## Public Ownership of Railways

MONDAY MORNING

PARLIAMENT OUGHT TO ACT, idence to go forward to the right solu-

ter to select three of the five trustees who would operate the national sys-

A CLEAR-CUT RECOMMENDA-TION.

Ottawa Journal Press, May 4. By their clear-cut and plain,-spoken report on the railway situation in Canada, Sir Henry Drayton, Mr. William Acworth, and Mr. A. H. Smith, the commissioners appointed by the Borden Government, have rendered a great service to Canada; and a still greater service, we are sure, has been done by Sir Henry Drayton and Mr. Acworth in their resolute recommendation of national ownership as a

RAILWAY EMPLOYES TO BE REPRESENTED.

Ottawa Citizen, May 4. A far-seeing departure from orthodox ideas in Canada is recommended in the majority report, namely, to include among the five trustees or national commissioners one as a repre-sentative of the railway employes; as

"Three of these trustees to be men of the highest railway experience and ability, who will be required to give their whole time to the undertaking; another to be appointed as having the special confidence of and to represent the railway employes; the last, an outstanding man of business, well qualified to advise on financial questions and swearch business conditions." nd general business conditions."
The Citizen has contended for this

casions in the past: especially last year when the government appointed three national directors to the Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk Pacific not thru political patronage, but by placing the workers' representative on the status of directorship—labor is given a new dignity and a higher of responsibility in Canada.

Many features of the majority re-

Hamilton Times, May 2.

It is likely that parliament will be asked to deal as soon, as possible with this question. There is urgency in the situation. It is necessary that all these roads should be in a position to efficiently handle the traffic, especially at any be asking financial assistance in the near future. It is supposed that the Government is inclined to look favorably upon the scheme of nationalizing these railways, and no doubt Parliament will be asked to deal with the matter before dissolution.

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With the G.T.R., C.N.R., N.T.R. and I.C.R. amalgamated into one great national system, not competing for traffic with one another, large econo-mies could be effected and it would be possible to lower the rates on the national system, and of course on the

When a man has advanced money on a mortgage and the owner of the property, even with this assistance, is unable to maintain it as a going concern, the party of the first part has no re-course but to take possession. Canada has for the past two decades been building railways at a rate which exceeded all requirements. Two of these roads at least are bankrupt. There seems no way out of the difficulty but to accept the plan proposed in the ma-jority report of the royal commission and take over the lines that are in fin-

THE COUNTRY MUST STEP IN.

Ottawa Journal, May 5.

That the condition of all but one of the Canadian railways constitutes a menace to the country is the finding of two members of the commission apply prices by the government to make a comprehensive survey of the railway situation. Parliament is called upon by this exposure of conditions to take a comprehensive survey of the railway situation in order to safeguard the money and other interests of the country, directly and indirectly concerned. It is evident that the time has more of the country stem of the country are commission does not possess the power of the country stem of the country commission does not possess the power of the first of Sir Henry Drayton and his predecent cossors have established the principle that independent control of the railboards. By giving the railway workers a direct interest in the efficient operation and management of the Canadian government railway system—ways is of incalculable benefit to the

A GOOD LEAD.

Ottawa Citizen: By recommending the policy of national ownership, Sir Henry Drayton and Mr. W. M. Acstatesmanship and vision, and should a definite lead, and the people need no give the Dominion Government confi-

## **QUIET TRADING IN** WINNIPEG MARKET

No Cash Wheat Transactions and Cash Oats Are in Little Demand.

Winnipeg, May 5. The markets opened and closed today without a ripple of excitement. Trading was confined within narrow limits all day. Wheat closed 3%c higher for October. Oats closed 1%c higher for October. Oats closed 1%c higher for May, and 1%c up for July. Barley closed 7c higher for May, Flax closed 2c higher for May and 3%c higher for July.

There was literally nothing doing in cash wheat, and only a fair demand for cash oats. It looks as the an acute situation might develop in eats, as receipts coming forward show a prependerance of off grades. Out of 161 cars inspected Friday, 140 were of off grades, and 129 of these were "no grade," mainly due to toughness.

The general market outlook was not good. Trade was disturbed with peace rumors, talk of food price regulations, strikes and revolutions. There was practically no news of winter wheat conditions. The weather in the Canadian west is not conducive to early growth, on account of the rather heavy frosts.

