

PRICES ONLY LITTLE CHANGED

Decrease, Continuous Since July, 1920, Seems Checked Ottawa Says

INDEX NUMBER DOWN

Average Retail Prices of Staple Foods \$11.82 in September and 11.44 in August

OTTAWA, Oct. 13.—Prices during September, both wholesale and retail, showed little change as compared with those ruling during August, those noted being largely seasonal, according to the statistical branch of the Department of Labor. The decrease, which was steady and continuous as from July of 1920, has apparently ceased, and there has been a general tendency during the past three months for prices to stabilize at a point about 50 per cent above those governing immediately before the war. In certain business quarters, the opinion is held that higher prices will be obtained before the end of the year.

In retail prices the average cost of a list of staple foods in sixty Canadian cities was \$11.82 in September, as compared with \$11.44 for the same articles in August. In September of last year the same articles cost \$18.95; in September, 1919, \$14.38; in September, 1918, \$13.31; \$11.15 in September, 1917; \$8.96 in September, 1916; \$7.74 in September, 1915; and \$7.83 in September, 1914.

The chief increase for September last was in potatoes, the prices for the new crop being high as compared with old stock at the beginning of August, but about the same as for the new crop a year ago. There were also increases in lard, eggs, butter, cheese and in sugar.

The Department of Labor's index number of wholesale prices, based on 100 for the 10-year period 1890-1899, was again slightly lower, standing at 232.7 for September, as compared with 236.4 for August, 326.6 for September, 1920; 301.5 for September, 1919; 285.3 for September, 1918; 246.1 for September, 1917; 183.4 for September, 1916; 150.3 for September, 1915; and 141.3 for September, 1914. The decrease for the month was largely in livestock and meats, but there was also slight decreases in grain and fodder. In dairy products, butter and cheese were lower, but eggs and milk were a little higher. In fruits and vegetables, miscellaneous foods, hides, leathers, boots and shoes, building materials and chemicals, there were slight decreases. Raw cotton, lead and silver and raw furs were higher. The range on which the index number is based covers 257 principal commodities.

In the retail prices of fuel, bituminous coal and wood averaged slightly lower, while anthracite coal was fractionally higher.

WITNESS PLOUGHING CONTEST

QUEBEC, Que., Oct. 13.—His Excellency Lord Byng, of Vimy, and Lady Byng, will be spectators at a big ploughing contest on the Quebec Seminary Farm at Maiserets under the auspices of the Ploughing Association of the Province of Quebec.

DIES OF INJURIES

QUEBEC, Que., Oct. 13.—Eusebe Leblond, aged 71 years, a street worker for the Civic Roads Department, was struck by an automobile owned by A. Paquet, 3 Garden St., and died shortly afterwards at the Hotel Dieu Hospital.

BELIEVE STEVENS DROWNED

CALGARY, Alta., Oct. 13.—W. A. Stevens, prominent grain buyer and son of N. H. Stevens, millowner, of Chatham, Ont., is believed to have been drowned in Chestermere Lake during a plunge there. His automobile containing clothes was found.

NEARLY 1,000 MORTGAGES

Chatham, Oct. 13.—An examination of the records of the Surrogate Court here today revealed the fact that almost every little auto in the country has a mortgage all its own. There are nearly 1,000 lien notes against Kent county motor cars.

DETROIT BLACKHAND OUTRAGE

DETROIT, Oct. 13.—One person is known to have been killed and two were injured seriously by an explosion that wrecked a wholesale grocery in St. Aubin avenue.

IN MEMORIAM

SIMMONS — In loving memory of John P. Simmons, who died at Belleville Oct. 14th, 1919. "They never die who live in loving hearts."

—Sadly missed by Family.

John Saunders, a farmhand living near Chatham, was reminded to kill for them, admitted that he had served seven years' imprisonment in England on various theft charges.

NEW INDUSTRY FOR DESERONTO

Food Products Plant Will Prove Highly Beneficial to Town

NEWS OF THE WEEK

Looking Over Sites for Proposed Provincial Fish Hatchery

DESERONTO, Oct. 11 (By Mail).—On Friday afternoons of every week of High School, the Deseronto High School students give a special literary entertainment. The one given last Friday afternoon was very interesting and instructive. The meeting was presided over by the president of the society, Miss Fulloch. Vice-president Harvard Bamforth, was appointed orator. Miss Bell rendered a violin solo, accompanied by Miss Fulloch. The principal, Miss Bell, was appointed orator. A very interesting talk was given by the principal, in which he told the pupils of a trip he had in the west in 1910. Miss M. Foote gave a selection on the piano and Miss M. Armitage sang a song. The school paper was read by Charlie Clement, which contained some direct hits and good jokes. The school orchestra appeared for the first time under the direction of Miss Thompson. Every participant in the exercises performed their parts in excellent and pleasing manner and all present were well pleased with the entertainment.

