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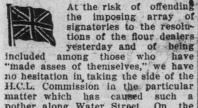
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### THE FLOUR DEALERS.



H.C.L. Commission in the particular matter which has caused such a pother along Water Street. On the literal interpretation of the Commission's charges we would not do this, but there is enough of substance in been merely to protest against the accusation by the Commission by cusation by the Commission of a "combine" controlling the price of

combination exists, or has existed, for the purpose of controlling prices. We entirely agree, but we would point out that a combination has existed and does exist, of which the dealers have taken advantage—a combination of circumstances. Again, "to the best consultation in regard to the price of flour." Quite right, because there trammeled and has been governed by the cost of importation from produc-

The merchants have every right to defend themselves against false charges, but we would like them better if plain truth of what has been going on. We notice that they have a somewhat supercilious way of talking of "trade conditions" and "market prihad good reason to know this during that the combine have ces," as if these were profound things which no one outside the trade can possibly comprehend; the ignorance of the uninitiated is to be pitied rather than condemined. But the unitiated uninitiated is to be pitied rather than condemined. But the unitiated are committed are committed are committed are committed are committed are committed.

The plain truth of the matter is this point and will not deal with it to-this. There has not been any real competition. There is no voluntary day.

"With regard to the recommendation and on the spring day.

"With regard to the recommendation and on the particular period flour sold below cost. The flour holdings in the spring were only normal and if the dealer risked a loss he was surely entitled by the market provided by the provided by the market provided by the provided by the market provided by th automatically provided by the martions made by the Commission, which ket price away. A dealer has to keep his eye steadily on that price if he does not want another dealer to unadoption as a whole will be considered. dersell him. In these abnormal ed by the Government. It is gratify- clined to "follow the markets" as they times, the steadily rising market price has eliminated all competition below it. The dealers have pushed trailed and the control of the contr generally level market, the purchaser at a higher price is compelled to come down to the purchaser at the lower

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rising market, the lower purchases is enabled to come up to the higher. That is the difference. There has been free and open competition, the dealers say. Will any of them deny that altogether unprecedented profits have been made? How does that consist with free competi-tion? Will any of them deny that on the same day different shipments of flour, bought at different prices, have been sold for the same price? How does that consist with free competition? There has been competition, but only with the future market

which, as any tyro could have fore-seen, has been beaten every time. We do not blame the dealers altogether for what they have done, but we blame their want of frankness in admitting it. They are pure middlemen, the merest speculators. They have been most fortunate in circumhave been most fortunate in circumstances. They have made abnormally large profits—they all confess it—which is unearned increment in the truest sense. They do not produce the flour; they do little to distribute it. They are doubly fortunate in being allowed to keep their excessive gains. The same conditions obtain in other countries, and there the dealers have relinquished the excess and admitted the justice of the demand. The same must be done here. The act must be passed, and if fairness is to be done, it should be made as far as possible retrospective, as has been done in many cases in the States. Most of those profits are still States. Most of those profits are still there, and they are the first taxable

## Flour Dealers Pass Resolutions.

### Action of H. C. L. Commission Condemned.

The wholesale and retail flour dealers held a meeting at the Board of Trade Rooms yesterday afternoon, at |: which the following resolution, proposed by Mr. W. G. Gosling and seconded by Mr. W. S. Monroe, was passed unanimously:-

Whereas,-The Report of the H.C. L. Commission on Flour published on Friday, June 8th, contains the followng paragraph:

layed in transit, and only entered the price of flour, to produce the same, in "I told you so!" said Abner Strong, profit of four to five dollars a bar therein may be known. rel. We feel confident that if the ordinary ebb and flow of unrestricted fixing system to 'follow the markets' ommunity least able to bear it.

what happened here recently with money, and in a period of great scarregard to the product of the sealing the whole Colony. voyage. By the exercise of competition the value of seals was increased and we cannot but believe that if similar competition had been applied last few months flour would have to provide supplies over extended to general approval. The purpose of found its level at the normal rate of vesterday's meeting appears to have

The resolution says that no such in St. John's or in the Colony, for purpose of advancing or controlling the price of Flour .- (See Daily News June 9th.)

