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As in other parts of the British Empire, the people of New Zealand are becoming aware of the foolish wickedness of "protecting" a few at the expense of the many. No system of protection can ever be devised fair to all; and in the end every system is fair to none. Those who hold up the Colonies as patterns of fiscal wisdom should be asked to note this growing conviction among Colonists. Hear what a New Zeland writer in The Liberator says:—

"The cost of our New Zealand protective tariff is far in excess of the total wages paid in the industries that it is fondly supposed to protect. In round figures the protective tariff on boots and shoes costs the people of New Zealand £86,000 a year more than all the wages paid in the boot and shoe factories of the Dominion. The cost of the tariff on woollens is £69,000 in excess of all wages paid in the woollen mills; the cost of the flour tax is £100,000 a year in exon woollens is £69,000 in excess of all wages paid in the woollen mills; the cost of the flour tax is £100,000 a year in excess of all wages paid in our flour mills; and the cost of the duties on clothing and apparel is £261,000 in excess of all wages paid in our clothing factories. If, therefore, all the workers in these industries were recovered off on fall If, therefore, all the workers in these industries were pensioned off on full wages, the people as a whole would save no less than £516,000 a year. Or, to put it another way, if the tariffs on boots and shoes, woollens, flour, and clothing were abolished and state bonuses equal to the full amount of wages paid were given to these industries in place of the present "Protection." the saving to the people of New Zealand would be over half a million sterling a year. There would be just as much employment for labor in these industries as at the present time; and industries as at the present time; and the workers would be guaranteed decent the workers would be guaranteed decent wages, decent hours, and decent conditions of labor, because no employer would receive a penny piece of the state bonus unless these conditions were first complied with. Further, there would be more employment for labor than now, for the £500,000 a year thus saved to the people would be spent on other things which would add greatly to the comfort and well-being of the people, besides causing a big demand for labor to produce these other things. for labor to produce these other things, and so raising wages, and otherwise improving the conditions of labor."—W. E. Dowding.

### PRICES HIGHER THAN EVER

The almost unprecedentedly rapid rise in prices which has been in progress since about July last scored another point in advance last month, according to the latest estimate of the Department of Labor. This was largely due to the effect upon the general level of the strengthening in the price of cattle and hogs and their products which took place in April. Grains also were upward, while some of the metals, notably copper, tin, and spelter, developed great strength.

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# Homesteaders' Competition Awards

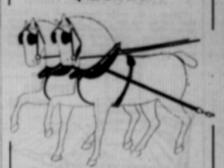
First Prize, \$10.00 worth of Books-N. Rich Manville, Alta. Second Prize, \$7.00 worth of Books-John Holmes, Hurdman Lodge, Sask. Third Prize, \$5.00 worth of Books-Jackson Hartley, Key West P.O., Sask. Fourth Prize, \$4.00 worth of Books-F. B. Sulman, Blackfoot, Alta. Fifth Prize, \$3.00 worth of Books-William Hordern, Dundurn, Bask.

The above is the list of awards made by the judges in our Homesteaders' Prize Competition. Upwards of thirty readers of The Guide took part in this competition, and the judges had great difficulty in making their awards. Every one of the articles submitted told a story of deep human interest. Almost without exception the writers were genuine pioneers who came from the East, from the United States and from the old lands across the sea, pitched their tents out on the prairie miles from the railway and made homes for themselves by the labor of their own hands. None found the path to fortune smooth; none found homesteading a life of ease and pleasure. On the contrary hardship and toil were the lot of all. Blizzard, fire, hail and drought, broken bones, disease, loss of cattle and horses—all these misfortunes had to be met. But there were the compensating advantages of good crops, good neighbors and the good health that comes with life spent in the pure air and glorious sunshine of the Western prairies, and through all their early trials these men and their brave wives never lost faith in themselves or in the country. The certainty of ultimate success carried each and everyone through, and today they are without exception in a position of comparative independence.

The judges, in making their awards, selected the stories which in their opinion were the most interesting and at the same time would be of the most value to others who may be starting out on the pioneer's trail. The reading of these articles will be a great treat to the readers of The Guide, and they will be published at an early date.

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### THOS. McKNIGHT

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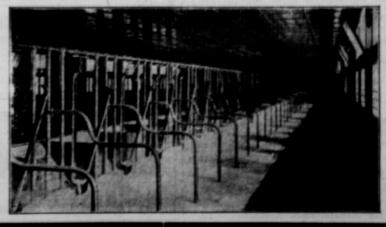
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