

Notes and Comments

It is officially announced that Earl Curzon has been appointed British Foreign Secretary in succession to Arthur J. Balfour.

Throughout Belgium generally the birth rate declined during the war by 50 per cent., and the population is now about the same as in 1910.

For tree planting a fertilizing cartridge has been invented that pulverizes the soil and enriches it with the nitrates in the explosive used.

Trousers patented by an Australian inventor have four more than the usual number of pockets, but only the regular exterior openings.

German trains will not be heated or lighted in the coming winter, it is stated, owing to coal shortage, while all express trains will be abolished.

A new record for the airplane trip from London to Paris has been set by Captain Gathergood, one hour and twenty minutes—leaving Farnborough, 1.10 p. m., arrived Bourget 2.30.

Contrary to predictions the big hotels of New York report that they have sold fewer soft drinks than ever before in the period since July 1st. Hotel men are unable to account for the fact.

By an overwhelming majority the United States House recently passed the Bill extending for one year war time passports restrictions, so as to keep radicals and undesirable aliens out of the United States.

When a debtor in Siam is three months in arrears he can be seized by the creditor and compelled to work out his indebtedness. Should a debtor run away, his father, his wife or his children may be held in slavery until the debt is cancelled.

Field Marshal Viscount Allenby, former commander in chief of the victorious British forces in Palestine, has been appointed British High Commissioner for Egypt and the Sudan. Viscount Allenby succeeds General Sir E. R. Wingate.

A decrease of \$32,575,418 in the grand total of Canadian trade for the six months of the fiscal year ending September 30, as compared with the same period in 1918, is shown by the monthly trade statement issued through the Customs Department.

Niagara Falls is the first American border city to have an aerial customs inspector. Lieutenant Paul R. Moore, an aviator, has been appointed a deputy collector of customs and will guard against smuggling and the illegal entrance of airplanes from Canada without registering when and where the occasions demands.

Celestic Uselli, one of the pioneers of aviation in Italy, claims to have invented a new dirigible, 380 yards long and 80 yards wide, and provided with six motors of 500 horse-power each, with which he intends to fly from Rome to South America, stopping at Dakar, West Africa. The dirigible, it is claimed by Signor Uselli, is capable of transporting a weight of twenty tons.

Something of what the ever-increasing use of the automobile means is indicated in the suggestion that a slice 100 feet wide be taken from each of the five sides of the Boston Common to widen Tremont, Boylston, Charles, Beacon and Park Streets. Advocates of this radical suggestion declare that within five years Boston will have twice as many automobiles as now, and already some of these streets are so congested that there is talk of making them one-way thoroughfares.

Moncton has at present a population of about twenty thousand being an increase of practically four thousand in the past year.

'Do your Christmas shopping early' is a sign that will soon be dusted off. We would suggest Victory Bonds for serious consideration.

Throughout the United States the price of foods has fallen 25 per cent. since the Food Administration Board got busy among profiteers.

The Methodist and Presbyterian churches of Middleton have decided to renew the winter arrangement of last year and to link up again in Union religious services.

The Hants Journal says: A prominent resident of Kentville while making an appeal in a church in that town for funds for the colored children's hospital said: "Brothers and sisters, do you know that we Baptists are responsible for the majority of the colored children in Nova Scotia today?"

Announcement is made by the department of agriculture that the issue of permits for the importation from Great Britain of cattle, sheep and other ruminants and swine will at once be resumed. The issuance of these permits was discontinued on August 14 owing to an outbreak of foot and mouth disease in Great Britain.

The Underpaid Minister.

London Advertiser: Those ministers who talk of striking for higher wages will have the sympathy of every fair minded man and woman. With few exceptions, the men of this noble profession are self sacrificing in the interests of their fellows. To them we turn for spiritual comfort and support in those dark hours that enter every home, and it is given generously and effectively, as millions will testify. The clergyman is to be found wholeheartedly fighting for the cleanest, healthiest and happiest communal life, combatting the mean, the indecent and the dishonest. Yet he is grossly underpaid. His is a case of the laborer being more than worthy of his hire as present stipends go.

Strike Will Not Affect Nova Scotia.

Information received by the Minister of Labor indicates that the strike ordered by the United Mine Workers' Association over bituminous mines of the United States, effective November 1, will not affect districts of that organization in Canada. These are district 18, embracing southeastern British Columbia and southern Alberta, and district 26, covering Nova Scotia. Present intentions of the executive of the United Mine Workers are, it is stated, that work should continue in the Canadian collieries in both districts.

Western Teachers Want Minimum Salary \$1200.

Winnipeg, Oct. 23.—A minimum salary of \$1,200 for every qualified teacher in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia is the decision announced to-day by representatives of the teachers of all the Western Provinces in convention here. Plans for campaign designed to reach that goal before the new school year starts was formulated by the delegates from the four Provinces.

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OFFICIAL PROSPECTUS
"The Bridge from War to Peace"—The Prince of Wales

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA offers for Public Subscription the

Victory Loan 1919
\$300,000,000. 5 1/2% Gold Bonds

Bearing interest from November 1st, 1919, and offered in two maturities, the choice of which is optional with the subscriber as follows:

5 year Bonds due November 1st, 1924
15 year Bonds due November 1st, 1934

Principal payable without charge at the Office of the Minister of Finance and Receiver General at Ottawa, or at the Office of the Assistant Receiver General at Halifax, St. John, Charlottetown, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary and Victoria.

