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### Provincial Hydro-Power Supply

the cause of public ownership of hydro-electric power in Ontario if the people had a clear and definite statement from the Hydro Commission or mission.

The present consumption of power Tigris and Euphrates was the fact is setting uncomfortably close to the Hydro-Electric Commission.

It is not clear whether the govern- is carried to Abadan on the greater ment and the commission have discussed the question fully, or whether tory whose Shalkh was a loyal friend they have come to a decision. Mean- of the British Government. When the while interested parties are asserting Turks fomented a rebellion against that the two bodies are in disagreement. There can be no disagreement about the best way of getting power, for that would be a matter of fact to be determined by skilled engineering authority. There might be disagreement about the desirability of moving in the matter at once or of postponing action till a more inconvenient sea-

The endeavor to obtain the cheapest source of power is evidently the ob-

A neighborly policy of emigration Mr. Lewis thinks, would have bound A merning newspaper published every day in the year by The World News-paper Company of Toronto, Limited; Maclean, Managing Director. WORLD BUILDING, TORONTO, NO. 40 WEST RICHMOND STREET. native land. This would not suit the Prussian military class, and the German Empire was gradually subordin ated to the views of the Potsdam school and the conception of Germany

eeded, but rather rejoiced in his suc

over all. The German takes everything with a bald literalism which some people believe has led him to suppose that when we sing "Rule, Britannia!" we are indulging the hope of sinking the ships of every other nation but our own. The German means "Germany

over all!" when he says it, and, moreover, he thinks we are fools for not sinking the navies of other countries when we are able to do so. This bloodthirsty and covetous policy has

resulted 'as we all know. It will take generations, in Australan opinion, to undo the evil inspirations of this policy of hatred, but we trust that with the disillusionment of defeat the Germans will unlearn the

esson of desperation and ignorance as fast as they learned it. Of the defeat that awaits Germany, Australia is as ertain as the rest of the British Empire, for the very good reason that

Australia is prepared to fight till victory is achieved.

It would be much in the interest of **Operations** in Mesopotamia Little attention has been paid to the campaign in Mesopotamia, that blessed word which has brought comfor to some minds. But it has none the from the government of the present less been of considerable importance policy and intentions with respect to not only in its immediate results, but the development of hydro-electric in its influence on the readjustment power, or the supply of such power as that must follow the war. One of the required by the Hydro-Electric Com- reasons that made a British expedition necessary in the region of the

that the Anglo-Persian Oil Company's limit under lease from the Ontario properties lay within the sphere of Power Company. Several further operations. Between the Shatt el sources of power are in sight, and Arab, the river formed by the con some have been mentioned with more fluence of these two Listoric rivers and or less authority as having the ap. the oil fields, one hundred miles and proval of the government or of the more to the north, lay the highly vulnerable pipe line thru which the oil

> river. It passes thru Persian territhe Shaikh and threatened the Brit ish lines of communication, a British force was detached for its protection and this led to a general advance by British troops in the whole region. The problem presented was that of clearing Mesopotamia from Turkish rule, and operations began in November, 1914, when a landing was effected

at Fao, at the mouth of the Shatt el Arab, by a small force of British and Indian troops. Later reinforcements ject before the commission. There enabled the important point of Basra to be occupied and it became neces seems to be no desire on the part of sary to build roads and raise camping grounds above water level before it could be made the base for further advances Meantime small forces had to be detached to protect the pipe line. of all the power produced by Niagara and it was not till April of this year that Sir John Nixon arrived with reinforcements and took over the com accomplished, the more difficult it will mand. Several engagements followed one of them being described as among the hardest fought battles in which United States side is eating into the a combined force of British and In-Canadian share of power, a return of dian troops have ever taken part But the enemy was the least of the obstacles that had to be overcome. The natural difficulties were even greater, but the troops responded magnificently and the occupation of the important Town of Nasariyeh result ed in the capture of all the Turkish artillery, many machine guns, thousands of rifles and many prisoners The further successes recently an nounced have cleared the way to Bagdad and that moral effect has been heightened because a numerically inferior British force has driven the Turks beyond the boundaries of Turkey's richest province.



