AVERAGE VALUE OF FARM LAND IN CANADA IS $44 AN ACRE

In 1916 Value Was $41—In New Brunswick the Value is $28.8; Nova Scotia, $33.6; Prince Edward Island, $43.7; Quebec, $53; Ontario, $55.3; Manitoba, $31; British Columbia, $149; Saskatchewan, $26.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—The average value of farm land for the whole of Canada, including land improved and unimproved, together with dwelling houses, barns, stables and other farm buildings is approximately $44 per acre, as compared with $41 in 1916. The average values, by provinces, are as follows:

Prince Edward Island	$ 43.7
Nova Scotia	33.6
New Brunswick	28.8
Quebec	53.0
Ontario	55.3
Manitoba	31.0
Saskatchewan	26.0
Alberta	26.7
British Columbia	149.0

In the last named province the higher average is due to orcharding and fruit growing.

Average Wages.

The average wages paid for farm help during the year have increased substantially since 1916, and have again reached the highest level on record.

In many cases they are double what they were before the war. For the whole of Canada the wages per month of farm help during the summer, including board, average $63.63 for male and $34.31 for female help, as compared with $43.23 and $22.46 in 1916. For the year 1917 including board, the wages averaged $610.60 for males and $364 for females, as compared with $397 and $228 in 1916. The average value of board per month is returned as $19.44 for males and $14.79 for females, as compared with $17 for males and $13 for females in 1916. By province the average wages per month for males and females, respectively, in the summer season, including board, were as follows:

Prince Edward Island	$39.74	$22.63
Nova Scotia	$53.75	$24.43
New Brunswick	$57.19	$28.14
Quebec	$59.09	$28.98
Ontario	$59.00	$31.96
Manitoba	$67.97	$40.28
Saskatchewan	$73.21	$41.09
Alberta	$76.09	$44.44
British Columbia	$78.12	$48.30

Value of Horses.

On the whole, there is but little change reported in the value per head of horses; in some of the provinces the value has remained stationary or has even declined. For cattle, sheep and swine, however, values are substantially higher than last year, and are higher than in any previous year for which records have been collected. For Canada the average value of horses, three years old and over, is $167, as compared with $160 in 1916; milch cows are $84, as against $70; cattle between one year old and three years average $52 against $43; sheep are $14.93 against $10.48 last year and swine $17.33 against $11.98 per cwt. The average value of wool is 59 cents per pound unwashed and 75 cents per pound washed. Correspondents were requested to ascertain, as nearly as possible, the average value per head of each description of farm animal and for calculation of total values these averages have been applied to the total number of farm animals as returned in June last. The results are as follows:

Horses—$429,123,000, as compared with $418,686,000 in 1916.

Milch cows—$724,081,000 as against $198,896,000.

Other cattle—$270,595,000 as against $204,477,000.

Sheep—$35,576,000 as against $20,927,000.

Swine—$92,886,000 as against $60,700,000.

The total value of farm livestock in Canada is estimated to be $1,102,261,000 as compared with $903,686,000, the estimate for 1916 as finally revised by the census returns for the prairie provinces.

UNITED STATES TO AID SPAIN

Will Release Spanish Ships if Spanish Government Lifts Embargo on Shipment of Goods Into France.

Washington, Feb. 27.—To assist Spain in moving supplies to General Pershing's forces, the United States is ready, the war trade board announced tonight, to release for Spanish use some of its own badly needed railway materials. The offer is made to induce the Spanish government to lift its embargo on the shipment of goods into France, placed, it was claimed, because of a breakdown in Spanish railroad transportation. A final agreement between the two nations, the board announced, is near, although not actually signed as yet.

Spain has been notified again that all Spanish ships held in American ports are free to sail as soon as they discharge parts of their cargoes for which licenses have been refused or revoked.

BLACKMAILER IS FOUND GUILTY

J. W. Cook Attempted to Extort Money from Millionaire Mayor of Atlanta.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 27.—J. W. Cook, charged with attempting to blackmail Asa G. Chandler, millionaire, mayor of Atlanta, was found guilty by a jury late today. He was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of $1,000 the maximum penalty for misdemeanor. A motion for a new trial for Cook will be heard by the court tomorrow.