BIPLANE IN TROUBLE.

Special to The Toronto World. Guelph, May 6.—A lieutenant in charge of a Curtiss biplane, from Camp Borden, who had got out of his bear-ings, experienced machine trouble when the vicinity of Guelph, and was compelled to make a landing in a new color pelled

Kingston, May 6.-The oldest resident of this district has passed away, in the person of Mrs. Elizabeth Howard, widow of the late John Benjamin Howard. She was 111 years old, and of cemmerce today, all interests was born at Jewetville, Kentucky. She cerned have consented to substitute ame to Canada with her parents when paper and fibre containers wherever en years old. Her father fought in possible. the battle of Waterloo. She was smart until two weeks ago, and had a good memory.

POLISH CELEBRATION.

Special to The Toronto World.
St. Catharines May 6.—At a gathering of Polish Falcons, celebrating the anniversary of the signing of the Polish constitution, listing in the armies of the United States and Canada was strongly recommended by speakers, who pro-phesied a united and free Poland at the end of the war. Mayor Burgoyne was present on invitation.

BUILDING IN CALGARY.

Calgary, May 5.—Building permits issued bring April amount to thirty-three thousand seven hundred dollars.

C.P.R. also.

TAKING OVER THE RAILWAYS.

Tuesday of last week was a big day on the Shelburne market. (On account of the big prices paid a week ago, stock was rushed from all quarters. The prices paid for hogs ranged from \$16.25 to \$17.10 per cwt. / The two banks here paid out for stock alone on cheques cashed \$20.000. S. Phoenix of Mulmur received from J. S. Richardson one of the Shelburne buyers for one hog the large sum of \$83.

J. E. Williamson, Whitfield, received at Shelburne. H. Mournahan of East Luther Township also delivered at Shelburne. H. Mournahan of East Luther Township also delivered the sum of \$900. U. S. FORCES TO FIGHT

Canadian Associated Free Cable.

London, May 5.—Sir George

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pelled to make a landing in a field on British commission, conferred with

responsible. The biplane, with its two occupants, left Guelph this morning about 8.30.

ELEVEN YEARS OVER CENTURY.

cans for putting up 1001 101 soldiers.

Restrictions voluntarily accepted by can makers and users, Secretary Redfield has announced, will meet the threatened shortage of tin cans for

food preservation. Under an agreement signed by a committee of tin plate manufacturers, can makers, canners and wholesale grocers, which reached the department of commercial control of the second control of the second

NATURALIZED GERMAN HELP.

Special to The Toronto World.

Kingston, May 6.—Anxious to help in the increased production campaign, two naturalized German citizens, who are employed making shells, made application to the greater production committee for a plot of ground. They were given two acres of land but when the owners of the property found that the land was to be worked by Ger-mans, they refused to allow them to

HYDRO MAN ELECTROCUTED.

Special to The Toronto World.

St. Thomas, May 6.—Sydney Smith, an employe of the city Hydro-Electric sub-station, was electrocuted this morning. He was dusting off some insulators behind the switch-board

PRICES OF FARM PRODUCE IN ONTARIO ON MAY 5, 1917.

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farmers around Kensington hauling them in which they can get one dollar a bushel for spuds.

The buyers' price on potatoes in the Summerside, P.E.I. market has advanced to \$1.40, and by many this is thought to be the limit. When the roads in New Brunswick and Quebec are in a slump in the market. Virtually every asyllable box car on the P.E.I. railway is now loaded with potatoes and oats, and the transportation difficulties are very acute. The steamer Northumberiand, however, will arrive near the end of April and this will greatly relieve the situation.

In England they not only fine those who sell potatoes for more than the law stipulates.

There is too wide a span between the price paid to the propagate. At woman at Stepney, a suburb of London, was fined \$5 for paying more than the law stipulates.

There is too wide a span between the price paid to the producer and the price pa the farmers as a bag for the murphies."

Several carloads of potatoes went thru Niagara Falls last week for United States points. It is said they were to be used for seeding purposes.

Central community. Farms containing not more than 80 acres will be laid out in such manner as to bring the farm houses as close together as pos-

The problem to be solved is: 312 approved men, many of them having wives and children, be of more value to Ontario settled on 25,000 acres of virgin soil, or a company styled the British Cattle Supply Company that aims to obtain from the Ontario Government a large tract of land for a term of years at the low-est offer imaginable?

