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## Letter To the Premier.

The following letter to the Premier has been forwarded us by the Industrial Workers' Association, and is published at their request:

The Right Honourable the Prime Minister of Newfoundland:

Dear Sir,—  
You are already in receipt of a set of Resolutions on the subject of Food Control passed on the 15th instant at a public meeting of the working classes of St. John's. At that meeting a Committee was appointed which has to-night reported to a public meeting held under the auspices of the Newfoundland Industrial Workers' Association. That Committee has prepared a draft letter setting forth in greater detail than the Resolutions the reasons why there were agreed to. This letter has been read to and approved of by the meeting held to-night.

You have doubtless seen copies of certain Resolutions on the subject of Food Prices adopted by a number of Importers, Dealers, and Retailers of Flour. We note their willingness to co-operate with any Board of Control appointed by the Government. We desire, however, to point out that the recommendation of these parties that they control one-half the membership of said Board is manifestly unfair to the community generally, and practically amounts to an insult to the intelligence and fair-mindedness of the working classes.

We are not asking you, Sir, and your colleagues on the Executive Council to take from any man what the country has always been willing to allow him, namely, a fair and reasonable return on his investment. We are ready to admit that some Importers and Distributors have made and are making a fair and reasonable profit. It would be folly, however, to say that all have been content with this. We learn that the Honourable Executive Council has been officially informed by a Royal Commission that profits have been made on flour totaling in some cases as high as five dollars per barrel; yet before the war these same Importers and Distribu-

tors were in receipt of a total profit of about seventy-five cents per barrel. We are aware that this statement has been contradicted by the persons who signed the Resolutions of the Flour Dealers, but we may well be excused if we prefer to believe the judicial finding of a Royal Commission to the denial of interested parties unsupported by a title of evidence. If the control of the necessities of life in some cases (according to the Royal Commission), in profits ranging as high as six times the normal profit, it is time that such control should cease. We recommend the appointment of a Board of Food Control, and we desire that such Board shall not itself be controlled by persons on some of whom suspicion rests of having pocketed profits which, in our opinion, amount to what is known as legalized robbery.

We are willing that the twenty signatories of the Flour Dealers' Resolutions should have representation on the Board of Food Control; but we suggest to them that they cast forth from among them, as lepers and pariahs, any individuals who stand convicted, by a legally constituted Court of Inquiry, of the crime of extortion. At a time when all classes are bearing the burden placed on them by this great and terrible war, while blood and treasure are being freely spent that men may live in peace and freedom, at such a time certain persons have been so unparliamentary as to add greatly to that burden and take out of the mouths of mothers and children the very bread to secure which our soldiers and sailors suffer and die.

The Flour Dealers may rest assured, in the event of the majority of the Board of Control consisting of persons in sympathy with the working classes, that their suggestions will receive full and careful consideration, and that nothing will be done to take from them their legitimate profits or to cause such disorganization of trade as would result finally in loss to the community.

If a jury of common men may hear evidence and decide upon the lives, liberty and property of their fellow-men, surely the common people have intelligence enough to judge as to what constitutes a fair and reasonable profit. By the judgment of the common people of this country, who far outnumber the Importers and those whom they represent, you, Sir, and your colleagues have been placed in the high position you hold. You, Sir, and your colleagues would be the last of all people to admit that that judgment was ill-exercised. If the common people can judge of matters of so great importance, surely they can be trusted to judge, with all the facts before them, whether the commerce of this country is being properly conducted or no.

It is not with a desire to dictate to the official advisers of His Majesty the King that we approach you. Our wish is only to ask you to lay before the King's representatives a statement of what we are anxious should be done. We stand for no political party; our membership includes men of all parties. We represent no particular religious denomination; we question no man's faith who joins us. As in our daily tasks we work beside men who adhere to different religious and party politics, so, in our common work for improving the lot of the workers, we put aside all these differences and speak as one. We have no desire to embarrass the Government. How could we, when so many of our brothers are its supporters?



We wish rather to strengthen its hands, should it determine to do right. We believe in speaking man-fashion—face to face. If we criticize, we do so openly. If we approve, no political considerations will keep us from saying so.

The meeting consisted of industrial workers, office hands, shop and store clerks, tradesmen, mechanics and laborers, fishermen, miners, farmers and other producers, by a standing vote decided to pass the Resolutions which we have forwarded to you. Briefly these call for the appointment of a Board of Food Control, and that two-thirds of that Board shall consist of members of industrial organizations.

The meeting to-night directs me to ask you to receive a deputation from its select committee, which would discuss with you the whole subject of Food Control, and is also authorized to deal with the coal question and the matter of freight rates. The Committee could meet you on twenty-four hours' notice at any convenient time after working hours.

Yours truly,  
MAURICE H. HITCHEN,  
Secretary N. I. W. A.  
St. John's, June 22nd, 1917.

## Little Boy Had Eczema

On Face and Hands—Local Doctors Treated Him in Vain—How Cure Was Finally Effected.