The C. L. Report.

and since it governs these transactions entirely, there has been no need for the dealers to draw to one another's attention what all can see commodity have not been doing so commodity have not been plainly. "They declare that the mar-ket has been entirely free and un-pic motives, as some would have us believe; but it comes as a disagreeing markets." This is a little am- able jolt to learn that a combine has biguous, gentlemen. The "cost of existed and that they have 'set a uniimportation," yes, but looking to the form rate for Flour sold, no matter they were honest enough to admit the on the ground that 'they are followever, we have previously discussed

prices steadily up to it, because trol along the lines suggested in the when he stated that a combine existtheir prices steadily up to it, because trol along the lines suggested. This is that is as high as they dare to go. In report is to be appointed. This is mormal times, with a fluctuating but the initiatory step, and the others simple reason that flour was sold simple reason that the flour was sold simple reason that the flour was sold simple re must follow in due course. We can there at \$19 a barrel when the highdown to the purchaser at the lower price; in these abnormal times, with which have worked successfully in the desire of the trade to act in harother countries."

Importers, Dealers and Retailers, declare that no such Combination exists, or has existed, for the purpose the problem is a serious one, which ists, or has existed, for the purpose can only be met by the substitution of controlling prices. That to the other articles of food. best of their knowledge and belief there has been neither collusion nor mittee on their promptness in market has been entirely free and untrammelled and has been governed by the cost of importation from pro-

ducing markets. They therefore respectfully call upon the H. C. L. Commission to make plain the meaning which they wish to convey in the above paragraph,



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sion has knowledge of purchases of and if they have evidence of any com-Flour made last Fall, which were de-Colony recently, being sold to-day at order that the persons concerned

Be It Further Resolved, - To the best knowledge and belief of the uncompetition existed in the Colony for the past year, flour would have been John's has for the past twelve months sold at a much lower rate, and we been generally speaking, kept by comthink it is regrettable that this priceder the then cost of importation and should have been put in operation, resulting in so heavy a burden having been placed on the classes in the serious private loss, by forestalling the But when they seen the base was lost, requirements of the market, been able tricted competition is illustrated by to save consumers large sums of city, to provide ample supplies for

They further beg to submit that i is impossible to do more than this, or from \$6.25 per cwt. to \$8.00 per cwt., to accomplish better results for the consumer, as no Government, or combination of dealers, has ever been able In conclusion, the undersigned wish been interpreted by the public to express their entire willingness to mean that a combination has existed co-operate with any Board of Control strongly recommend that one half of the persons appointed to the Board, shall be members of the Trade with

full knowledge of business conditions. They beg to suggest that, in order "We congratulate the High Cost of to assure the public that their interof their knowledge and belief there Living Commission on the thoroughlests are being safeguarded, and that has been neither collusion nor even ness with which they have conducted no advantage is taken of war condiness with which they have conducted no advantage is taken of war conditheir enquiries into the Flour ques- tions to exact undue profits, that steps has been no need. The price indica- tion. Their discoveries do not come be taken to give the widest publicity to tor has steadily mounted the scale, entirely as surprises; for some time market conditions and to costs of all

> ers. W. G. Gosling, James Baird Limited, Marshall Brothers, T. & M. Winter, Job's Stores, Ltd., J. J. Davis, Manager: Colin Campbell, M. F. Caul, J. V. O'Dea & Co., F. McNamara, Rothwell & Bowring, Ltd., Geo. R. Williams. Managing Director; H. W. Dickenson & Co., J. B. Urquhart, Bishop, Sons & Co., Ltd., W. A. Munn, per A. M.; Bowring Broth-

ers, Ltd., Ayre & Sons, Ltd. In proposing the Resolution, Mr. Gosling said he was astonished at the Commission's Report which in the of the uninitiated is to be pitied rather than condemned. But the unitiated are coming to have a rather uncomfortable knowledge of these things and there is a flutter in the dovecot. They are not really at all profound. Flour dealing is pure gambling: there is far more real science in poker.

They have not remarked any particular commission's Report which in the opinion of business men was not in keeping with the facts. The report showed an imperfect knowledge of trade conditions. The importers had done more than any business community in the Empire to keep trade conditions normal and they resented the reflection of the report. There ever, we have previously discussed

other countries."

