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A Canadian Victory

A matter of pride which belongs to every Canadian lies in the fact that Canada's treatment of the wounded soldier financially is the best of all the Allied and enemy nations. The fact is brought out by a comparative table presented in November, 1919, to the British Parliament by the Ministry of Pensions, which shows the weekly rates of war pensions and allowances granted to men disabled, and to the dependants of men deceased, as a result of the great war.

Agriculture and National Policy

The assumption behind hostile criticism of the tariff is that the only object of protectionist duties is to assist manufacturers. If that were true, the system could not endure and would not deserve to endure. There is no greater reason for legislation to benefit manufacturers than there would be for discriminatory measures in favor of workmen, farmers or merchants.

of and customs. But Canadians if denied employment and opportunity in their own country, would go to the United States as naturally as they go from one centre to another within the Dominion. Unless, therefore, entrance of Canadians to the United States were prohibited or the great industries and communities of the neighboring country should be destroyed by fire, plague or earthquake, it is idle to suggest that low tariff would check rural depopulation in any Canadian province.

In a remarkable speech in Great Britain, not long ago, Mr. Lloyd George deplored the tragedy of British agriculture. He estimated that during the last half-century in free trade England the rural population had decreased by 3,000,000, and then contrasted the favorable condition of agriculture in Germany with that of agriculture in the United Kingdom. Between 1870 and 1914 the arable area in the United Kingdom declined by four and a half million acres. The number of persons engaged in agriculture fell from 2,762,012 in 1871 to 2,077,756 in 1911.

Other causes largely explain the movement to towns and cities in all countries. In Canada machinery has displaced farm labor, the old village industries have disappeared, the pioneer marketing centres can never be restored, mail orders and free rural delivery have affected the trade of country stores, and thousands of the sons of the old Provinces have settled on the cheap lands of the Western Prairies.

Moreover, if protection has been maintained for national reasons, agriculture in Canada has not been neglected. We have experimental farms, agricultural colleges expert advisers in the counties, liberal appropriations for agricultural research, subsidized drainage, and other provisions to assist production and marketing. Indeed, the Legislatures and the Federal Parliament have been peculiarly and properly responsive to every demand of the agricultural communities.

There is much lamentation over "rural depopulation," and the blame is always laid upon protection. But if we go back to the '70s of the last century there was an "exodus" under low tariff greater than we have ever known since the National Policy was adopted. In Europe movement of population from one country to another is obstructed by differences of language, of conditions

Local and Other Items

Subscribers Admonished. As we have not of late made any specific reference to the payment of Subscriptions, we should be exceedingly pleased if our friends would give this matter practical consideration at this particular season.

The London Standard reports that Holland's reply with regard to the surrender of the former German Emperor says it is impossible to grant extradition at the call of a third country, if his own country does not demand extradition.

D. S. Finally Agrees

Paris, Jan. 26.—At the afternoon session of the Council of Ambassadors, which takes place at the Supreme Court, the United States Ambassador, Hugh C. Wallace, announced that the United States had decided to recognize the Republic of Armenia, the boundaries of which will be defined by the Turkish Treaty, and had also considered and approved the scheme for the distribution among the Allies of the German ships to be broken up. It had been previously agreed that Italy and France, in consideration of the fact that they were unable to build during the war, should keep five cruisers apiece.

Is Hoover The Man?

Men have run for the Presidency of the United States with a mere fraction of the popular strength now being shown by Herbert Hoover. Mr Hoover has not announced his entrance into the November contest, but it seems quite possible that the people will do that for him. It is not dishonorable to be seeking office, but it is distinctly honorable to be sought by office.

Shanghai's Prosperity

Hong-Kong Daily Press. Despite many adverse factors due to the war in Europe and the internal strife in China, Shanghai enjoyed a remarkable degree of prosperity in 1919. The big staple industries of the port—cotton mills, docks and shipping have seldom if ever had a better year, and it would, perhaps, be difficult, we are told, to name any particular branch of industry in which there was not good reason to be satisfied with the financial results of the year's operations.

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A severe earthquake shock was felt in Vancouver, B. C., on Saturday night last.

At the obsequies of the late Bishop Barry in the Cathedral at Chatham on Thursday last, Most Rev. Archbishop McCarthy of Halifax was the celebrant of the Solemn Pontifical Mass of Requiem, and his Lordship Bishop O'Leary of Charlottetown presided over the funeral sermon.