BANKS TO LEND MONEY TO FARMERS FOR SEED

Provincial Government Makes Ar rangements Thru Organization of Resources Committee.

Honorable T. W. McGarry, the pro-vincial treasurer, announces that the government has made arrangements with the bankers' association, thru the organization of resources committee, whereby farmers who need money to purchase seed may receive reasonable credit at the branches of all banks in Ontario. Arrangements are also being made to assure a sup-ply of seed. It is hoped that a suffi-cient supply may be procured to enable farmers to sow as much land as

FALL WHEAT IMPROVES.

Special to The Toronto World.

Brantford, May 6.—Farmers report that the recent cool weather has worked wonders with the fall wheat and clover, which were reported to be in bad shape thru winter killing. The absence of sun has enabled t he partiallyFIVE THOUSAND TRACTORS WORKING CONSTANTLY.

Nearly 5,000 tractors are working night and day in Kansas to give the state the largest acreage of food crops it has ever known. Hundreds of motor cars have been robbed of their lighting equipment for the present to permit the tractors to work thruou the night plowing, harrowing and planting spring crops. But for the tractor, Kansas could barely do her ordinary farm work this year. The state has been depleted of horses and

thes. Mr. G. R. Green, the country representative, stated that the potatoes were supplied with necessary tools and man of all local and all local and the country of the second and all round sample. The delivery will be made shortly. The department also secured for other counties cars of potatoes, the prices ranging from \$4.25 to \$4.60.

It is imperatively needful that is done from the time he settler free of charge. For each time the settler free of charge, from the time he settler free of charge. For each time the settler free of charge, from the time he settler free of charge. For each time to the settler free of charge, from the time he settler free of charge. For each time to the settler free of charge, from the time he settler free of charge. For each time to the settler free of charge, from the time he settler free of charge. For each time the settler ush. The council of defence, sed of thirty men and women

Special to The Terento World.

Brantford, May 6.—New records for foodstuffs were made here Saturday, when local millers paid \$2.60 for wheat and local packers paid \$16.75 for hogs, live weight. There is little relief in sight in the case of wheat, and local millers take the stand that governmental action is absolutely necessary to prevent wheat reaching the three-dolar mark. Bread closed the week at nine cemis a loaf, but local bakers average of the stand of the stand

A week ago The World called at teraion to the working of tractors day and night near New York on untilled or worn-out pasture land.

## Around the Farm

The bill introduced into the legislature of Nova Scotia by Albert Parsons, M.L.A., the popular representa tribution of farm products, which tive from Hants County, is meeting of the greatest importance in its

ers, who naturally must dispose of thus eliminating the waste that of their caives at an early age. The object of the bill is obviously to try to overcome the threatened famine in beef and leather. It is declared on best authority that never before has the supply of live stock on the American continent been so low. It is therefore the apparent duty of the government, should the killing of cafves for veal be prohibited, to purchase at a fair price all calves from the milkmen and send them to the agricultural farm at Truro for development.

under the system now in force. A process of dehydration has been offered to the United States Government by Waldron Williams, but no decision with regard to its employment has yet been made known to him. He expressed the opinion that time was the essential factor now, and that if the benefits of dehydration were to be applied in the case of the coming crops immediate action was imperative.

The use of foods from which the water has been extracted is not a new suggestion. Processes for drying their caives at an early age. The ob- under the system now in force,

state has been depleted of horses and mules for the allied armies; there are not enough teams in the state to handle the acreage to make Kansas do her share in food production.

The Kansas wheat crop will not exceed fifty million bushels this year, exceed fifty million acres must be plowed and plantied to common foverment that an order prohibiting the killing of lambs, calves and young pigs be made at least 100 pounds of meat is lost every time a lamb, a calf or a million state council of defence has taken over the control of these machines during the season; it directs where they are to operate. Thru a township organization the council has accurate information as to just where power is needed for spring planting.