Trenton, Ont., June 26th.—This letter will interest all mothers of young children, because it tells of the best medicines obtainable of overcoming the annoying and torturing skin troubles which come to so many children. Mrs. Waldron had several doctors treating her boy for eczema, but all in vain. Finally she heard about Dr. Chase's Ointment and her letter tells of the wonderful results obtained by the use of this soothing, healing ointment.

Mrs. Samuel Waldron, George street, Trenton, Ont., writes: "About four years ago, my little boy had a rash on his face and hands which the doctor called Eczema. He gave us a wash for it, and some ointment which we used, but without benefit. I think we tried all the doctors here. Finally we tried Dr. Chase's Ointment, and gave it a good trial. We could see that it was gradually healing. At first it appeared to burn the skin, then this skin would peel up, finally he got rid of it entirely. During the winters of the next two years we noticed a symptom of the disease under the skin. Each time we used more Dr. Chase's Ointment, curing it both times. For the last two years we have had any return symptoms at all, so we think that he is now entirely cured."

Dr. Chase's Ointment, 60c. a box, at all dealers, or Edmanston, Bates & Co., Limited, Toronto.

## The Tornado's Freak.

(Mattoon, Ill. Dispatch, to the St. Paul Dispatch.)

The tornado's visit to Mattoon offered many instances of "tornado freaks."

Mrs. Mary P. Kemper heard the roar of the approaching whirlwind, and stepped to the door to see what it was. Her two children covered against her in terror. The next moment her home was lifted from over her, while she and the children were left unharmed on the floor.

A horse and a cow were grazing in Joseph Abel's yard. The storm picked them up and carried them a quarter of a mile out on the prairie where they were set down easily, and resumed their grazing. Abel's home was picked up from about him, leaving him unhurt, while a baby was carried out into the orchard, where she was found unhurt. As D. S. May, his wife and three children knelt in prayer their house fell about them. They were uninjured.

Mrs. J. N. Sexton was watching the storm when her brick house fell about her, burying her in bricks up to her neck. She received only a few slight scratches.

When J. L. Follwell saw the storm coming he ran out to the street, caught up his two small sons and started for the house with them. The storm picked them up, carried them about twenty-five feet in the air, and then set them easily upon the porch, a moment later returning to pick them up again and as gently to carry them back to the street while the house fell in ruins. None were injured.

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## Your Boys and Girls.

Milk is such a perfect food for children that it is a pity when the desired quantity cannot be taken easily and relished. For the average child past the third year, a quart of milk a day is the allowance advised by most authorities on children's diet, this quantity to include not only the milk which the child actually drinks, but also that used in preparing foods and served with cereals and other food.

When a child shows a disinclination for milk as a beverage it requires some little ingenuity to plan his food to include the daily quart. If a cup of milk is the only between meal food ever allowed, and that only once a day, either between breakfast and dinner or dinner and supper, the probabilities are that it will be welcome, especially if two finger strips of oatmeal bread are laid across the top of the glass. If it can be looked upon as a treat it will be enjoyed accordingly. Another method of teaching the child to drink milk is to serve the cup of milk at the beginning of the meal, with the understanding that

other food will follow when this is disposed of. It is easy for a child to form habits of eating that any inclination to neglect his milk should be checked in the beginning.

## Milady's Boudoir.

YOUR COMPLEXION.  
Every woman owes it to herself, her family, and her friends and all the world at large, to be as beautiful as she can. If she will spend half the time studying how she can make herself attractive as she does simply wishing she were a famous beauty, the result will be found most gratifying.

As the face is the most noticeable feature, it should receive the most attention. And while I mean complexion, features and expression, when I speak of the face, it is too big a subject to treat all at once, so this talk is all about the complexion.

If you are troubled with pimples or a muddy complexion, you must look within for the cause. Regulation of the bowels frequently corrects complexion. In washing the face use

the best soap. Oatmeal is valuable as a cleansing agent, and it also whitens the skin. Use hot water and wash carefully, removing the dirt from every pore. Remove all traces of soap. Dash on cold water to close the pores and stimulate the skin. Then use cold cream.

Don't buy something any druggist tells you is the best because he makes the most profit on that kind. Don't use a cream because someone else uses it. Find out what cream suits your skin and continue its use. You yourself can do much toward acquiring the acme of beauty which Nature seemingly left undone.

## Household Notes.

A spoonful means that the flour, etc., should lie as much above the edge of the spoon as the bowl lies below it.

Wet tea or coffee stains on table linen with sweet milk and then plunge them into the suds ready for washing. To keep the water in a new cistern fresh, coat the inside of the cistern with "water glass," which can be

bought at the druggist's and put on like paint.

If there are a few mashed potatoes left over, they will do very well added to fresh mashed potatoes; simply stir them in while the potatoes are very hot.

Sugar gingerbread is lighter and more suitable for a hot weather sweet than the usual kind made with molasses.

A paste of minced raisins and figs, with a dash of lemon juice, makes an excellent filling for sandwiches.

The less furniture in a room the cooler it looks—but the windows must be well shaded and well opened to complete the effect.

WEST COAST TOURISTS.—A large number of American sportsmen are now at the various fishing pools on the West Coast and have secured an abundance of fish. Some New Yorkers now fishing near Carty intend taking a run down the Straits on the next trip of the S. S. Ethel.

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