DR. A. E. HANNA, M. P. FOR LANARK, DEAD

Unionist Member-Elect Found Lifeless in Bed by His Wife.

Perth, Ont., Feb. 27.—Dr. A. E. Hanna, Unionist M. P.-elect for Lanark county, died suddenly at his home here this morning. He was apparently in good health on retiring. Mrs. Hanna found him dead in bed. Dr. Hanna has represented Lanark county since the death of Hon. John Haggart. He was 55 years of age and leaves a wife and two sons.

HALIFAX REQUEST

Halifax, Feb. 27.—The fisheries committee of the Halifax Board of Trade has submitted to that body a resolution asking for the separation of the fisheries department from the naval department, the former to be placed under a minister of fisheries. The resolution calls for united support in this request by the other maritime provinces of the Dominion.

GOVERNMENT TAKES OVER COAL MINES

Rosedale Mine at Drumheller Will Be Operated Without Further Trouble.

Calgary, Alta., Feb. 27.—W. H. Armstrong, director of coal operations, issued the following statement today concerning the Rosedale mine at Drumheller:

"I have received official notification from the Dominion government that an order-in-council has been passed placing the Rosedale mine under my jurisdiction.

"An order has been issued notifying that company that it will be subject to the working conditions and day wage rates as set out in the 'tentative agreement' under which the other mines in the Drumheller field are operated."

This is taken to mean that the Rosedale mine will be operated under the agreement without further trouble.

TRAINMAN KILLED AND TWO BURNED

Crown Sheet of Locomotive Blows Out Up River and Brakeman Jumps, Rolling Under Wheels.

St. Leonard's, Feb. 27.—One man is dead and two suffering from burns as the result of an accident to a freight train on the Bangor and Aroostook railroad near Van Buren. The crown sheet of the locomotive of a north bound train blew out and Engineer Bishop and Fireman J. H. Corey were burned.

Brakeman Harry T. Tidd, who was riding on the engine, jumped when the explosion occurred. He struck a hard snowbank beside the track and rolled under the train, the wheels passing over him. He was instantly killed.

Tidd belonged in Island Falls and was unmarried.

HULL GAMBLERS PLEAD GUILTY

Ten Will Receive Sentence Next Tuesday—Five Plead Not Guilty.

Ottawa, Feb. 27—Fifteen proprietors of different establishments in Hull, whose premises were raided on Wednesday night last, when slot machines which they were operating, were seized, appeared in the police court today, charged with operating gambling devices. Ten of them pleaded guilty, judgment being reserved until next Tuesday. The remainder pleaded not guilty on the grounds that they were not operating the machines for gambling purposes and that they had duly obtained licenses from the Quebec provincial government to use them.

FEAR TROUBLE AT TORONTO CONVENTION

Opposition to William J. Bryan Addressing Prohibition Rally — Excitement at the Morning Session.

Toronto, Feb. 27—Delegates to the Ontario prohibition convention which opened in the city yesterday are still perplexed regarding the visit of William Jennings Bryan, who is announced as one of the speakers at the final meeting tomorrow night. Many of those attending are of the opinion that the former United States secretary of state will not come, but it has transpired that two delegates waited on the police commissioners yesterday with the request that he be refused permission to visit the city, but this was denied them. The commissioners all expressed the opinion that Mr. Bryan should not have been invited to speak on account of his statements at the beginning of the war, but declared that they had no authority to prevent him coming.

Fear Disorder.

No official statement has been made today by those responsible for the arrangements and it is presumed that the programme will be carried out as announced. Orders issued from military headquarters warn all soldiers attending the meeting tomorrow night that they will be held to account should their conduct cause any disturbance.

Statements made by Captain Bailey, of the army medical corps, to the effect that he had heard from an officer whose name he refused to divulge, that ninety per cent. of the soldiers were drunk on Christmas Day, caused a furore at the morning session. He added that the officer had said the Germans would have broken through had they attacked at that time.

The officer's declarations passed practically unnoticed at the time, but later in the morning protests were made by many of the delegates and a resolution was passed protesting against the assertion.

NEWFOUNDLAND TO PRODUCE MORE

Government Issues Bulletin to People on Soil to Grow More Crops.