THE TORONTO WORLD

# The Argument Against Free Wheat

News says:

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The Calgary News-Telegram states the case of those who do not think it would be an advantage for our wheat to get into the American market and states it very well as follows:

What does a country like the United States, which has 375,000,-000 bushels of wheat to export-more than all Canada has produced-want with the surplus of 170,000,000 bushels which we have boats to transport Canada's wheat at a reasonable rate.

The News-Telegram certainly does not reflect public opinion in the west. In opposing free wheat it occupies a England. position almost unique. Even The

a political than an economic one.

cannot be done agrees with The Cal-

gary News-Telegram that the imperi-

al government should give the Cana-

dian farmer some preference in the

British market either by purchase or

transportation. And this we believe

is a sound position. If for imperial

reasons the Canadian farmer is re-

strained from selling wherever he can

ind a customer then for imperial rea.

sons he should be guaranteed a good

In spite of some carping we think

there is every disposition to

credit the government with good work

in the matter of securing ocean ton-

nage for Canadian grain at Montreal.

No doubt Hon. Mr. Rogers and his

committee are doing everything that

can be done, but there is little they

can do except make strong represen-

tations to the imperial government.

How much space there is at Montreal

available for Canadian wheat we do

not pretend to say, but it seems to be

generally admitted that the freight

and insurance charges are more from

Montreal to Liverpool than from New

price within the empire.

trance of Canadian wheat."

meat from Argentina to England. This made it impossible for the Ar-

Moose Jaw News, most faithful of Conservative journals, declares it is time to view the wheat question from a non-partisan standpoint and do what now busy carrying American wheat mentioned; yet when he has said it. little war picture, "The Ox," and J and we have given it due consideration, Canuck contributes an Edmonton

but omnipotence cannot make five of two and two, or make a lie a truth This made it impossible for the Ar-gentine packers to compete. Then the British Government bought frozen and chilled meat from the Australians to the value of \$175,000,000, and used the requisitioned vessels to bring it to Empland.

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the government at present to acquire any of the existing power plants at Niagara, altho many authorities believe that it would pay the government many times over to get control on the Canadian side. The longer the matter is put off, if it is ever to be be. The demand for power is steadfly growing, and the demand on the which to the Canadian side may encounter serious difficulties when it becomes necessary.

There is still an unallotted remnant of the power privileges of Niagara, and this, it is believed, will be retained by the government. What is thought to be in the mind of the commission as taking precedence of any purchase of existing power developments, is the entirely new development of power from the height of the Niagara escarpment in connection with the new canal.

Whatever is the intention there should be something certain to be said about the intentions of the government, for nothing can be settled in the way of further publicly owned radial extension or the distribution of power until it has been made clear that the government has a plan in its freed for getting the necessary power to distribute and operate with.

"Potsdam Poison"

Australia has had no confusion of views on the German question, and an have been assiduous amassers of in article by Mr. W. Lewis of Sydney, dividual facts, or what they imagine republished for the benefit of the Red to be facts, but these remain undi-Cross Fund, is very clear and definite gested and are used, not for the purin / its presentation of Germany's pose of gaining knowledge, but of method of dealing with its neighbors. backing up some preconceived theory Mr. Lewis is a brother of Mr. John This, marked tendency towards pre-Lewis of The Toronto Star, and draws judgment led them into the serious on his early recollections of life in the mistake of underestimating their pos-County of Waterloo, where he recalls sible or propable enemies, and they the people as gentle, kindly and hos- are only now beginning to realize that pitable folk, the very last to be associated with war and crime. Such as these, most people supposed a national policy.

until the outbreak of the war. Whence tions and regards itself as a master, comes the poison that has so warped not a learner, is apt not only to go and changed the normal German char- astray but to be brought sharply down acter? Evidently it is a product of to reality. Whatever advantages Ger-Germany, for the Germans in Canada many had in this war to begin with continue to be what Mr. Lewis found are not now of the value they originthem thirty-five years ago.