Messrs Dan Sova and Joe Corby were called to Kingston yesterday to sail on the boat St. Louis as sailors. The boat is proceeding to Sodus Point to load coal for Belleville.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Graham of Wellington were visitors over Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Arthur Rixen on Thomas street. Mrs. Graham is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rixen.

The negotiations for a food products plant to be established in Deseronto are proceeding in a satisfactory manner. At the meeting of the Town Council, which was attended by the promoters and a banker, on Saturday afternoon, definite lines were adopted, which look to the assurance that Deseronto will secure the plant. If the plant is secured it means a market for about 500 cars of grain every year, together with a ready market for potatoes, fruits, etc. As a direct benefit to the farmers and the town this proposition seems to outweigh all others for the present, yet the other two propositions also pending, appear to be sound and would be of great benefit to both the country and town also.

Mr. William Richardson, the baker on Centre street, was called to Cobourg today on account of the serious illness of his daughter, Mrs. Fred Mellow. Mr. Mellow is the nephew of Mr. W. H. Mellow, one of the blacksmiths of Deseronto.

Following up the visit of the Ministers and the M.P.P., Mr. McCloud, of Toronto, Provincial Inspector of Fisheries was in town today and inspected the different locations offered by Deseronto for a provincial fish hatchery. Deseronto and the fisherman would be pleased to have the hatchery established at this point.

Mr. Arch McInnis, of Marysville, was transacting business in town today. Mr. McInnis says that the late rains were badly needed for the pastures, wells and fall plowing.

Ship Sails S. O. S.; Crew Quitting Her

HALIFAX, Oct. 13.—The Norwegian steamer "Royal" is ashore between Cape Race and Cape Pine, and is asking for immediate assistance, according to a radio message received here this morning. The message said the crew was prepared to abandon the ship.

A hail storm passed over Chatham on Tuesday, accompanied by a severe thunderstorm, during which rain fell in torrents, blocking up many of the city sewers.

Was Playmate of Duke Now Lives in Haliburton

HALIBURTON, Oct. 13.—In Haliburton County, in the person of Mr. W. A. Fleming, of Wilberforce, is a man who in his boyhood days was a playmate of H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, then Prince Arthur, and his brother, the late Duke of Albany, who died in 1883 or 1884. Mr. Fleming was born at Adelaide Cottage on the Royal estate, his father being a personal attendant on H. M. Queen Victoria, in whose service he spent 52 years. Books given to him when a boy, by Her Majesty are still in his possession, besides a small rifle given by the Duke of Connaught, and which belonged previously to Prince Edward VII, also a

AIM TO REDUCE UNEMPLOYMENT

Most Pressing National Problem Now Before the Canadian People

G.W.V.A. TO TAKE HAND

Convention Likely to Urge the Government to Re-establish Ex-Servicemen

OTTAWA, Oct. 13.—The annual convention of the Great War Veterans' Association which will be held at Port Arthur, Ont., October 17 to 22, will endeavor to find means to reduce the unemployment situation among former Canadian soldiers and sailors.

The Association is understood to regard unemployment as the most pressing national problem. It is expected that the convention will appoint a special committee composed of one member from each province to draw up resolutions on that subject.

The question of amalgamating all the soldiers' organizations in Canada will be brought before the convention. Representatives of other associations of ex-servicemen have been invited to attend to assist in discussing this problem.

The convention is expected to take steps to urge the Dominion Parliament to re-establish all ex-servicemen so far as possible in the economic positions which they would have obtained but for their war service. It is likely also that the war veterans will urge Parliament to extend its housing loan to ex-servicemen.

Resolutions on limitation of armaments will be submitted. It is indicated that these will be along the lines of those approved by the British Empire Service League at its meeting in South Africa and will call for adequate defense in the Empire but with the understanding that armaments should not be built up for offensive purposes.

Wellington School Consolidated Plan, Finally Approved

Prince Edward County is to have one of the finest consolidated schools in Ontario, at Wellington. The plans of the new school have been finally approved. The buildings will serve both urban and rural centres. The grounds will comprise six acres of land. On the ground floor, besides the different class rooms, principal's room, there is to be a community hall, capable of seating about 400.