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 27.—The Newfoundland agriculture board in a bulletin just issued expresses appreciation of "the excellent response to the pleas made by the government for increased production," and appeals for even greater efforts during the coming season. "In the present year—the crucial year of the war—says the bulletin, "it is now but too apparent that we shall be compelled to make a supreme effort to provide every pound of edible matter that our soil will furnish.

"It is the imperative duty of every individual to do all that in him lies to aid the empire to fight the war to a victorious finish."

GOMPERS PEACE REPORT DENIED

Dutch Labor Leader Says He Has Handled No Communication to Head of A. F. of L.

Amsterdam, Feb. 27.—M. Oudegeest, a Dutch labor leader, tells The Associated Press that no communication from Karl Legien, head of the federal trade unions of Germany, to Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, or from Gompers to Legien, had passed through his hands since October. At that time M. Oudegeest said Mr. Gompers did not accept an invitation to a conference at Berne. Oudegeest said that he proposes to again consult Herr Legien on the subject of calling another conference.

Mr. Gompers announced in New York on Sunday that Herr Legien had sent him an invitation to attend or to send representatives of the American Federation to attend a workers' conference to discuss peace. The invitation came from M. Oudegeest, who Mr. Gomper's said, was speaking for Legien.

Mr. Gompers replied that no American worker delegates would meet with the Germans. Mr. Gompers said he had received the invitation from Legien "very recently."

SPANISH ELECTIONS

Madrid, Feb. 26.—Official returns in the Spanish elections given out by the president of the chamber show the election of the following:

Liberal Democrats, 93; Conservatives of the Dato group, 86; Liberals and Romanones, 35; Liberals and Albistas, 25; Conservatives of the Cierva group, 30; Conservatives of the Maura group, 24; Catalamists, 34; Socialists 6 and Republicans, 33.

The remaining 51 seats will be made up of independents, Jaimists and Catholics.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.
Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets). It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 30c

THREE ARRESTS ON STEAMSHIP FOR PLOTTING

Officers Alleged to Have Furnished Supplies to Germans and to Have Obstructed Military Service Draft.

A Pacific Por[illegible] Feb. 27.—The captain, chief engine[illegible] and purser of the steamship Centralia were ordered arrested today by federal authorities, it was announced, after an investigation of an alleged pro-German plot in lower California and South and Central America and allegations that the men uttered pro-German sentiments and attempted to obstruct operation of the selective draft.

The Centralia has been held in port nearly a week while the authorities investigated reports that the men took supplies to the Germans interned at Santa Rosalia, lower California, and that explosives were taken to various points in Central and South America under suspicious circumstances. The men ordered arrested were J. Benediktson, master of the Centralia; H. Rockpshell, chief engineer; J. Ortez, purser.

It also was alleged that the men tried to induce Americans subject to draft who were returning to the United States voluntarily on the vessel, to refuse to serve; that they made pro-German declarations and seditious statements.

The three men claimed to be naturalized American citizens.

The Centralia, it was stated, is owned by the Pollard Steamship Company of San Francisco.

CANADIANS IN A RAID

Become Active Again Near Lens—Severe Air Fighting Between British and Germans.

London, Feb. 27.—The report from Field Marshal Haig's Headquarters in France, says:

"A successful raid, in which several casualties were inflicted on the enemy without loss to ourselves, was carried last night by the Canadians near Lens.

"The hostile artillery has shown some activity today south of Cambrai and south of the Scarpe River, in the neighborhood of La Bassee and Armentieres, and east of Ypres. Our artillery engaged hostile infantry transport in the neighborhood of St. Quentin."

Air Fighting.

An official statement on British aerial operations tonight says: "The weather was fine Tuesday, but a strong west wind greatly favored the enemy in the air fighting. Four tons of bombs were dropped on a large railway siding at Courtrai, a railway junction midway between Douani and Valcennis, two airdromes north of Douai and bilets.

"The fighting in the air was severe and there were many combats between the enemy's scouts and our reconnaissance, bombing and fighting machines. One enemy machine was brought down by gunfire, another was forced to land inside the British lines and twelve others were brought down. Eight of our machines are missing.

