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The Cost of Living

(Concluded from page 11.) population has increased since 1911 by about one million, the raising of cattle, hogs and sheep has actually grown less—by at least small percentgrown less—by at least small percentages. Beans and corn have decreased. Turnips and other roots have gone behind. We grow less hay and clover now than in 1911. All these were once staple commodities steadily increasing in volume of production. much of them exported, now not sufficient to supply the home market, while the export in some lines continues.

tinues.

Again cheese, which made Canada famous at the World's Fair in 1893, just twenty years ago, has fallen off in exports several million pounds in five years. Imports of cheese have increased from less than a million pounds in 1910 to nearly 1,500,000 lbs. in 1912. Canadian farms are producing less butter now then they were ing less butter now than they were a few years ago, though the production of creamery butter has increased.

PROSPERITY A CAUSE.

Hon. T. W. Crothers, Minister of Hon. T. W. Crothers, Minister of Labour, interviewed in St. John, N.B., last week, blamed prosperity for driving people away from the land where they should have producers to the cities and towns where they joined the ranks of consumers. If hard times should come he thought people would go back to the land because on the land the cost of living is lower than in the city. Increased cause on the land the cost of living is lower than in the city. Increased production would tend to lower the cost of living. He, of course, takes no stock in Sir Wilfrid Laurier's declaration as to free foodstuffs lowering the cost of living. He said:

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"Sir Wilfrid Laurier is interested in the cost of living just now because it is a campaign cry that will bring him votes. That is all. If he were sincere in his opinions that the combines are responsible for the increased cost of living, why, when he was in power, did he not do something to check the combines? With the exception of 1907, which was a panic year, the cost of living during the Liberal regime rose every year, and yet Sir Wilfrid did not worry.

"High cost of living is not confined to Canada, for in England, where they have no duties on foodstuffs, the same cry is made. I do not look for a reduction in duties until there is a greater movement to the land. 'Grow food' will be the solution of the

greater movement to the land. 'Grow food' will be the solution of the problem, not 'free food.'"

M M BLAMES THE SPECULATOR.

A correspondent of the Canadian Courier lays the blame for the present condition of things on speculation.

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Is there room for one more guess at the high cost of living, and the remedy? If so, one would say that demand has outrun supply, because too much time, labour and capital are employed in competition for the necessaries of life, and too little in the production of them.

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In Europe, competition is largely international, involving huge armies and navies. In America it takes the form of universal gambling. By gambling is meant all methods of getting money that do not involve the giving of value for value. For instance, many, if not most of the men in our country who have spare capital, have it staked on bets as to the rise of prices of real estate or of fictitious shares of stock. The farmer says, "I will not lay out money to increase the yield of my farm, the less the yield the higher the price, and the money will make more invested in the money will make more invested in the Northwest." So that there is in the Northwest." So that there is in the whole country the conditions of a mining camp; production of the common necessaries of life is lost sight of in one concentrated effort to obtain the means to buy them. As to the remedy: something may be done in a political way to lessen international competition; and something by legislation to check gambling; but perhaps the most effectual remedy is educathe most effectual remedy is educa-tion, to give the mind of man a better understanding, and the heart a better disposition. E. T. EEDE.





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