

News Notes

There are now fourteen thousand miles of Canadian Government railways under one Board of Directors.

The Canadian Lumbermen's Association hopes to give employment to 10,000 men.

The Jewellery trade of Canada has been organized by the foundation of the Canadian National Jewellers' Association at Toronto.

The sugar crop of the United States is estimated at 6,549,000 tons, or 20 per cent. more than last year.

Steps have been taken to have soldiers' teeth examined before their discharge from the Canadian army.

The Montreal Board of Trade, at a regular meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 20th, decided to call the attention of the Government to the importance of making a special effort to secure a fair share of the orders of Great Britain and European countries in foodstuffs in which in many lines Canada has an exportable surplus.

10,000 soldiers of the Canadian Expeditionary Force will sail for Canada before the end of this month, according to an announcement made by the Militia Department.

The War Trade Board is to consider relaxation of import restrictions.

An Order in Council has been passed authorizing the Board of Grain Supervisors to approve of the purchase of 600,000 tons of Canadian flour by the Wheat Export Co., Ltd., during the cereal year. The Royal Commission on Wheat Supplies suggested that this should be the maximum purchased. The order provides for the sale by the Board of this quantity, without in any way assenting that it shall be the maximum purchased.

The value of British Columbia Fisheries last year was \$14,637,346, and 37.33 per cent. of the Dominion's supply.

The following message from the city of Mons was received by the Governor General of Canada:

"Mons was delivered from German tyranny by the gallant Third Canadian Division on Monday, the 11th of November, at 5 o'clock in the morning. The Council of the borough and the whole population of the town avail themselves of this opportunity to assure the Government of the Dominion of their deepest admiration for the heroism of the Canadian people, who in co-operation with our Allies have secured the liberation of the city, the independence of Belgium and the triumph of righteousness.

"(Signed) The College of the Burgomaster and Echevins."

The Canada Food Board has in its possession a revised estimate of the Canadian potato crop, showing that there is an exportable surplus in six provinces of 28,433,000 bushels, over all requirements for domestic use and seeding. The total yield is estimated at 105½ millions, being 143½ bushels to the acre.

Sunday, December 1st, has been appointed by the Federal Government as a day of thanksgiving "for the victories that have been won by the Allied Armies in the war against the Central Powers of Europe and for the armistice that has been signed by the contending nations involving a general surrender by the enemy."

7,512 of the British prisoners taken by the Turks have died.

Merchandise rates from the United States to Canada have been raised fifteen cents per 100 pounds.

Dr. Thomas Adams, of Ottawa, Canada, declared that Canada would have to build 30,000 houses, England 67,000, and America 350,000 houses annually to meet the demands for homes.

1,580,000 Germans have been killed, 4,000,000 wounded, and the fate of 260,000 is unknown. There were also 490,000 German prisoners in hostile countries.

The Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company of Canada announces that, effective immediately, all censorship restrictions on messages to and from ships through Canadian and Newfoundland Wireless stations are removed.

At a recent meeting of the Council of Halifax Board of Trade a wooden shipbuilding propaganda was read calling for the building of 30 wooden steamers of 5,000 tons each, to be operated from Quebec in the summer and Halifax and St. John in the winter to Great Britain, France and Italy, in connection with the several railway systems throughout Canada.

J. Coughlan & Sons, shipbuilders, Vancouver, B.C., will construct four steel vessels for the Dominion Government; the Wallace Shipyards will construct four, and the Victoria Machinery Depot has orders for two. The total value of the contracts is \$18,000,000.

THE LYONS FAIR.

The Minister of Trade and Commerce has applied for thirty booths at the next Lyons Fair, which opens on March 1, 1919, and continues for two weeks. A few of the booths will be used for a general Government exhibit of agriculture, forestry and fisheries, minerals and metals, but most of the booths will be placed at the disposal of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association for allotment to manufacturers for a display of samples and catalogues or photographs of articles which will be available for exportation to France.

EUROPEAN COST OF LIVING.

Following is a table showing how the war has increased food costs in Europe:

Italy, February, 1918—153 per cent.
Norway, March, 1918—137 per cent.
Sweden, March, 1918—134 per cent.
Germany, November, 1917—125 per cent.
Great Britain, June, 1918—108 per cent.
France, December, 1917—100 per cent.
Switzerland, December, 1917—96 per cent.
France (Paris), January, 1918—91 per cent.
Holland, March, 1918—82 per cent.
Denmark, February, 1918—73 per cent.

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