Be it Resolved,—The undersigned importers. Dealers and Retailers detive of the trade. Unfortur

Mr. Monroe congratulated the comeven consultation in regard to the price of flour. They declare that the imputation in the Commission's report and in the Daily News shoul be refuted without delay.

Mr. R. B. Job requested the Chairman to read the resolutions which was accordingly done.

Mr. G. C. Fearn thought the H.C.L. Commission's report was the means of spreading a great deal of misconception among the public, who were not in a position to know trade conditions. It would be ridiculous to ask the consumer to pay more than the the consumer to pay more than the current market price in order to save the importer from loss. It would be just as contrary to expect the important parket. just as contrary to expect the importer to sell at less than current market value, after taking the risk. Yet the H.C.L. Commission had adopted such stupid, nonsensical, illogical ideas. Without reflecting on the personnel of the Commission, the Government were to blame for appointing them. Not one member understood trade conditions and the result was they were making asses of themselves.

The motion of Hon. I, Harvey to the effect that a copy of the resolution the effect that a copy of the resolution be sent to the Commission with the understanding that they publish them within a week, was lost on a vote of Advertise in The Evening Telegram

## Our Baseball Column.

PLAGIARISED AND OTHERWISE.



THE BURGLAR.

"I always knew that kid was wrong And crooked to the core. His folks all thought he was so smart When he went playing ball And bragged about his early start,

"He's down South now on some dern And papers from that place Says yesterday that he got flip And went and stole a base. Or why he stole the same, They knew jest who they'd blame.

'I hope his folks is satisfied Now that their kid's been kotched. Reckon they won't be puffed with pride
At that there job he botched!

You can't fool me, not much, by gee I reckoned all along A kid so slick would turn some trick! Said good old Abner Strong.

"SLINKERS"

(Reprinted from the Toronto News.) "It has been brought to our notice "who for selfish reasons are refusing And got a cushion on his pate. worthy patriotic purposes. "Warm up and umpire right away." "other "Most of them young men (?) 'have And then another bleacher wit "not the time' to go to War, and yet who are fighting their battles for

Kay, Monroe & Co., Steer Broth- "other, which is the lowest type of

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who can and will not fight. 'SLINKER' is one who can't won't enlist but refuses to help thos of our brave ones who have been wounded striving to protect the

'SLINKER' from harm. "For our part we would prefer to be 'called slacker than 'SLINKER'-"there is a possibility of justification "for one, but absolutely none for the "animal in the British Empire to-day.

This is for YOUNG MEN only.

If you can't fight

Money is needed urgently For the RED CROSS. You can do your bit

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DON'T BE A SLINKER!

A "slinker" is a Slacker's valet— One who will neither FIGHT HELP.

Give your services To either one or The other of the Leagues.

It means only a little Time and Trouble For YOU It means RELIEF for

Our brave wounded. DON'T SLINK.

TAKE HIM OUT! "that there are young men in this city The Umpire stood behind the plate "to help any of those associations who He saw some stars, both pink and green, "are devoting the proceeds of their Then stopped a bottle with his bear athletic exhibitions to hospital and At that, I heard a rooter say

> Yelled: "Sure, this guy is getting hit. efficacy of prayer.
> A "Cub" writes: "In

"Coined since the entry of the United "States into the War. It is "SLINK-" and running are considered, but nevertheless we'd be content to have Hiltz play for us and to let it go at that."
"and is odious to all ears and offen-" and is odious to all ears and offen-" sive to all nostrils. A slacker is one "other, which is the lowest type of "other, which is the lowest type of "other, which is the lowest type of "consider Hartnett is, when his batting and running are considered, but nevertheless, who got the authorities and were sue a summons, as the a common, was highly im summons was issued an drawn. There the matter accused was not brought consider Hartnett is, when his batting and running are considered, but nevertheless we'd be content to have Hiltz play for us and to let it go at that."

We are requested by Mr. S. Jenkins, the clever outfielder of the Lions. to have his opinion recorded that Hiltz easily excels Hartnett. Next?

No. 1295, Corporal J. McGrath, Transfer, 31|17, 5th O. C. Bn., Moore Park, Kilworth, Ireland, Cadet School. No. 1295, Corporal J. Mc LeMee, Transfer, 3|1|17, 5th O. C. Bn., Moore Park, Kilworth, Ireland, Cadet School. No. 1295, Corporal J. Mc LeMee, No. 1295, Corporal "them.