On the other floors there will be rooms for manual training, gymnasium, laboratory, domestic science room, library and other features, besides the usual class-rooms and two class-rooms for high school work. The schools existing with Wellington are "St. Mary's College," Gilthead, Halton Hills, and part of the school at Miles' Corners.

VOYAGE OF YEAL

LONDON, Oct. 15.—(Canadian Press, Cable).—Butler's correspondent at Sydney, Australia, cables that the 28-ton yawl "Amaryllis" has arrived there after a remarkable voyage lasting a year from Plymouth, England.

LATE D. R. McQUIGGE

All that was mortal of the late D. R. McQuigge was laid to rest in Belleville cemetery, Rev. A. H. Foster officiating. An impressive service was held at the family residence, 36 Gables St. The obsequies were largely attended and numerous floral tributes showed the high esteem in which Mr. McQuigge was held. The bearers were Messrs Sprackell, Cook, Thomas, Reid, Charlesworth and S. McQuigge.

Geoph D. R. McQuigge recommended the erection of a new \$300,000 combined collegiate and vocational training school.

BACKING HORSES NOT ALWAYS EVIL

Bishop of Birmingham Justifies "Harmless Backing of Formed Judgment"

DENOUNCES "GAMBLING"

Small Congregations in Church due to Lack of Advertising He Says

BIRMINGHAM, Eng., Oct. 13.—Acknowledging that he himself had bet on a horse race, the Bishop of Birmingham, opening the Church of England Congress as President, drew a nice distinction between "will gambling" and "harmless moderate backing of a formed judgment." It was at the age of 15, the Bishop said, when he made his first serious bet. "It was due no doubt," he said, "to the fact that I knew at that time, a good deal about that race animal the horse, and I still am prepared to forgive the owner of a race horse who backs in a moderate way the chances of a beautiful animal he has trained."

After denouncing "woman capable of much good in life who see the telephone dial after dial calling up stock brokers and seeing agents get money for dress and frivolity," the Bishop declared that if the church would distinguish between "a vicious propensity and the harmless backing of a formed judgment," it would accomplish more than by a crude statement which by its exaggeration tends to make people disregard its voice.

Continuing he said: "I consider gambling in its bad form demoralizing. I want the church to be wise, though very firm, in backing it." The Bishop wound up declaring that small congregations were due to the church not advertising in the manner of a large American business house.

CREW OF SHIP LOST

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 13.—Captain Bernard Knudsen master, and four members of the crew of the gas boat, J. T. Robinson, were drowned in the sinking of the Robinson during a storm off Abukuh bar, near the mouth of the Situk River, Southeastern Alaska, October 5.

GOING TO CONFERENCE

TORONTO, Oct. 13.—Hon. Walter Rollo, Minister of Labour in the Ontario Cabinet, having been appointed by the Provincial Government to attend in an advisory capacity, the Geneva Conference on Labor questions, will sail for Europe next Monday.

NOTABLES REACH NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—Sir Reginald McKenna, former Chancellor of the Exchequer of Great Britain, arrived on the Olympic on a business trip. Another passenger was Sir Ernest Raeburn, who was British Minister of Shipping here during the war.

ROBBERS SECURE \$5,500

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Oct. 13.—Two robbers held up a messenger for the Liberty State Bank here, took from him \$5,500 in cash and \$30,000 in cheques and fled in an automobile. The cheques were recovered in the automobile, which was abandoned by the robbers.

NOW HE'S COINING

LONDON, Oct. 13.—Lloyd George is preparing for the Washington Conference and will be there for the opening unless unforeseen circumstances arise.

Father Ambrose O'Donnell has been appointed curate of St. Peter's Cathedral, the post previously held by Father Finn, London.

JAMES MURDOCK



Former member of the Board of Commerce and International Vice-President of the Order of Railway Trainmen, has been granted two months' leave of absence from his office in London to visit his family in Scotland.

NEWFOUNDLAND TO PAY TRIBUTE

Monument in Memory of the Heroism Shown at Gallipoli Campaign

AN UNIQUE CAMPAIGN

Selling Stocks at Dollar Share to Raise Funds for Adequate Memorial

On July 1st, 1916, in the Gallipoli campaign the Newfoundlanders went "over the top" eight hundred strong. Next day but sixty-five answered the roll-call.

This is but one instance of the heroism of the contingent which volunteered from our neighboring Dominion in the world's great war. Newfoundlanders did nobly in standing by the Motherland and the Allies against the forces which sought themselves and by their mothers and sisters, should be fittingly commemorated, for all time.