The C. G. S. Montcalm with the passengers and a large portion of the Canadian Sealer's cargo left Souris at 8 o'clock Saturday morning for the Magdalen Islands. Should the Montcalm reach there in good time the Captain intends wiring Ottawa for permission to attempt another trip in order to bring the remaining cargo to the Islands.

A new cabinet has been formed at Lisbon under the premiership of Domingos Pereira, a Democrat. It is made up of four Democrats, four Liberals, two Independents, and one Socialist. Meido Barreto, former minister of foreign affairs, will resume his old portfolio in the new ministry.

The train going West which left here Monday of last week at 3.15, p. m., and was delayed by a heavy ground drift succeeded in getting into Tignish at 11.15 on Tuesday night after a hard fight. She left there on time Wednesday and arrived here about 2 o'clock.

The Car Ferry steamer is still meeting with the very hardest kind of ice conditions between Borden and Tormentine. It takes her these days generally between two and three hours to negotiate the trip and often has to make wide detours in order to find the most favourable leads.

A commission will be named soon by the Dominion Government to continue preparations for the erection of memorials on battle fields on which Canadian troops served and additional appropriation to the \$500,000 already voted, will probably be needed before the work is completed.

According to advices from Ottawa the total subscription to the Victory Loan, 1919, amounted to \$682,032,215. The number of subscribers was 830,002. Although no official announcement has been made it is generally thought that the Government will accept \$650,000,000 of the subscriptions.

Paris advices of the 23rd say: It is feared that a suspension of the operation of the subway in Paris may be necessitated owing to the shortage of coal, which has been intensified by the dockers' strike at Rouen, which is preventing coal from reaching Paris by water. An important meeting of the ministry of public works will be held soon to consider measures to be taken to keep the subway going.

London Times: There are plenty of Egyptians ready to denounce the seamy side of civilization, but few who care to apply its bitter lessons to the grave evils from which Egyptian society suffers. They admit the terrible obstacles which some of their domestic institutions and ancient superstitions oppose to all progress, but they admit them with a mere shrug of the shoulders, and reserve all their energy for their political activities.

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The three daily newspapers of Winnipeg—had been obliged to suspend publication for several days prior to Thursday 22nd inst., for want of print paper, decided to resume on Friday 23rd, in order to relieve public anxiety for news of a reliable nature. What supplies of news print that arrived on the 22nd had been pooled by the papers and sheet paper intended to issue a sheet large enough to give a fair resume of current events for the first time since the previous Friday afternoon.

Ex-Premier Herbert H. Asquith seeks to return to Parliament through the by-election in the Paisley constituency arising out of the death of Sir J. McCallum. The local Liberals adopted Mr. Asquith as their candidate on the 21st. Already a Labor candidate, J. M. Biggar, is in the field, and as the Coalitionists had previously decided not to contest the seat if Mr. Asquith were selected, there is likely to be a straight fight between the Liberal and Labor candidates, unless, as is considered improbable, the Unionists run a man.

A London cable of the 3rd says: Dr. John Cope, commander of the British imperial antarctic expedition which will sail from England in the steamer Terra Nova next June for a five years tour of exploration in the antarctic, says an attempt will be made to dash to the South Pole by airplane. Today he told The Associated Press how he hoped to accomplish this pretentious undertaking. "The plane we are taking with us," said Dr. Cope, "is being specially constructed, and will be so designed that it can land on the ice by means of skids. Three men will make the dash for the pole from the top of the great barrier at the Bay of Whalads."

The Dominion Government, acting on the advice of its counsel, Messrs. Tilley and Meredith of Toronto, has finally settled for two million dollars the claim of Sir Charles Ross for compensation for the expropriation of his rifle factory and plant at Quebec under the War Measures Act in March of 1917. The case was pending in the Exchequer Court and was to have come up for hearing this coming spring, the court's award being limited to a maximum of three million dollars, according to the terms of the order-in-council, granting the flat Sir Charles Ross, though advised by his counsel that the full amount allowed by the limitations of the order-in-council could be secured from the court, agreed to waive and accept the two million offered by the government in view of a quick and final settlement. The cheque was paid over to him on the 22nd.

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A settler after obtaining homestead patent, if he cannot secure a pre-emption, may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price \$3.00 per acre. Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate 80 acres and erect a house worth \$300.00. Holders of entries may count time of employment as farm laborers in Canada during 1917, as residence date under certain conditions.

When Dominion Lands are advertised or posted for entry, returned soldiers who have served overseas and have been honorably discharged, receive one day priority in applying for entry at local Agent's Office (but no Sub-Agents). Discharge papers must be presented to Agent.

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