"During the night more than half a ton of bombs were dropped on the barracks and railway stations at Treves. The same night nearly one and one half tons of bombs were dropped on an airdrome near Metz.

"One hostile machine was brought down. All of ours returned early."

BIG SLACKER RAID STIRS MONTREAL

Hockey Spectators Jump from Windows of Rink and Several Hurt.

Montreal, Feb. 27.—A large squad of Dominion police, assisted by a number of soldiers, quietly waited in Jubilee Rink tonight for the conclusion of the Hochelaga-St. Ann's Montreal hockey league game, then when the crowd of spectators started for the door they were held up by the authorities. There was almost a riot, but the police and soldiers more than held their own and withstood a "rush" successfully. Some of the hockey fans jumped from windows, only to be gathered into the arms of soldiers stationed there in anticipation of this.

Sticks were used by the soldiers with effect. It is said two men were injured jumping from the rink windows. The "haul" was six sleigh loads of men, who were immediately hurried to the barracks. Just how many of these will be put into khaki cannot be ascertained.

MILITIA CHANGE

Quebec, Feb. 27—Unofficial advices from Ottawa announce that Brigadier General A. O. Fages, commandant of the military district number 5 (Quebec) has resigned and will be replaced by General Landry, recently returned from England.

SIX SEATS ARE STILL IN DOUBT

Counting of Soldiers' Vote Taken in England, Commenced on Saturday, But No Returns Yet Received at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—The counting of the soldiers' vote taken in England commenced on Saturday. The general returning officer has not yet received any returns by cable. It is presumed that the results are being held on the other side until the count is completed. The compiling of the vote taken in France was done by a considerably larger staff than the one engaged upon the work in England. There is no certainty as to what seats are likely to be changed by the vote still to come through, although the two seats in Queens, P. E. I., and Brant, South Perth, South Renfrew and Nipissing, Ontario, are still looked upon as being doubtful.

An official analysis of the military and naval vote cast at the general elections in Canada and the United States shows that 88.18 per cent. of the vote was for the Union government. This is approximately four per cent. less than the government received of the vote cast in France.

The Analysis.

By provinces the analysis is as follows:

	Government	All other	P. C for gov't.
Alberta	1,644	141	92.10
British Columbia	3,882	540	87.79
Manitoba	2,950	149	95.16
New Brunswick	1,301	231	84.93
Nova Scotia	1,617	422	79.30
Ontario	14,573	1,398	91.26
P. E. I.	274	110	71.35
Quebec	2,750	999	73.35
Saskatchewan	1,757	133	92.96
Totals	30,748	4,123	88.18

A further analysis showed the total vote polled in North America, including rejections of all kinds, to be 54,119. The calculation is as follows:

Total number of ballots reported from 197 electoral districts, 38,619; acclamations or deferred elections (32) including Halifax, where there were about 3,500 votes polled withdrawn from the count, represent 7,500; unsigned envelopes, 500; unqualified voters and those who did not indicate residence in any particular electoral district, 1,500; envelopes rejected because voter indicated no place of residence but merely a desire to vote in a particular constituency. These were, in almost every instance, quite clearly unqualified by residence, 6,000. Total, 54,119.

"WEAK NATIONS MUST BE AS SAFE AS THE STRONG"—BALFOUR

(Continued from Page 1)

Philipp Scheidemann, the German Socialist leader, has voiced the protest of his party to the peace that is being forced on Russia. In a debate in the Reichstag he has said that Germany must negotiate a peace by understanding and that the independence of Belgium must be secured.

Balfour Replies.

London, Feb. 27.—Foreign Secretary Balfour replying today to the speech of Count Von Hertling, the German Imperial Chancellor, regarding the doctrine of the balance of power, said that unless German militarism had become a thing of the past and there was in existence, a hall or court armed with executive powers making the weak as safe as the strong, it would never be possible to ignore the principles underlying the struggle for the balance of power.

Mr. Balfour told the House of Commons, which he was addressing, that he was unable to find in Von Hertling's speech any basis for fruitful conversation or hope for peace. The chancellor's attitude concerning Belgium, said Mr. Balfour, was completely unsatisfactory and his lip service to President Wilson's propositions was not exemplified in German practice.