A novel method has been adopted to raise funds: A company has been formed, and stock certificates of the "War Memorial Company, Limited" are being sold by Newfoundlanders and their friends.

Lady Crosby, who is staying at the Ritz-Carlton, has succeeded in interesting Mayor Adams, president of the Montreal Newfoundland Society, and the matter is to be taken up at the first meeting of the season at the Society's headquarters, 459 Union avenue, on Tuesday evening next.

"Of course," said Lady Crosby this morning, "this company is purely a matter of sentiment; we do not pretend that buying stock in it is a cold-blooded business proposition. It is more than that. It is a matter of national patriotism. Unfortunately the matter was not taken up immediately after the Armistice. The depression which followed has made it impossible for many who would then have given a thousand dollars to give a hundred now. The days have slipped by, the war has receded and we do not visualize it as readily in all its hideousness. The monument proposals have hung fire so Colonel Rendell has launched this proposal."

Stock certificates at one dollar each are on sale for which, the certificate itself says, "the subscribers are guaranteed a suitable monument in the capital city of St. John's in memory of the gallant men who gave up their lives in the cause of Freedom and Humanity."

The proposal is to erect a monument in the center of St. John's Park, a heroic figure of a caribou mounted on a pedestal of rough-hewn rock with at each corner a life size figure representing the four Royal Newfoundland Regiments, the Naval Reserve, a bomber and an aviator.

Lady Crosby says that whether the amount realized in the meantime be large or small a start will be made next spring and the cornerstone laid on July 1st next—the 45th anniversary of the unforgettable exploit and sacrifice of the Gallipoli peninsula.

SYNDICATE FAVORS 'EMERY'

HAMILTON, Oct. 13.—With one solitary dissenting vote, the lower house of the General Anglican Synod concurred with the Bishops in their acceptance of the Lambton appeal on unity, and agreed to appoint a joint committee to confer with other churches on church union.

DETROIT IN UNREST

PASSAIC, N. J., Oct. 13.—The name of Trotsky is a handicap on United States citizens should be compelled to labor under, County Judge Watson said today. He permitted Benjamin Trotsky to change his name to Benjamin Travers. "I have been fighting against that name of Trotsky ever since that fool in Europe started things," the applicant, a butcher—old Judge Watson.

POTATO PRICE DECLINES

A decline in the price of potatoes was noted on the market today. Two dollars and twenty-five cents was the price asked. The other offerings were unchanged. The attendance was not large.

RICH NEW YORK GIRL WEARS CROWN OF RUBIES AS SHE WEDS FRENCH DUKE

USEES, France, Oct. 13.—Quaint and picturesque ceremony, following custom dating back to the 8th century, marked the elaborate wedding here Monday of Evelyn Gordon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gordon, of New York, and the Duke de Crussol.

The bride, whose father is the well-known "Scottish-American" millionaire, wore a priceless crown of rubies and a lace gown which all the brides of the groom's family for centuries have worn. All the guests were rubies. Following the ceremony, the Duke led his bride to the balcony of his chateau, and presented her to the townspeople of Usees, who serenaded her, a custom which has been observed by the family since the year 800.

WOMEN HERE MUST REGISTER

Only a Few in Belleville Already on Roll to Be Used Dec. 6th

EMPLOY 1920 LISTS

Bulling Putting Two Year Limitation on 1919 List Means Another Registration

Of the women in Belleville between the ages of 21 and 50, British subjects, who will be entitled to a vote at the federal election in December, all but a few of them will have to look to getting their names on the voters' list if they desire to cast a ballot.

This is the information secured from good authority. The contention is based in the firm opinion that in the municipal lists of 1920 are to be used as the basis of the federal election list.

The ruling, putting the two-year limitation on the 1919 provincial election list, will kill the local list, as it has in most other centres. The only alternative left is to turn to the 1920 municipal list.

Today these other women, who number perhaps three-fifths of the woman voters, stand virtually unfranchised, and to secure the right to exercise their franchise they will have to place their names on the list, and those whose names are not on the list will have to appear and swear their names on.

It is believed that the changes will be based on the rural ridings. There also the 1919 lists are dead and new ones will have to be prepared.

NEW ACT TESTED HERE

Deputy Provincial Officer Ruston Has First Case

Deputy Provincial Officer T. D. Ruston will bring his first case under the Women's Protection Act into the County Judge's court here on Wednesday next. This will be in the nature of a test case as the defence will, it is understood, fight the prosecution.

Mr. Ruston holds the rank of deputy officer to carry out the act under Mr. J. J. Keiser.