"A new American word has been your query as to whether Hiltz or Hartnett is the better first baseman. I

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HEADQUARTERS. St. John's, June 12th, 1917. (No. 84.) Regimental Order.

By Colonel Sir W. E. Davidson, K.C. M.G., Officer Commanding. Forestry Companies:
To be Lieutenant from May 12th, 1917-David Thistle, Esq.

Retirement: Capt. Chas. R. Ayre having beer capt. Chas. R. Ayre having been found permanently unfit for general service, is retired at his own request and transferred to the (special) Re-serve of Officers from June 7th, 1917. (b) Second Lieutenant H. M. Maddock having been found medically unlong immersion. His wife was also fit for general service, is retired and transferred to the (special) Reserve

of Officers from 23|5|17. Appointments: Lieut. J. Clift will act as O. C. Com pany at Headquarters. (b) Second Lieutenant H. M. Maddock (special) Reserve of Officers, is attached to the Pay and Record Office, St. John's, from May 23rd, 1917, and retains (hon.) rank of Second Lieut.

Cadet Nominations: "refuse to part with some of their If you are pitching and the call is "valuable' (save the mark) time to three balls, no strikes, and Art Hiltz is at bat, if might be well to try the office, London, dated May 7th, at bat, if might be well to try the efficiency of prevent training at that date. No. 167, C.S.M.C. C. Belbin, Transfer, 29, 11 16, 13th O. C. Bn., Newmark-

> Transfer, 3|1|17; No. 406, C.S.M. R. Kershaw, Transfer, 16|1|17; No. 926, Sergeant J. R. Steele, Transfer, 16|1| McMurdo's Store News 7, 5th O. C. Bn., Trinity College, Cam ridge Cadet School. No. 1828, Sergeant R. R. W. Lilly, Transfer 7|4|17, 4th O. C. Bn., Wadham

College, Oxford, Cadet School. No. 2845, Cpl. J. Evans; No. 296 No. 2545, Cpl. J. Evans, No. 2545, Cpl. H. S. Knight; No. 3278, Cpl. M. J. Penny, Transfer, 5|5|17, 6th O. C. Bn., Baliol College, Oxford Cadet School. No. 325, Cpl. H. A. Butler, Commission 11|3|17, in the 3rd (R) Garrison Bn., R.W.F.

J. J. O'GRADY, Capt. and Adjut.

His Excellency the Governor in council has been pleased to appoint Mr. C. R. Rendell (Long Pond), to be a member of the Church of England pots 40c. each. Board of Education for the District of Foxtrap, Long Pond, in place of Mr. Job Ridout, retired; Messrs. Joseph Ralph and Samuel Snow, to be members of the Methodist Board of Education for the District of Clarke's Beach, in place of Dr. W. E. Procunier, resigned, and Mr. William John Anthony, retired; Mr. George Adams (George's Brook), to be a member of the Methodist Board of Education for the Methodist Board of Education for K.C., to the vacant Judgeship of the Methodist Board of Education for the Methodist Board of E West, in place of Mr. Allan Smith, retired; Mr. Charles Trask, to be a mem ber of the Methodist Board of Education for the District of Elliston place of Mr. Samson G. Trask, retired Mr. Kenneth Bradley, to be a member of the Methodist Board of Education for the District of Musgrave Harbor in place of Mr. Adam Bradley, retired Department of the Colonial Secre-tary, June 12th, 1917.

REV. DR. JONES IN HOSPITAL. The parishioners of St. Thomas's Church and many others in New-Church and many others in New-foundland will anxiously await the news that the operation performed on the Rev. Dr. Jones for the removal of a bone in the nose, at Boston, Mass., has been successful. The much es-teemed reverend gentleman left here a few weeks ago to visit his son at the place mentioned, and also to con-sult a specialist regarding his own health.

MARRIED.

At St. Patrick's Church, on June Mary (May), daughter of Luke Chafe, an for eleven years. She leaves for Esq., of Rose Blanche, to Ernest Fred-North Sydney by to-morrow's express. erick Ewing, of this city. DIED.

