOES WELL.
For speeding on the Toronto-Hamilton highway motorists paid to the highway commission in two hours at Port Credit yesterday \$185. Court costs totaled \$64.50.

Cases tried numbered 25, of which 20 were fined, four adjourned and one dismissed. There were others who did not appear, but who phoned that they would send a cheque for the amount of their fines.

PLENTY OF POTATOES IN THE FREIGHT YARDS
Ninety Cars Are Now Standing There Waiting to Be Unloaded.

RAILWAYS WANT CARS
Mayor Church Sets a Detective to Work to Make an Investigation.

Probability of an investigation by provincial government authorities and the likelihood of an embargo being placed by railway companies against carload consignments, were the developments yesterday in the situation involving the cars loaded with potatoes which are stationary in Toronto railway yards waiting to be unloaded. There were 20 additional cars, making a total of 110 in the G. T. R. city terminals yesterday. The total number placed yesterday was 35, and the number unloaded 15. Three cars were reloaded and 90 carloads are standing out waiting orders.

Refuting the theory that local potato dealers were responsible, charges were made yesterday that Toronto was the victim of a ring of speculators from eastern provinces. Some railway officials declared that the potato commissioners here were unloading their cars as fast as possible. Railway Threatens Embargo.

Thomas Marshall, transportation

director of the Board of Trade, was notified by the G.T.R. Co. that if the congestion of the cars in the company's yards was not relieved, an embargo would be instituted. An official of the company denied that the G.T.R. was in any way to blame for the holding up of the cars.

David Spence, a potato dealer, declared that the dealers were innocent of any charges made against them, and said that speculators seeking to profit thru an advance in price, were the responsible persons.

Acting under instructions from Mayor Church, a detective is making an investigation, keeping an account of the number of cars standing in the yards and sidings. The mayor, after a conference with the medical officer of health and the commissioner of works, declared that Crown Attorney Corsey would be asked by him to institute proceedings. He said the city was not empowered to take legal action, but that all evidence which came to him thru investigations would be turned over to the crown.

ACTION FOR ALIMONY.
Action for alimony has been entered by Mrs. Elizabeth Frankland against Stephen Frankland. Interim alimony at the rate of \$8 a week is asked.

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