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THE SITUATION.

It has been the endeavor in these daily comments upon the war, to point out that after a series of quite notable successes upon the part of the Russian troops, the prospects for them had taken a sudden and a marked reversal. The present daily record shows this to be the case.

ders were well supplemented by the good corn supply. The early grass has been helping out the hay nicely.

Correspondents making returns regarding fruit conditions up to the 15th of May, report prospects as generally favorable. Peaches, cherries and plums had been in generous blossom, and in most instances had set safely, while apples and pears were coming into bloom, although not so profusely.

HYDRO-ELECTRIC. The seventh annual report of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission for the year ending with October 31st, 1914, is to hand.

Details are given of six big systems—Niagara, Fort Arthur, Severn, Wasdell's, Ottawa and St. Lawrence. It is reported that the general operation of the Niagara system for the past fiscal year has been very satisfactory.

The greatly reduced number of high-tension interruptions which may be attributed to insulator trouble without doubt, indicate the efficiency of the system devised during the previ-

ous year to eliminate defective insulators from the line. During the past year all the insulators on the entire system have been twice subjected to this "test" and the defective units immediately replaced.

During the year thirty-three different electrical storms were reported over the system; of these ten were severe and the balance moderate. The first storm occurred on March 25th and the last on October 10th.

This year, as in preceding years, Cooksville and St. Mary's appear to be the vicinities in which the electrical storms are more prevalent and severe than on other parts of the Commission's system.

The amount of business that there is in the rural districts, by reason of the fact that the farms are large in a good many sections, makes it necessary for the Commission to proceed with caution.

The advantages of electric power over that which is at present in use—steam, gasoline, windmill and sweep power, are quite apparent to the farmer in most districts, but the question with him is how he can apply the power so as to receive full value for the money expended per year for service and power.

The use of electricity in rural sections may be classified as follows: Service to the farm for lighting, power and cooking, including power for threshing and silo-filling.

The development of this class of business must necessarily be allied with the development of the system for serving other municipalities in the district. As service cannot be taken direct from the high-tension or low-tension lines which are run through

the country, it must be taken from a step-down station at which a voltage that is suitable for use for rural distribution is available. This means that in some cases lines will have to be duplicated on the same set of poles—the rural line being run below the low-tension lines.

Service to rural plants which use power, such as brick-yards, tile-yards, saw mills, cheese factories, butter factories, pumps for reclamation and irrigation, chopping mills, flour mills, beet sugar factories, sand and gravel plants, railway pumping stations, quarries, institutional schools and farms.

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"On the Upper Bystrova, and near the towns of Delatyn and Kolomea, our opponent, exhausted by his efforts the previous days, remained passive on the 17th. On this front we made fresh progress. The number of prisoners taken and the amount of booty captured is increasing constantly."

"Until now, the Germans dare not admit that they were dislodged from

Shavli on the 11th, and they talk of repulsing all sorts of Russian attacks against that town. Nevertheless, our front in this region passes to a considerable distance west of Shavli. German official communications augment more than fourfold the actual number of prisoners taken at the crossing of the Dubysa River.

"All German efforts against our position east of Drohobycz in Galicia have failed. Up until the present time there was only a single regiment of Russian cavalry garrisoned in the town of Drohobycz. These troops fell quickly behind the infantry with insignificant losses. The Austrians, nevertheless, had the audacity to claim officially that they took 5,000 prisoners at Drohobycz."

COMMERCIAL CHARITY

London, May 20.—A Reuter despatch from Paris states:—"An investigation into a number of so-called 'charities' which have sprung up since the war, has led to some astonishing results. One of these concerns was installed in a German hotel and was under the control of a secretary who

had come within the clutches of the law on no fewer than eleven occasions. Two ladies of mature age, who were without a penny at the time of mobilization, to-day possess a fine motor-car and a private house. They were making something like £40 per diem, and this huge profit appears to have been gained by spurious agencies for tracing missing soldiers."

"The most remarkable feature of the whole business lies in the fact that in several cases Austrians and Germans who had somehow succeeded in escaping from concentration camps got themselves elected as presidents of various organizations in order to carry on swindling on a large scale. Some of the concerns which the police are investigating were commercial in character, and sold various articles at exorbitant prices, customers being induced to buy in the belief that the profits were devoted to good works."

Collingwood citizens in a two days campaign contributed more than \$2,500 to the Canadian Patriotic Fund, and have already given about \$2,000 to the Red Cross work.

On the Western front inclement weather still continues to hinder major operations.

The age of recruits in the Old Land has been raised from 35 to forty. Conscription does not seem to be at all improbable before this thing is over.

MAY CROP REPORT

The Provincial Agricultural Department has issued a crop bulletin based on information furnished by a large staff of correspondents under date of May 15th.

The important grain crop, fall wheat, with its largely increased acreage, gives promise of an unusually good yield should favorable weather ensue. It wintered well, and evidently was not much injured by the "heaving" during the very open weather of March-April. In fact, spring injury may be regarded as practically nil.

Nearly all the injury to clover occurred from drouth, either last year or the season before, as the crop wintered well. While some spring heaving was reported, it was not so serious as usual, and the remarkably early growth has very fully compensated for any losses in that way. The crop is now looking unusually well, although thin on the ground in places, owing to the poor catch at sowing.

Unusually warm weather in April brought vegetation growth forward with a bound, and correspondents, writing about the middle of May, reported vegetation as being a week or two in advance of the ordinary, although the cold dip then prevailing had halted advancement. Cattle had been on the grass in some localities for a fortnight, with good picking.

There will be a sufficiency of grain, hay and other fodders to meet all demands on the farm, and in some quarters a surplus for market, if the prices there pay better than feeding does. Of course there has been a pinch in some localities, but the other fod-

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THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1915 LOCAL CHARGEABLE TO THE Mr. W. W. Dunlop, Prisons and Public Charities, notified the city that they are unable with the maintenance patients at present in Asylum. SWEETS FOR 'SWEET' The Courier acknowledged receipt of a box of Spearmint bars of chocolate, confectionery, the sweet tooth in the Company. Thanks is due resident at 32 Wellington the gift. GOOD MAN THIS. An acknowledgment is contribution from Mr. Ch. Mr. Pleasant to the Seaside Fund. It consisted in a plugs, chewing and small likely to be much enjoyed his lum reek. SOMETHING FOR FAN A new and very amusing been set up in the Y. M. is the game of baseball played by several employ Brant, after working hour Y. M. men got wise and large boards. These were constantly last evening. BUILDING PERMITS. Among the building pe from the City Engineer the following: Edward Se on Marlborough street, S Church, frame; Verdule dence on Terrace Hill Sta tur Coulbeck, frame gara St., \$75. SIDEWALKS LITTERED The sidewalks on the Darling street present a unsafe passage owing to building operations, be around on their surface, tants on the boulevard b complain of being tripped way to and from the city. MAYOR INVITED. W. D. Lighthall, hono tary-treasurer of the Hono ian Municipalities, not Spence that the president has called a meeting of 1 and other members for T 25 at 10 a.m. to take place au Laurier, Ottawa. The ca many Mayors as poss quested. THE BRANTS LINE-UP The line-up of the Bra game at the Agricultural with the Cockneys will be the same as it was yea Higgins as the probable ch Green. The team will th Green, I. F. Deneau, I. B; Mullin 3b; Barrill, r.f.; Friant 2b; Lacroix, c.; Worford p.; Cresswell p.; Warner p. London will p; following team—Myers 2b; Whitcraft ss.; Lamy, c.f.; Eckstein 1b.; Morgan p.; Evan p.; Hock p.; Hammond p.