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RAISING WAGES AND PRICES

It is natural enough for every man to desire an increased return for the commodities he produces or for the service he renders, says the Youth's Companion. Whoever has anything to sell gets the best price he can for it. The only influence that restrains him is the fear of losing his market. Who ever works for another wants and tries to get a higher wage and resents all sometimes resists a lower one. The tendency of prices therefore is generally upward. The standard of living, the volume of money, the scale of expenditure move up faster than the supply of goods increases. Each generation, generally speaking, finds that it costs more to live and succeeds after a fashion in getting more money than the preceding generation got with which to meet expenses.

The fact that wages are high or that the prices of commodities are high does not in itself mean much. It is every income in the country were cut in half tomorrow, and if at the same time the price of every article were cut in half, everyone would be in precisely the same situation as before the general reduction. It is what your money will buy that counts. The Russian gets perhaps a million rubles for a day's work, but when butter is five hundred thousand rubles a pound and shoes five million rubles a pair he is not getting ahead much.

Raising a man's wages does not in the long run improve his position unless the wages of other men remain low. If a shoemaker, for example, gets an increase in wages amounting to a dollar a day, he is proportionately better off, so long as he can buy clothing or meat or bread or automobile tires or coal or sewing machines at the old price. But let the men who produce those things get the higher wages or prices to which they believe they are entitled and the prices of what they produce go up at once. Then the shoemaker is no better off than he was before.

We go round and round a constant ascending spiral. Everyone tries to get a little more in order to improve his economic position. Some get it; the prices of their products go up, and everyone else tries to get a little more himself in order to pay for the things that have increased in prices. Presently we are all as we were before except that we have climbed another story of the spiral.

A general raising of wages in all industries would be of only temporary value unless farmers could be made to sell food products as cheap as before and unless business men could be prevented from taking profits commensurate with the new scale of wages. Higher prices for farm produce do not mean much if increased wage scales put up the price of everything that the farmer must buy.

There is only one way to get the better of the game. That way is to increase production without increasing the time spent in production. If by better machinery or by more efficient labor the worker can turn out a larger number of articles in a given time, and if by better fertilization or by improved machinery the farmer can produce more foodstuffs with the same amount of labor, the tendency of prices will be downward and the money return to the laborer or the farmer tend to increase. But only the more intelligent see that, and only the more industrious act on it.

The rest of us still think that if we can only get a little more money for a little less work we shall be happy, and if we do get it, we are astonished to find that prices go up as fast as incomes or even faster—and we are no happier than we were before.

TOO MUCH

Is the American people a nation of lookers on?

Consider: We do not play baseball; we go and look on while others play for us.

Our boys and girls who once played riotous games in the streets and vacant lots now sit quietly watching a movie.

In church we employ elaborate choirs and expensive choirs, and then we sit and listen instead of singing.

Few of our young people are studying the piano or taking vocal lessons these days, it is so much easier to wind up the talking machine or pump the automatic piano.

But the only form of mass activity still participated in by the people themselves is dancing.

When will the pendulum begin to swing the other way? When will the American people become participants in, rather than lookers on?—(Rochester Times-Union.)

IT IS TO LAUGH

To say that the heavier the traffic and the busier the thoroughfare the safer it is for pedestrians might cause a laugh, although referring to the statistics in this respect of the city of London it is noticeable that there were only ten fatal accidents last year in that large metropolis in spite of all the mass of traffic. Hospital accidents totalled two per day. It would almost appear as if the more crowded the safer it is "over there". "Safety first" however, is an old motto worn threadbare by constant practice in the Old Country. —(Montreal Gazette)

WORTHY OF DEATH

For the fiend who set fire to an apartment house in New York city early Sunday morning, causing the death of fifteen persons, most of them children, hanging or electrocution would seem to be too mild a punishment. It is almost inconceivable that any sane person would commit a crime of an insane person which could not distinguish between right and wrong.—(Springfield Union.)