He thinks the strangest develop- decried the notion that an army of s lishman out of his own field. In Aus- of events.

#### German Prejudgment

German professors in these days may be vats of book learning, but few of them show any capacity to measure themselves by other standards than their own. Few of the volumi nous contributions they have made to the current literature of the war re veal insight into the real characte

of other nations or traces of an at tempt to understand it. Germans presumptions and assumptions are not the soundest of factors in determinin:

the Germans to be in their own land A nation that despises all other na ally were. German military pundits

ment is the hatred the German has year's training could meet their long conceived for England and the Eng-lish. Germany had access to even equal terms in the field. Even yet lish. Germany had access to every equal terms in the neid. Even yet they do not or will not admit that English port on the same terms as a Kitchener's armies and British terrinative. No obstacle was placed in their torials can do all their soldiers have way in any business enterprise. Free done, and even a little more. But if they have not yet learned, they will erently the German elbowed the Eng- be taught in the end by the stern logic Judging from the comtralia the German was believed in and ments in the German press on the reregarded as a good neighbor and de-gimmering of the truth has reached sirable citizen. Australians had no them and will broaden to the dayenvy for the German when he suc- but it will not be "Der Tag."

As a matter of fact, one of the causes which have reduced prices in Canada is that very American export surplus of 375,000,000 bushels. If it were not for the expected competition of that imnense surplus, which the wheat of Canada must meet at Liverpool, Canadian wheat would probably be up from 20c to 30c over present quotations.

Of course, Minneapolis millers desire a small proportion of Can-adian hard wheat to bring their flour up to a certain standard; but the amount thus used would be but a small part of Canada's export surplus. And let it be remembered that, while there is ap-parently a duty of 10c a bushel on all Canadian wheat which enters into the United States, on every barrel of flour containing Canadian which is exported, the American Government rebates that 10c duty to the American miller. So that all Canadian wheat which enters into the manufacture of export American flour goes into the United States practically free. If the United States' crop were short, American buyers could af-ford to pay higher than Canadian prices. But, as any large quan-tities of Canadian wheat purchased by United States', elevators must naturally be held for export. how could these buyers pay high-er prices for the Canadian article when they would be up against the exports of Canadian buyers in the Liverpool market when they ulti-

mately reached Liverpool? Comparisons of Winnipeg and Minneapolis prices offer no solution of the present wheat problem. Liverpool is the world's market, and the surplus of both the American and Canadian farmer must find an outlet there. And if transportation charges are on the same pasis American and Canadian wheat gets to Liverpool on exactly similar conditions. Therefore, if an American buyer pays for Can-adian wheat more than his Canadian competitor, he is under a severe handicap at Liverpool.

The difference in price may possibly be explained by an American advantage in ocean transportation and by an absence of the same export manipulation which, as has been pointed out in The News-Telegram, is responsible for a difference of some 22c (taking transportation charges into consideration) between Calgary and Liverpool quotations. That's the most likely cause.

But, if so, does that not further multiply the reasons why the Canadian farmer should have a purchase and a transportation preference from the British Government, if only to overcome the American advantage in ocean transportation and to eliminate the foreign export manipulation which is reducing profits at this end and increasing cost in Britain?

It is unreasonable to suppose that transportation facilities carrying Canada's wheat should be on a par with those of the United States, since the British Government commandeered so many of the larger ships making Canadian ports. But surely it is not too much to ask the same government that commandcered these ships and requisitioned other ships to carry Australia's meat from Mel-bourne to England to accurate the bourne to England to provide the

best for the farmer and therefore to British ports? best for the country at large. The

wants to make party capital out of The representation made by the Manitoba Grain Growers' Associa-tion that wheat be placed on the free list is bound to bring to the the awkward position in which the Canadian grain grower finds himself, front a subject of much import-ance to the West. It could hardly and thus seeks to pin all responsibility to the coat tails of the Borden be expected that action would government: taken merely on the request of

