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Our "Table Talk" potatoes will be put up in one and a half bushel sacks, and "Irish Cobbler" in one bushel sacks. In both cases the sacks will be sealed with the official seal of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association.

We have only a limited quantity of these potatoes and those who wish to secure some of them will need to act quickly. We are giving these potatoes away to any person who will collect a few subscriptions to The Guide in their own locality. Any person who will collect four yearly subscriptions to The Guide, new or renewal, at \$1.50, and send \$6.00 in cash to The Guide office, will be entitled to a one and a half bushel sack of "Table Talk" or a one bushel sack of "Irish Cobbler" potatoes, or if you can collect any two-year subscriptions at \$3.00, we will count them the same as two one-year subscriptions at \$1.50. Your subscriptions may be sent in all at one time or at different times, but when sending them you should explain that you are working for one of these varieties of potatoes. The potatoes will be shipped as soon as it is safe and in plenty of time for seeding.

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and there was nothing extra choice for sale in the calf and yearling classes. We sold one car of hogs Wednesday at \$13.50 and three cars Thursday at \$13.75. Balance of Thursday's hogs and all of Friday's hogs at \$14.00, with freight paid on C.P.R. billings.

(Top price for hogs and cattle this week a year ago, \$8.85 and \$7.25). There were practically no sheep marketed. We handled 17 per cent. of the cattle and 36 per cent. of the hogs marketed. Altogether we sold 1,370 hogs on the market this week, 926 being at the \$14.00 price.

Country Produce

Potatoes are out of sight. They have gone up 80 cents a bushel in about two weeks. American buyers are scouring the country and our farmers run grave danger of selling themselves short of seed. Prices are running \$1.60 to \$1.75 per bushel at Manitoba points. Anyone who has only enough for seed should keep them for their is no certainty of when they will be able to get more seed.

Some good poultry is coming in. A much smaller percentage of hens and pullets has reached Winnipeg this winter than last year, which would indicate that laying stock is being retained for production. Egg supplies have greatly fallen off in February, not being over about half those for January.

A large amount of dairy butter is being received from foreign settlements and it is of decidedly poor quality. There is no reason why a large market would not be available here if dairy butter of better quality could be secured.

WOOL PRICES ARE ADVANCING

The Breeders' Gazette under date of February 22 says: "Contracts for the new wool clips are reported in Montana. Boston reports sales of secured pulled wool at \$1.00. The Fred Long clip of 100,000 pounds is reported to have been sold in Great Falls, Mont., at 40 cents, the original bid having been 26 cents. The clip will be short, owing to a severe winter, and those who did not accept early bids are disposed to hold until shearing time. Feeders are doing little shearing, as packers are paying a good price for wool on the sheep's back and can use it to better advantage than the shearer. The foreign situation shows little change and it is a certainty that American weavers will have access to the smallest volume of imports in many years."

BELGIAN RELIEF FUND

Previously acknowledged	\$9,805.32
Marshall Little, Boissevain, Man.	2.00
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Proceeds of Tea given by Young Girls of Cypress Valley, under the Auspices of Political Educational League	4.25
C. E. Thorp, Foxwarren, Man.	10.00
Total	\$9,826.82

SERBIAN RELIEF FUND

Previously acknowledged	\$157.50
C. E. Thorp, Foxwarren, Man.	10.00
Total	\$167.50

AMERICANS BUYING POTATOES

Winnipeg, Feb. 26.—Americans are buying potatoes in Manitoba by the carload and shipping them south as fast as cars can be secured for them. It is said between 15 and 20 carloads are daily going south. Opinions differ widely as to the amount of potatoes in pits in the province. Before the High Cost of Living Commission the other day it was stated that there were about 3,000,000 bushels in pits. There are many merchants in the city, and many farmers outside, too, who ridicule that statement, and who agree in stating there are not one-half that amount. The outside buyers are paying \$1.75 per bushel, and local dealers are having to pay at least \$1.60 per bushel at country points.