GOING STRONG

Mr. J. R. Booth, 95 years old, is off to the north woods for his annual vacation, in which he will combine business with pleasure. No need to ask him the time worn question: What is the secret of success. And, besides, there are so many people who don't want to know it.—(Ottawa Journal)

NORTH RANGE

Miss Annie M. Bragg has returned home after spending three weeks very pleasantly with her friend, Miss Toia Outhouse and relatives in Tiverton, Digby County.

Mr. A. Matherson, from Massachusetts, has returned to his home after spending his vacation with his aunt, Mrs. B. Heiglit.

Miss Nellie M. Bragg, from Bridgetown, spent the last week in October with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bragg.

Miss Ena MacNeice was called to Bridgetown quite suddenly owing to the illness of her sister and children.

Am sorry to report our butcher, Mr. Chas. Andrews, sick, at time of writing.

CLEMENTSPORT

"THE QUEEN OF THE BASIN"

Of many letters appearing in the press on the resources of the Province and their preservation, the most valuable by far that we have seen are those by Frank Barjoun of Annapolis Royal. His timely letter of recent date re the need of immediate Hydro electric development expresses the opinion of all thinkers, and as this development on the East branch of Bear River will effect all this part of the Province from Yarmouth to Middleton including the Queen of the Basin. It is of interest to know something of the nature of the water power behind this enterprise. Two main lakes, Big Lake and Lake Mulgrave and Long Lake situated about ten miles from Bear River form what might be called the centre of the system. Flowing into Big Lake on the one side is North East stream this has on it two lakes, Upper and Lower North East, and they are fed by Flanders' stream which in turn receives its waters from the following lakes: Sandown, Whalen and Oak, Spar Lake, Annie Moosehouse. On the other side of Big Lake the South side water came streams form "Faith," "Hope" and "Charity" lakes and form the spectacle lakes. While into long lake on one side coming through the Harris and Harlow meadows is a stream from the Joudrey lake, and further up the Mississippi stream from the Mississippi Lake enters. In addition there are some lakes that can easily be diverted into this water shed. Add to this wonderful supply of water the two facts, 1st, that the land that would be flowed by the erection of a dam has all been culled of any timber worth while, as the Clark Bros (not the Pulp Mill firm) logged it for years, and is worth but little; 2nd, the river sides are especially adapted to make a dam—being solid rock in many places. After the financial depression cast over the community of Bear River and surrounding district by the Pulp Co.'s operations. Such development will be gladly welcomed.

The natural sequel to our article on the state of the bridges under construction by the Highway Board in this vicinity will now be read. On Monday evening, October 30th, a Yarmouth car East bound, saw the white lights and thinking no danger, went ahead and no barricade having been placed where they are constructing the new road at Randall's Bridge mistily by cart marks he ran into the muck and rocks. Here he remained for over two hours while a number of men worked hard and dug him out with the help of a team, all because the construction work was "madly protected". We trust the owner of the car obtained his expenses from the P.H.B. This is a little matter some may think, but the same cause can easily lead to death or injury, as it has in the past. Wake up, gentlemen, and do your work like intelligent men. Some say the latest stunt is the gravelling of the Victoria Bridge. This has been reported by competent Digby citizens.—Next?

A bicycle owned by young Willis was stolen from in front of the Allen's School house on Thursday, November 2nd. Word was telephoned by Mr. Willis to Clementsport, where two young men were taken into custody with the wheel. They were brought before the Magistrate and examined, and released with a warning. It seems they were beating their way to Boston. They stated they belonged to this county and we trust this may be a warning. But the truth is the sooner people learn that it is only the right thing, if they offend, to take their medicine and start again—the sooner we will have law and order.

Monday, Nov. 6th, was the day appointed by the Government of Canada for national Thanksgiving, and an Armistice Day. A celebration of the Holy Communion and address took place in the Parish Church. It was generally observed as a holiday, the Post Office and Custom House, etc., being closed. We note the G.W.V.A. object to making Armistice Day any other day than the 11th. We agree implicatedly and if any change is made then make Thanksgiving Day on the 11th. It would be most appropriate.