LABOR IN AUSTRALIA FAVORS SOCIALIZATION

LONDON, Oct. 13.—Renter's Brisbane correspondent cables that the Australian Labor Conference passed a resolution by 22 votes to 10, proclaiming the socialization of industry and the means of production.

MONTH WITH THE C.A.S.

The past month has been a very busy one for Inspector T. D. Ruston of the Children's Aid Society. At the regular meeting yesterday, he stated that there were now twelve children resident in the shelter and that fifteen wards had been placed out. There were two children received from the juvenile court.

The cases of nineteen children were involved, of whom no less than ten were made wards of the society. Three parents were prosecuted. One child was sent to the hospital for the feeble minded, and one was placed in the Ontario School for the Deaf.

DISMISS WOMEN EMPLOYEES

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 13.—Highland Park, an adjacent city, has declined to strike from its payroll 141 women employees. Married women were recently ordered discharged from city positions and last night the council adopted a resolution prohibiting officials from hiring unmarried women in the future. The council was prompted in its action by the large number of men out of employment, it was said.

\$96,000 IN FINES

SANDWICH, Oct. 14.—Known as the "brains of the rumrunners," Cecil Smith, sentenced here to five years for an attempted bribery, says he has paid ninety-six thousand dollars in fines for his friend's breaches of Temperance Act.

PARIS MODIFIES ITS ATTITUDE TO WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

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SURROUNDED, INDIAN SUICIDES

VICTORIA, B.C., Oct. 13.—Surrounded by possees, Ernest Taylor, Byohout Indian, wanted for the killing of three other Indians, crawled into a hollow tree trunk and shot himself through the head.

COMMISSIONER TO CANADA

LONDON, Oct. 14.—G. T. Milne, who recently returned to Great Britain from South Africa, where he acted temporarily as senior trade commissioner, has been appointed senior trade commissioner for Great Britain in Canada and Newfoundland. He leaves on October 19 to take up his new duties.

CROOKS LEAVING THE BIG TOWNS

Scatter for Winter Offensive to Smaller Cities and Start Operations

CHICAGO CHIEF KNOWS

"They Found Villages Easy Places to Work" Says Head of Windy City Force

CHICAGO, Oct. 14.—The crook who figures the world owes him a living has taken a gun and gone to the small town to collect.

Crooks and highwaymen have deserted the big cities and have started their winter offensive against villages of a few thousand population. Reports reaching Chicago police headquarters, the clearing house for middle-western crime, show that in the last twenty-four hours activities of bandits, thugs, and yeggs have centred in towns and villages.

This increased record of crime, according to Police Chief Fitzmorris, marks the opening of the winter crime season.

"The small town is to be the victim this winter instead of large cities," Fitzmorris said. "This, I believe, is due to the precautions taken by police in big cities. With squads in readiness to combat crime, the yeggs have been driven from the larger cities."

"They find villages easy places to work. The small town bank seldom has squads. Usually, only the cashier is on duty."

"The outbreak in crime in the last twenty-four hours—the most startling for months—is not due to any organized band with a master mind as leader," said Fitzmorris. "The small bands of robbers are playing their own games."

MRS. A. JOHNSON

Lena Christina Johnson, wife of Mr. A. Johnson, 105 Lingham street, passed away last evening after a two years' illness. She was a daughter of Mr. C. C. Stewart and was twenty-five years of age.

DIED MINUTE AFTER SHE WAS AWAKENED

Wife of Mrs. William McQuaid of Kingston in Belleville—Hears Bad News

With startling suddenness, death claimed Ellen McMahon, wife of William McQuaid, yesterday at her home on Russell street, Kingston. Deceased had been in excellent health and had gone to her bed in a cheerful manner and had shown no trace of the least illness. When the family was rising, one of the members went to her room to rouse her and one minute after Mrs. McQuaid had awakened, she passed away.

Mrs. McQuaid was a Roman Catholic and attended St. Mary's Cathedral. She is survived by her husband, six sons and four daughters. Mr. Bertram McQuaid, of Belleville is a son.

Funeral will take place tomorrow to the Cathedral and thence to St. Mary's cemetery.

DUKE OF YORK TACTFUL

LONDON, Oct. 14.—The Duke of York, second son of his Majesty King George, when accepting an invitation to visit Sheffield on November 4 to open the new super-electric power station, intimated his inability to attend the Cutlers' feast on the ground that it would not be right for him to be present at such a function while so many workless people were compelled to go hungry.

L. G.'S INFLUENCE FELT

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