The total potato crop of Manitoba last year was, according to the Dominion government figures, 4,760,000 bus., and this estimate when made was generally considered excessive, as it placed the average yield at 170 bushels per acre. This was 61 bushels per acre more than 1915 and 54 bushels more than in 1914, and something like 25 bushels per acre higher than the 10-year average. There are, roughly, 550,000 people in Manitoba, and four bushels per capita would be a conservative estimate of consumption. This would mean 2,200,000 bushels for home consumption for human beings, making no provision for the large amounts that have been fed to hogs.

There were 28,000 acres seeded to potatoes last year in Manitoba, and even if the acreage is not increased, as it certainly should be, it will require at least 392,000 bushels for seed. These, added to the allowance for home consumption, amount to 2,592,000 bushels, leaving 2,168,000 of an exportable surplus at the beginning of the crop.

Movement Heavy in Fall

Movement south and east was heavy last fall; carload after carload went almost daily until freeze-up. From Jan. 1 to Feb. 15 some 135 carloads of potatoes went south from Manitoba alone, and since then, as already stated, the movement is from 15 to 20 daily. Counting all roads out of Manitoba, 48 carloads crossed the line on Saturday of last week.

The crop for the three Prairie Provinces was last year estimated at 14,

000,000 bushels. Even at that figure it is impossible that there can be any excessive supply. Saskatchewan had 30,000 acres in potatoes last year and will require at least 420,000 bushels for seed; Alberta had 27,300 acres in last year and will require at least 382,000 bushels for seed. The estimate of 3,000,000 bushels still in store here is perhaps excessive, as storing in pits is not at all a habit with Manitoba farmers.

Various means, such as an embargo or export restrictions are being advocated by dealers and consumers to stop the exportation and help ensure a seed supply. Nothing has been done. Potatoes have advanced about 80 cents a bushel in the last two weeks, and think they will go much higher.—Manitoba Free Press.

Lloyd George on Food Production

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reports from Scotland, from Ayrshire, from Lanarkshire, Forfar and other counties. They are cutting up pasture on a very considerable scale to sow oats and plant potatoes. Altho it is now very late, the farmer could increase, even now, by hundreds of thousands of tons, the food of this country this year, and thus they can help to defeat the grimmest menace that ever threatened our country. I do not believe they will fail us. Substitutes are used in every other country, and women are working now on the land, and I hope the farmers will assist to make the best of the labor which is available. They need not apprehend that in the future the country will be indifferent to the importance of agriculture to the state. The country is alive now as it has never been before to the essential value of agriculture to the community, and whatever befalls it will never again be neglected by any government. The war has taught us one lesson, that the preservation of our essential industries is as important a part of the national defences as is the maintenance of our army or navy."

ROBLIN MEMBER RESIGNS

Winnipeg, February 23.—Today Albert Prefontaine, leader of the opposition announced the resignation of F. Y. Newton, Conservative member for Roblin, Man. The Roblin member was severely censured recently by Judge Paterson in connection with the campaign road work in his constituency in 1914. The resignation was accepted without comment or division.

The above comes as a result of the finding of Judge Paterson, who was appointed on September 1 to enquire into the expenditure for road work in the summer of 1914. The commissioner found serious charges proven to his satisfaction against F. Y. Newton, member for Roblin, Dr. McFadden, former member for Emerson and Dr. R. M. Simpson. He condemned the extreme looseness of even ordinary business precautions among the officials of the department of public works in connection with all the roadwork in the summer of 1914.

SASK. MEMBER DISMISSED

On February 21 Premier Martin introduced the following resolution into the Saskatchewan Legislature expelling Charles H. Cawthorpe, Member for Biggar: "That Charles H. Cawthorpe, the member for the electoral division of Biggar, having been found guilty by the Brown-Elwood commission of having accepted a bribe to influence him in his conduct concerning a matter under consideration by this house, contrary to the provisions of the Legislative Assembly Act, be expelled from this house; and that his seat in this house be, and is hereby declared vacant." The resolution carried without a dissenting voice.

WOMEN MUST STAY HOME

Ottawa, Feb. 24.—An extra of the Canada Gazette issued this morning contains the formal order-in-council prohibiting women and children going to England. The prohibition extends to women and girls and all children under the age of ten years. Steamship agents responsible for disobeying the order are liable to an imprisonment for six months or a fine not exceeding \$2,000 or less than \$500.