Mr. Richard Porter motored to Halifax with friends on Friday, Nov. 3rd. He was for years a member of the crew of the yacht "Iris" and he will sail with them again on Thanks giving Day—which is the wind-up of the yachting season at the club.

Mr. Michael O'Leary, of Halifax, who has been ill for some weeks at the residence of Mr. Daniel Stewart, died there one a. m. Saturday, Nov. 4th. His remains were taken at noon the same day to Halifax for interment, Mr. Frank O'Leary at Mr. Stewart's is a son.

YARMOUTH COUNTY HAS LOST A HIGHLY RESPECTED CITIZEN

Yarmouth.—William Corning, a widely known and highly respected citizen of Yarmouth, passed away at his home on Collins Street after a short illness.

The late Mr. Corning was a son of Nelson Corning, senior, deceased, and was born in Chegoogin, in this County seventy-six years ago, where he lived and carried on farming operations very successfully up until about twenty-one years ago when, with the younger members of his family, he removed to Yarmouth, the ancestral farm being turned over to his son, Howard W. Corning, then a young man, who has since formed to the front as one of the leading stock raisers of Eastern Canada.

The late Mr. Corning always took a very keen and active interest in all matters of a public nature and represented the district of Chegoogin in the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Yarmouth during a period of nearly twenty years, from 1882 down to 1901, in all eight terms. As an evidence of the high regard in which the deceased was held, it may be stated that he was elected by acclamation seven times out of the eight. He served as Deputy Warden from 1899 until 1901, the date of his retirement from the Municipal sphere.

For the past twenty-five years Mr. Corning was the energetic and efficient Secretary of the Yarmouth Agricultural Society and to his efforts is a large measure was due the success of the annual exhibitions.

The deceased was a charter member and deacon of the Bay View Baptist Church, at Chegoogin, and after his removal to Yarmouth he transferred his membership to Zion U. P. Church, at Yarmouth, in which he took a deep interest up until the day of his death.

Deceased was the last surviving member of his family, other members who predeceased him being the late Thomas E. Corning, S.K.C., of Yarmouth, and Jefferson Corning, of Chegoogin, who died recently.

He leaves, besides his widow, who was formerly Miss Hibbard, two sons, William H. Lynn, Mass., and Howard W. Corning, M.P.P., of Chegoogin and four daughters, Mrs. Frank Strickland, of Lynn, Mass.; Mrs. W. B. Goudrey, of Binghamton, N. Y.; Mrs. Murray C. Wyman, and Mrs. Claude L. Sanderson, of Yarmouth.

DEEP BROOK

Hallowe'en entertainment under the direction of Mrs. J. F. McClelland and Mrs. S. A. Spurr, the young ladies of Deep Brook held a very pleasant entertainment on Wednesday evening, November 1st. They were assisted by Misses Gertrude Curtis and Neva Marsters of Digby, Mrs. Charles Stronach, Miss Vera Barteaux, and Miss Ruggles, of Clementsport. A comedy in two acts "Patsy" was given. The parts were well chosen and all did well. Pauline Spurr was especially good, taking the part of Patsy, the Irish maid. Thirty-five was taken in for the piano fund. Smith's Cove, Clementsport and Deep Brook were well represented.

Miss E. A. McClelland left here on Wednesday. She expects to spend the winter with her brother, Mr. George McClelland. We hope to have her with us again in the Spring.

Misses Frances and Margaret McClelland are spending the Thanksgiving at their home here.

Miss Bertha Lent left on Friday for Boston after a pleasant two months spent with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lent.

Miss Addie Crosby, our teacher, left on Friday to spend Thanksgiving at her home in Yarmouth County.

Miss Ethel Purdy is spending the Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Purdy.

Mrs. F. W. Rice spent a few days last week with friends in Smith's Cove.

Courtney Purdy is spending the week-end with relatives here.

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