

of laws and conditions enacted and created by other people just as ninety-nine out of every hundred of his critics would have done if they had had the opportunity and the ability. He realizes, we have no doubt, that the laws and conditions which have made his position and the position of the workers who have produced his wealth possible are unjust and not for the general welfare. Realizing this he is now anxious that the condition of labor should be improved, and the Rockefeller Foundation, which he has endowed with \$100,000,000, is about to conduct a far reaching inquiry with this end in view. As the chief investigator the Rockefeller Foundation has selected a well known Canadian, Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, who was minister of labor at Ottawa from 1909 to 1911 having previously been deputy minister of the same department for a number of years. Mr. King is universally conceded to have been a greater success as deputy minister than as a member of parliament and head of his department. Before entering politics he acted as royal commissioner in the investigation of a number of trade disputes. On all occasions he showed a strong sympathy for labor and he was brilliantly successful in securing settlements acceptable by both parties. We trust that Mr. King has not been spoiled by his participation in practical politics and that his sympathy for the workers, combined with unlimited resources and opportunity now to be placed at his disposal, will enable him to do magnificent service to humanity. He will be successful only in so far as he assists in discovering and demonstrating a means of bringing about conditions under which the worker will be rewarded by the full product of his labor. When that ideal condition exists there will be no millionaires and no paupers, no idle rich and no idle poor.

### USE CANADIAN APPLES

The outbreak of the war and the consequent disruption of the European market is having a serious affect upon the apple growers in Canada. The apple crop in Nova Scotia, Ontario and British Columbia has been heavy and without the ordinary demand from Europe there is considerable difficulty in disposing of the crop. Prices have already fallen lower than has ever been known in Western Canada. The Dominion Government has decided to assist in this crisis by an advertising campaign urging the Canadian public to purchase only Canadian grown apples, and, as prices are lower than ordinarily, to use as many of them as possible. Winter apples of finest quality are now being quoted in carlots delivered at local shipping points thruout the Prairies at \$4.00 per barrel, and in some cases even less. The freight rate from Nova Scotia to Winnipeg is \$1.23 per barrel and from Ontario to Winnipeg 90 cents per barrel. The barrel itself will cost from 25 to 30 cents, and there will be the additional freight from Winnipeg to the point of delivery, varying from 10 to 75 cents per barrel, so that it will readily be seen that after a farmer picks and packs his apples, or has them packed in his co-operative warehouse and pays the selling expenses, there is very little left for him from the fruit, and it has even been stated that in Ontario some of the apples will not be picked. Fortunately the organized farmers are handling apples direct from the growers, so that the profits of the middlemen are eliminated. It would pay the housewives in our Western farms to put away a good quantity of apples for winter use. They are easily preserved, either with or without sugar, and form one of the most wholesome foods that can be eaten, and this year will be much cheaper than most other foods. A great deal

of government advertising is not devoted to useful purposes, but in this case it is a commendable action and we hope that it will prove effective.

### SIR JAMES WHITNEY

Sir James P. Whitney, Premier of Ontario, who died on September 25, was a type of politician, unfortunately too rare in Canada today, who commanded the admiration of his friends and the respect of his opponents. Sir James was a reactionary, an autocrat, and The Guide, being progressive and democratic, did not always agree with his policies. It was not necessary, however, to share Premier Whitney's opinions on the question of taxation, for instance, to recognize in him a man of fearless, rugged honesty, an able administrator, and one who was sincerely devoted to the interests of his province and of his country. His bitterest political opponent never attempted to connect his name with scandal, and he refused to use his power either for the profit of his friends or the advantage of his political party. It is said that delegations that waited upon him asking for some local improvement as a condition of support at an approaching election were indignantly rebuked and made to realize the fact that they were virtually offering to sell their votes. It is to the honor of Sir James Whitney that so far as material things are concerned, he died a poor man, but he was rich in the affection and respect of the people. Canada needs more public men of his sterling character.

Seed grain will be in great demand during the coming winter, and farmers who have grain suitable for seeding purposes will be able to sell all they have at good prices.

### DISINTERESTED ADVISERS



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