"I am convinced that I should be doing an injury to the cause of peace if I encouraged the idea that there is any use in beginning this verbal negotiations until something like a general agreement is apparent in the distance and until the statesmen of all the countries see their way to that broad settlement, which, it is my hope, will bring peace to this sorely troubled world."

Replying to a question Mr. Balfour said that the final fate of the Russian provinces occupied by the Germans and of Rumania and Armenia must ultimately be decided at the peace conference.

Lord Robert Cecil, minister of the blockade, referring to the Von Hertling speech, said: "It would be foolish to enter into negotiations unless there were a reasonable prospect of success. We do not desire to repeat the experiment of the Brest-Litovsk negotiations."

WORK FOR SLACKERS

Winnipeg, Feb. 27.—Application has been made by J. F. Davidson, counsel for conscientious objectors in Winnipeg to Magistrate Sir Hugh John MacDonald, to have an application made to the department of justice at Ottawa, recommending that all conscientious objectors now confined to jail be released on parole on the understanding that they go to work on the land.

SHIPBUILDING IN PROGRESS AT NORDIN

International Shipbuilding Co. Starts Work on Four-Masted Schooner, Largest Built on Miramichi in Past Forty Years.

Special to The Standard.

Newcastle, Feb. 27.—The International Shipbuilding Company have started at their plant in Nordin a four-masted schooner of the following dimensions: Length over all, 168 feet; length of keel, 155 feet; beam, 37 feet; depth of hold, 13 feet; gross tonnage, 575 tons.

The keel was laid on the 19th inst. The vessel which will be the largest built on this river in the past 40 or 50 years, will also be fited for auxiliary oil engines. It will be a splendid boat, well built of native woods and Douglas fir, her bowsprit being a single stick 62 feet long and 24 inches square. The stem and stern posts are of 14x16 inch southern oak.

Built Mill.

Operations were begun by the company on November 10th last. A mill was built to replace the old Nordin mill that had been burned a short time before. The new mill is a three story structure 45x100 feet, 35 feet high. The first floor contains a rotary saw, a 40-inch bevelling band saw, planers, etc. The second floor is the moulding loft and the third is the rigging loft. The company expect to have their schooner completed by August next.

There are 70 men employed round the yards. F. H. McNaught of Chatham is manager; Ira Mashion of Charlottetown, superintendent, and A. S. Morash of Lunenburg, N. S., master builder.

REHABILITATION OF HALIFAX NOW ON GOOD FOOTING

J. H. T. Falk Returns to Winnieg Today and Leaves Effective Organization in Charge of Work.

Halifax, Feb. 27—J. H. T. Falk, who came from Winnipeg to Halifax shortly after the disaster to assist in and organize the work of the rehabilitation committee of Halifax relief, returns to Winnipeg tomorrow. Mr. Falk completed his organization and leaves a staff numbering sixty two. He had aimed to consolidate the work so that every family should be visited, each one known, urgent needs all attended to, and the necessity of people going to the administration offices, except in regard to claims, reduced to a minimum.

He said "I know that the visiting social workers will agree with me when I say that up to now little reconstructive work has been possible with individual families. But with all urgent needs attended to pre-disaster problems which have been in many cases exaggerated by the disaster and others crerated by it, can now receive the undivided attention which they require, if the families affected are to be brought back as near as possible to a state of happy independance.

THIRTY LIVES ON U. S. NAVAL TUG

Washington, Feb. 27.—Thirty officers and enlisted men of the naval tug Cherokee are believed to have been lost when the vessel foundered yesterday morning in a fierce gale off Fenwick Island lightship, 27 miles from the Delaware Capes.

Ten survivors who got away on the first life raft were safely landed. Four other men got away on another life raft but two were washed overboard and drowned, and the other two died probably of exposure. The four bodies were taken into Philadelphia.

The Cherokee formerly was a tug of the Luckenbach Steamship Company and not long ago was requisitioned by the government.

CASUALTIES

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—Casualties:

Infantry.

Wounded—
G. Dobbin, Halifax.
A. E. Dunklee, Pictou, N. S.
Gassed—
E. H. McKeen, Fisher, N. S.

Forestry Troops.