Bonds may be registered as to principal or as to principal and interest, as hereinafter provided, at any of the above-mentioned offices.

Interest payable, without charge, half-yearly, May 1st and November 1st, at any branch in Canada of any Chartered Bank.

Principal and Interest payable in Gold. Denominations: \$50, \$100, \$500, and \$1,000

Issue Price: 100 and Accrued Interest, Income Return 5 1/2% per Annum

The proceeds of the Loan will be used to pay indebtedness incurred, and to meet expenditures to be made in connection with demobilization (including the authorized war service gratuity to our soldiers, land settlement loans, and other purposes connected with their re-establishment into civil life), for capital outlay upon shipbuilding, and other national undertakings forming part of Canada's industrial reconstruction programme, and for the establishment of any necessary credits for the purchase of grain, foodstuffs, timber and other products, and will be spent wholly in Canada.

Payment to be made as follows:

10% on application;	20% December 9th, 1919;	20% January 9th, 1920;
20% February 10th, 1920;	31.21% March 9th, 1920.	

The last payment of 31.21% covers 30% balance of principal and 1.21% representing accrued interest at 5 1/2% from November 1st to due dates of the respective instalments.

A full half-year's interest will be paid on May 1st, 1920, making the cost of the bonds 100 and interest.

Subscriptions may be paid in full at the time of application at 100 without interest, or on any instalment due date thereafter, together with accrued interest at the rate of 5 1/2% per annum.

This Loan is authorized under Act of the Parliament of Canada, and both principal and interest are a charge upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

The amount of this issue is \$300,000,000, exclusive of the amount (if any) paid for by the surrender of bonds of previous issues. The Minister of Finance, however, reserves the right to allot the whole or any part of the amount subscribed in excess of \$300,000,000.

Payments

All cheques, drafts, etc., covering instalments are to be made payable to the Credit of the Minister of Finance. Failure to pay any instalment when due will render previous payments liable to forfeiture, and the allotment to cancellation. Subscriptions other than those paid in full on application must be accompanied by a deposit of 10% of the amount subscribed. Official Canvassers will forward subscriptions or any branch in Canada of any Chartered Bank will accept subscriptions and issue receipts.

Subscriptions may be paid in full at time of application at 100 without interest, or on any instalment due date thereafter, together with accrued interest to time of making payment in full. Under this provision, payment of subscriptions may be made as follows:

- 1. paid in full on or before November 15th, 1919, par without interest or 100%.
- 2. remaining instalments paid on Dec. 9th, 1919, balance of 90% and interest (\$90.52 per \$100).
- 3. remaining instalments paid on Jan. 9th, 1920, balance of 70% and interest (\$70.84 per \$100).
- 4. remaining instalments paid on Feb. 10th, 1920, balance of 50% and interest (\$51.08 per \$100).
- 5. remaining instalment paid on Mar. 9th, 1920, balance of 30% and interest (\$31.21 per \$100).

Payment of instalments or payment in full after November 15th, 1919, can be made only on an instalment due date.

Denomination and Registration

Bearer bonds, with coupons, will be issued in denomination of \$50, \$100, \$500, and \$1,000, and may be registered as to principal. The first coupon attached to these bonds will be due on May 1st, 1920.

Fully registered bonds, the interest on which is paid direct to the owner by Government cheque, will be issued in denominations of \$50, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000, \$25,000, \$50,000, \$100,000, or any multiple of \$100,000.

Payment of Interest

A full half-year's interest at the rate of 5 1/2% per annum will be paid May 1st, 1920.

Form of Bond and Delivery

Subscribers must indicate on their applications the form of bond and the denominations required, and the securities so indicated will be delivered by the bank upon payment of subscriptions in full.

Bearer bonds of this issue will be available for delivery at the time of application to subscribers desirous of making payment in full. Bonds registered as to principal only, or fully registered as to principal and interest, will be delivered to subscribers making payment in full, as soon as the required registration can be made.

Payment of all instalments must be made at the bank originally named by the subscriber.

Non-negotiable receipts will be furnished to all subscribers who desire to pay by instalments. These receipts will be exchangeable at subscriber's bank for bonds on any instalment date when subscription is paid in full. All receipts must be exchanged before 1st June, 1920.

Form of Bonds Interchangeable

Subject to the payment of 25 cents for each new bond issued, holders of fully registered bonds without coupons will have the right to convert into bonds with coupons, and holders of bonds with coupons will have the right to convert into fully registered bonds without coupons, at any time, on application to the Minister of Finance or any Assistant Receiver General.

Forms of application may be obtained from any Official Canvasser, from any Victory Loan Committee, or member thereof, or from any branch in Canada of any Chartered Bank.

Subscription Lists will close on or before November 15th, 1919

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, OTTAWA, October 27th, 1919.

Keep Canada's Farms and Factories Busy

The school examiner was putting the children through their paces. His immediate subject was geography. Standing in the middle of the platform he said:—

"We will suppose this whole school is composed of water and I am an island. Now, what island would I represent?"

"The Isle of Man," came a quick reply.

Then suppose we both stood together like this, what island would we represent?"

"The Scilly Islands, Sir," came the answer in a loud voice.

Is your husband much of a provider, Malindy?

"He jes' ain't nothin' else, ma'am: He gwine to git some new furniture provided he gits de money; he gwine to get de money provided he gets to work; he go to work provided de job suits him. I never see such a providin' man in all mah days."

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