The Kansas acreage of growing crops this year will be larger than ever known before. Three million of the five million acres of wheat will be glanger than ever known before. Three million of the five million acres of wheat will be scannot be said of farm produce, because during the total and some farmers would not place the amount of fruits and vegetables have been extracted is not a new valery for the acrease for drying fort to assist in conserving the food supply of the British Empire, a local promed to help bessex County farmers increase food production, will recommend to the bessex County farmers increase food production, will recommend to the form means of preserving food. Reports the countril of defence has taken over the committee estimates that an order prohibiting the killing of lambs, calves and young pigs be made at least 100 pounds of meat is lost that food in this form has constituted at least 100 pounds of meat is lost that food in this form has constituted at least 100 pounds of meat is lost that food in this form has constituted at least 100 pounds of meat is lost that food in this form has constituted at least 100 pounds of meat is lost that food in this food in thi

America. Probably many Canadians, together with those who in former years resided in Kansas now farming in Canada, will be interested and benefited in knowing the practical way the workers on the soil of Kansas are organized to meet the need of the suffering ones caused by the ravages of warfare.

These three accounts in the different newspapers are clear evidence from the farming community that it is the bounden duty of the government to take from the large or small his stock market all the heifer calves and ewe lambs that would grow into beef or mutton. It necessarily follows that all the service-able stockers should remain in the country.

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W. H. Lobb, one of Goderich Township's most progressive farmers, has purchased Henry Baker's 107-acre farm, which is first-class soil and carries a valuable lot of timber.

Walter Parsons of Welland visited at Maple Lake hist week and purchased, a form at West Guilford.

Oliver Abbott, who moved to Alberta a couple of years ago, is moving back to his old farm on the 5th con., Colchester.

Mrs. Geo. Stokes has sold her farm adjoining town to Fred Balley of Uxbridge.

Hugh W. McKay sold his tidy 50-acre farm, Elf., lot 11, con. 3, Grey Tp., to John Stelss, who owns the adjoining 50, for the sum of \$3000. This will give the purchaser a first-class property. He gets immediate possession. The season for sale of farms has almost come to a close. Here and there a farm sale did not change owners from some flaw or failure to complete the sale. Considering the great number of farms that changed hands, the prices obtained demonstrated that farm land in Ontario is a safe investment.

SEEK TO CURB SPECULATION IN

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known before. Three million of the five million acres of wheat will be planted to corn, bringing the total acreage of this crop alone up to nine million, the largest ever known. There has been a 21 per cent. increase in oats, making a total of nearly two million acres sown to this crop. The acreage devoted to the grain sorghums is expected to be doubled during this month. Four to five million acres may be devoted to these great forage and grain crops. The grain sorghums may be used for all feeding of live stock mext winter and the crop devoted to human uses.

Kanses is well organized for the big food push. The council of defence, composed of thirty men and women to the time it will the crop of the time it will take to grow cattle, hence we may not look for lower prices for cattle, horses, sheep and pigs for several years after composed of thirty men and women to the time it will take to grow cattle, hence we may not look for lower prices for cattle, horses, sheep and pigs for several years after composed of thirty men and women to the time it will take to supply the world with as much live stock as was in existence when the war started. Foodstuffs may be grown in the course of a few months, but it requires two years at least to grow cattle, hence we may not look for lower prices for cattle, horses, sheep and pigs for several years after peached the very high price of \$6 per bushel and some farmers would not reached the very high price of \$6 per human Warwheat reached the very high price of \$6 per human Warwheat reached the very high price of \$6 per human Warwheat reached the very high price of \$6 per human Warwheat reached the very high price of \$6 per human Warwheat reached the very high price of \$6 per human Warwheat reached the very high price of \$6 per human Warwheat reached the very high price of \$6 per humans of preserving the surplus are provided. Government estimates place the amount of fruits and vese tables which annually go to waste at to see which annually go to waste at to see which annually go to

ers for beef. Beef vation had been perfect, both as to

OUR WESTERN LIVE STOCK

FURTHER INFORMATION OF THE SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY.

More than 1000 men began work on May 1 on a shipyard in the Newaric meadows fronting upon the Passaic River, where the Foundation Company of New York is going to build an indepinite number of wooden ships, part of the fleet which is to carry food, munitions and supplies to the allies. When the plant is running at maximum capacity it is expected that it will be able to turn out one ship ready for service every ten days. The plant will occupy 55 acres, with 1500 feet of water frontage. It is expected that the first leef will be laid about June 1. It is expected that the plant will be completed within a month. More than 3000 new will probably be employed, when day and the ships. The plant would be under the supervision of the federal government. A rough extracte of the cost of each year

ENLISTED IN THE PRODUCTION CAMPAIGN



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