this body, important tho it may An exchange suggests that the There are other farmers' or-British Government might give the Canadian farmer a preference might give ganizations, some of which have an even larger membership than the Manitoba body. Furthermore over his American competitor, in view of the excessive rates chargthere is an even larger number of farmers who are unidentified with ed for carrying Canadian grain across the Atlantic. It might, but any organization. These also should be heard. it probably won't, and we have right to ask or expect it. It is not the fault of the British but of Free wheat and its effect upon Canadian industrial interests should be made the subject of the Canadian Government that the Canadian grain trade has fallen thoro and immediate investigation. into the hands of a monopoly. To propose that the British Govern-The farmers should be asked to state their case, also the millers. Expert opinion of great value could ment buy us out of its clutches is both nervy and fatuous. easily be obtained from the Grain Commission. The subject is less

## General Booth on the War

The country must get the most out of everything it has to sell. Christian Guardian: General Booth of the Salvation Army, true son of his To argue this at length were usefather in some ways, tho so essentially different from him, has recently said a thing that needed to be said just at The Winnipeg Free Press urges Sir this juncture, and that many of us Robert Borden to "summon parliaperhaps needed to be reminded of. Rement without delay and secure its ferring to those people who claim that consent to legislation which will open the horrors of the present war have destroyed their faith in a Supreme Being, he is quoted as follows: "This war is nothing like so devasthe American market for the free en-

The Regina Prairie Farm and Home tating in its effect as the drink traffic, s no less insistent upon the governor prostitution, or commercial oppres Wouldn't you accept such a war ment getting free access for our wheat as this once in every hundred years, to the American market, but if that

of the first white woman who made the pass and the mountain trail to Kamloops. Dorothy Stevens is repre-sented by one of her most successful The Edmonton Bulletin evidently wants to make party capital out of horrors etchings, at once delicate and distincof war never seemed

to see or take to heart the other terrible evils when the war was not tive terrible evils when the war was not upon us. In fact, we know some peo-ple who do not seem to be able at all to get away from the awfulness of the war who have for years been loud in their criticism and condemnation of **GERMAN PRINCE DIED** 

IN RUSSIAN HOSPITAL

A useful occasional article

LONDON, Oct. 11.-Prince Frederick emperance and moral reform moveof Thurn and Taxis died in a Rus-War is an evil to be got rid of, and sian base hospital, according to we cannot work too hard or earnestly at the task of getting rid of it; but there are other tasks that are just as Petrograd despatch to 'The Post, after being severely wounded in an endifficult and just as significant, too. If in getting rid of war we would get Vilne seliont Vilna salient. rid of liquor, too, what a mighty achievement we would have to our

A despatch from Amsterdam, Sept. credit! It is even possible in that case that future generations would discover. 24, said The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger, had announced that Prince Frederick had been killed while fighting in the in accordance with General Booth's esachievement than the former. Dniester region.

The war has quickened our moral rision in many things. What we need PANAMA CANAL BADLY BLOCKED o do is to courageously and deter-

minedly live up to our light. The war Will Not Be Reopened For Traffic will help to bring a new day if it This Year. gives us a new vision of old evils.

PANAMA, Oct. 11 .- A careful sur A GOOD CANADIAN NUMBER. yey of the slide area in Galliard cu

The Canadian Magazine for October reveals the fact that there probab are 10,000,000 cubic yards of earth in motion which must be taken out by dredging operations before a perman-ent channel brought cut is possible. an all-Canadian issue and presents diversified bill of fare. Articles of Dominion interest are Dr. George Dominion interest are Dr. George Bryce's fourth instalment on Lord Strathcona, dealing with the first rallway to Winnipeg; A. Vernon Thomas' "Western Canada Going Dry," with portraits, and G. W. Bart-lett's third article, "The Last Lone Frontier," or the diary of Robert Can-

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York to Liverpool. This fact may partly explain why so much of our wheat is going to tidewater this year At any rate, the Canadian shipper does not get his wheat carried to Eng-