Wounded—
G. F. Kelly, St. Mary's, N. B.

Artillery.

Died—
T. Berry, Middle Cloverdale, N. B.
Dangerously Ill—
C. W. Rand, Moncton, N. B.
C. K. Blakeney, Gape Sable Island, N. S.

SLACKER BILL

Washington, Feb. 27.—The so-called alien slacker bill to bar from citizenship and authorize deportation of aliens of draft age, who claim exemption from military service and authorizing the drafting of all aliens for agricultural or manufacturing work was passed by the House tonight by a vote of 344 to 21. It now goes to the Senate.

You'd Pay and Be Glad to Pay

under ordinary circumstances, $15 and $16.50 for these suits we are clearing at $10. They're worth these prices.

But we're cleaning up our stock of all the odd ones. Qualities that were $15 to $30—Now

$10, $15 and $20

Overcoats, too, that sold at $15 to $20—odd ones going at

$10 and $12.50

Among them a good selection of Ulsters. Next season you'll pay $20 for a much inferior quality—Buy now.

Sale Ends This Week.

Gilmour's, 68 King St.

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fair during the day, followed by increasing southeast winds and rain late at night or on Friday.

Toronto, Feb. 27—Some light snow has fallen in the Ottawa and St. Lawrence valleys, but the weather over the Dominion has been for the most part fine, with moderate temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Prince Rupert	30	38
Victoria	32	40
Vancouver	30	38
Kamloops	12	28
Calgary	*8	40
Medicine Hat	12	34
Edmonton	16	34
Battleford	10	24
Saskatoon	6	21
Moosejaw	7	27
Winnipeg	*4	12
Port Arthur	10	26
Parry Sound	6	42
London	17	44
Toronto	18	46
Kingston	12	36
Ottawa	6	22
Montreal	8	26
Quebec	0	14
St. John	14	26
Halifax	22	34

*—Below zero.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

February—Phases of the Moon.

Last quarter	4d	3h	52m	a.m.
New moon	11d	6h	5m	a.m.
First quarter	17d	8h	57m	p.m.
Full moon	25d	5h	35m	p.m.

Date	Do of W.	Sun Rises	Sun Sets	H. Water a.m	H. Water p.m.	L. Water a.m.	L. Water p.m.
28	Thu	7.07	6.06	1.03	13.21	7.21	19.2

HOCHELAGA CHAMPIONS.

Montreal, Feb. 27—By defeating St. Ann's four to three, in the final game of the Montreal hockey league at the Jubilee rink tonight, Hochelaga won the championship and the right to challenge for the Art Ross trophy, held by the Sons of Ireland, Quebec. Hochelaga showed the way from start to finish. It was a good exhibition of hockey and was witnessed by about 2,000 people.

Are you looking for Ladies' and Children's Woollen or Cashmere Hose? We have secured a large quantity at low prices. At Bassen's, 14-16-18 Char. St. No branches.

BOXING ALLOWED.

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 27—The Senate today passed Assemblyman Hurley's boxing bill allowing eight-round bouts with eight-ounce gloves in places where liquor is not sold, under the supervision of a state boxing commission to be named by the governor. The vote was eleven for the measure and four against. The bill has passed the House and it is now up to the governor.

Grandma Used Sage Tea to Darken Hair

She mixed Sulphur with it to Restore Color, Gloss, Youthfulness.

Grandmother kept her hair beautifully darkened, glossy and attractive with a brew of Sage Tea and Sulphur. Whenever her hair took on that dull, faded or streaked appearance, this simple mixture was applied with wonderful effect. By asking at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound," you will get a large bottle of this old-time recipe, improved by the addition of other ingredients, all ready to use, at very little cost. This simple mixture can be depended upon to restore natural color and beauty to the hair.

A well-known downtown druggist says everybody uses Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound now because it darkens so naturally and evenly that nobody can tell it has been applied—it's so easy to use, too. You simply dampen a comb or soft brush and draw it through your hair, taking one strand at a time. By morning the gray hair disappears; after another application or two, it is restored to its natural color and looks glossy, soft and beautiful. This preparation is a delightful toilet requisite. It is not intended for the cure, mitigation or prevention of disease.