On the 12th inst., after a long illness, Joseph, the beloved son of Rose and Kirlen Simon, aged 23 years, leaving a mother, father and five brothers to mourn their sad loss; funeral on Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., from the residence of Kaleem Noah, Weston Cottage, Water Street West; friends and acquaintances please accept this.

### Dear Home Products.

Boston Transcript: It should be a ruism that home products are cheapest. The things we buy are luxuries when they come from a distance, and nmonplace commodities, if secured at the source of production. An anomalous condition exists, however, in this respect in the United States, as compared with Great Britain, which is nough to give an impetus to the ovement for control of food prices in this country. In this land of great production, consumers are forced to pay prices actually higher than what English purchasers give for the same products, so many of which come to them from the United States. And Great Britain records lower prices than we pay at a time when the overseas transportation conditions are such as to make for exceedingly high prices in England for everything im

## **Atop U-Boat**

Published by Authority. Closed Hatchway and Then Submerg. ed-German Assassins' Conduct.

Christiania, Norway, June 1. - A German submarine captain, angered at a Norwegian steward for his refusal to give information about one of the U-boats' victims, put the steward and his wife atop the submarine closed the hatchway and submerged. There was no mistaking the clear intent that the man and woman should

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Both, however, succeeded in keeping afloat, though dragged below by the suction of the submerging U-boat. The steward-he was one of the survivors of the Norwegian steamer Fjelotelong immersion. His wife was also saved.

### That Assault Case.

A sensational and somewhat exaggerated report was given widespread currency in the city a few days ago. i being stated freely that a female had been the victim of an indecent and serious assault and that the perpetra tor was a medicine compounder. The Telegram learned the exact facts o (married) put his arms around and kissed a girl who went into his store to make purchases. She complained to her parents, who got in touch with the authorities and were advised to issue a summons, as the assault, though summons was issued and later with accused was not brought before court

WEDNESDAY, June 13, 1917. The Strictly Prime Hayseed is we known to be the most carefully se lected brand of Timothy, and on which gives more grass to the acre than any other seed. We have been importing this brand for many years and it has invariably given full sal istaction to its users. We have at ample supply of this brand for the Pond's Extract Vanishing Cream is one of the most popular summer in cessities, and the judicious use of will go far to prevent and correct

### A Good Step.

We understand that Speaker Goodison presented the Premier yesterday morning with a memorial signed by (George's Brook), to be a member of appoint immediately Mr. F. J. Morris, the Methodist Board of Education for K.C., to the vacant Judgeship of the District of Random North, in place Central District Court. This mandate of Mr. Malcolm Pelley, retired; Mr. from the party will have a salutary Norman Smith (Elliott's Cove), to be effect on the members of Executive a member of the Methodist Board of and we may expect within a few days Education for the District of Random to have Mr. Morris officialy gazetted.

### Here and There.

COT FUND .- A Post Office Order for \$4.60, the proceeds of a phonograph entertainment, held at Job's Cove, B.D.V., on Empire Day, has been handed to the Treasurer.

MORE PETTY THEFT .- Detectiv Whelan arrested last night two lads who are old offenders in police circles, for theft. They broke into the Globe Steam Luandry and stole two shirts and a pair of socks. Both lads will be given a dose of the birch switch this afternoon.

LECTURES ON JAPAN.-Miss Wolff, who is on a brief visit to the city, gave a lecture on her work as a missionary to Japan at Gower Street Church last night. The prejudices uperstitions and ignorance which which had to be contended with were fully explained. During the evening Mrs. John Duff, of Carbonear, render-At St. Patrick's Church, on June ed "Face to Face" in a beautiful man-12th, by the Rev. Father Renouf, Ada ner. Miss De Wolff has been in Jap-

THURSDAY COUNTRY STORE. Owing to the disappointment of so many people who could not be seated another big country store will take place on Thursday night when Corporal Jaggers, the one-legged hero of Ypres, will have another complete change of act. This plucky soldier made a big hit last night, and his will line any periences were listened to made a big hit last night, and his thrilling experiences were listened to with much interest. On Saturday night the big weekly grocery store, several sacks of flour and high-class croceries will be given. Don't miss Thursday's country store, lots of beautiful things, all new and of good qualty. A big shipment of latest films.

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