

intense, a large number of the trade journals and daily newspapers of the country having published articles dealing with the subject in greater or less detail, and a number of investigations of varying character into the nature and causes of the phenomenon have been made both on public and private initiative. It is safe to say that at the present moment no public question equals in general interest that of the abnormal cost of living.

The situation in the United States has been even more acute than in Canada. Public feeling, indeed, in the matter of the price of meats, has arisen to such a pitch that a systematic boycott against the use of meats for thirty days has been undertaken in several localities and has been joined in by thousands of the people. Congress has instituted an investigation, and several of the State Legislatures have moved in the matter. The movement in this respect has spread to Canada and in the closing days of January the feasibility of a similar boycott was discussed and in some cases approved at different points in Ontario, the object of the movement being primarily by way of protest against what is felt to be an undue enhancement of the price of many of the most important commodities entering into the cost of living.