

the British Government, \$1,200,000,000. Employed in this work were 350,000 men and women at one time.

In shipbuilding, contracts have been placed in the Dominion for 112 vessels with a total tonnage of 450,000. Most of these will be launched in 1918.

In food supply Canada has increased the beef export by nearly 75,000,000 pounds per annum, and pork by 125,000,000 per annum.

In finance Canada's total outlay for war purposes was about \$875,000,000 by March 31st last. National debt stood at \$33,000,000. At the end of this year \$1,200,000,000. Borrowed from Canadians has been the sum of \$756,000,000, or \$100 per head of the entire population.

Patriotic and Red Cross subscriptions total more than \$40,000,000 for the Patriotic Fund. Red Cross, \$18,000,000. Grand total of gifts amounts to \$11 per head of the population and a total of \$90,000,000 to the present.

CURRENT ITEMS

A Russian Prince recently arrived in England states that soon after the Bolsheviks had murdered the Czar they killed his son who would have been fourteen years old in August.

It is said that the birth rate in European countries affected by the war will be over 12,000,000 below that of normal times.

The United States will launch their fourth Victory Loan campaign on September 28th.

The Minister of Finance is organizing Canada's second Victory Loan campaign which will begin towards the last of October.

Early in August, Surgeon General Gorgas of the U. S. War Department, called upon the American Red Cross to employ every possible means to increase the enrolment of nurses for immediate assignment to duty in the army. He asked that at least 1000 nurses be enrolled each week for the next two months.

Prince Lichnowsky, German Ambassador to Great Britain at the outbreak of the war, has been expelled from his seat in the Prussian House of Lords, for publishing a series of memoirs in which he declared that the war cannot be laid at the doors of Great Britain, France or Russia, but was the direct outgrowth of carefully laid plans of the German ruling class.

Sir Charles Fielding, Director General of Food Production in England, has informed the London Daily Mail that England's grain crops this year will be the biggest since 1868.

More than 300,000 women are now engaged on the land in Great Britain.

The Americans expect to have nearly three million men in France by the end of 1918.

The British Government has issued a proclamation formally recognizing the Czecho-Slovaks as an allied nation.

The Entente Allies have decided to send troops for service in Siberia. A force of 4,000 men will be mobilized in Canada for this expedition, under the command of Brigadier General J. H. Elmsley, C. M. G., D. S. O., Royal Canadian Dragoons. Lieutenant Colonel A. H. H. Powell, A. A. G., Military District No. 7, has been selected as base commandant of the Canadian Expeditionary Force in Siberia. It has been learned that the Maritime Provinces representatives with the Siberian force, who will constitute "A" Company of the 260th Canadian Rifles, will have two platoons from New Brunswick, which will be commanded respectively by Captain H. D. Warren, of Sussex, and Lieutenant W. H. Brooks, of St. John.

Lieutenant George Murray, Halifax, N. S., Lieutenant Arthur Nicholls, R. C. R., Halifax, N. S., and Captain (Acting Major) John McIntosh Miller, Valcartier, have been awarded the Military Cross for distinguished conduct in the war.

His Royal Highness, Prince Arthur of Connaught, who was sent on an important mission by King George to the Emperor of Japan, passed through St. John, N. B., on his return journey on August 24th, when an address of welcome was presented to him by Premier Foster, on behalf of the Government and people of New Brunswick, at a reception given him by the Government of New Brunswick. After the reception His Royal Highness was entertained at a garden party given by His Honour Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Pugsley at their residence in Rothesay.

Canadian troops had a large part in the Allied offensive on the Western front. In the recent British offensive in Picardy the Canadian cavalry are said to have worked with the Canadian infantry for the first time. For the first time also the Canadian force employed tanks in large numbers. Up to August 12th the corps' prisoners numbered 9,000 with over 150 guns captured. Sir Edward Kemp, Overseas Minister of Militia, sent a telegram conveying his hearty congratulations to Lieutenant-General Sir Arthur Currie, the Canadian corps commander, and those under him, "on the greatest success in the history of the Canadian forces." They have since captured many prisoners, many guns and much war material.

A new telephone service has been inaugurated between New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. A cable, nine miles long, has been laid between Cape Tormentine and Cape Borden, the terminals of the car ferry service. The only telephone service with the Island before was via Pictou, and did not prove very satisfactory.

A school of 250 whales was recently driven ashore