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FRIDAY'S CONFERENCE

The conference to be held in Fredericton on Friday next, called by Premier Foster and Hon. Mr. Tweeddale, should have important results. The farmers of the province have of course decided to increase production this year, since they are assured of a ready market and good prices, but they are confronted with many difficulties. There is a scarcity of fertilizer, of seed, and of labor. Possibly also some are handicapped by lack of capital. The conference next Friday will have the immediate effect of revealing the exact conditions and the most urgent needs, as all parts of the province will doubtless be well represented. With fairly full information at hand the conference can set itself to the task of devising ways and means, with government co-operation, and the co-operation also, let us hope, of all the municipal and civic organizations and public bodies such as boards of trade and school authorities, to ensure the largest possible production this year and next. For the shortage will not end with this year. The general situation may be even more acute next year. It would be the part of folly for the people of the cities and towns and villages to try to luck and assume that everything will come out all right. The earth yields only when crops are planted and cultivated, and when we calmly think of the number of men withdrawn from productive employment to wage war and provide war materials we must realize that this is a most damaging effect upon food production, especially since the number of belligerent countries is increasing and thus lessening the amount of labor available for the cultivation of the soil. We in Canada, a food producing country, from which the actual fighting is a long way off, have never realized fully the need of economy, to say nothing of increased production. Money has been plentiful to an unusual degree, and the thought of possible food-shortages has never occurred to us as even a remote possibility. We may as well face the fact, however, that even with the utmost effort this year and next will be lean years in food-production in the world at large, and Canada will be called on to do more than ever before in the export of food products.

LINCOLN ON CONSCRIPTION

The New York Times recalls the following statement in regard to conscription in the Civil War— "The principle of draft, which simply is involuntary or enforced service, is not new. It has been practiced in all ages of the world. It was well known to the framers of our constitution as one of the means of raising armies, at the time they placed in that instrument the provision that the congress shall have power to raise and support armies." It had been used just before in establishing our independence, and was also used under the constitution in 1812. Whereas is the peculiar hardship now? Shall we shrink from the necessary means to maintain our free government which our grandfathers employed to establish it and our own fathers have already employed to maintain it? Are we degenerate? Has the manhood of our race run out?

Bangor Commercial—The Massachusetts legislature, in both its branches, has passed under suspension of the rules a bill providing that the cultivation of land and the raising, harvesting, preservation and transportation of agricultural products shall not be unlawful on Sunday while the United States is at war.

"Hon. Mr. Tweeddale has taken hold of his department in an energetic manner and is determined to make it of real value to the agricultural interests of the province. The staff is now being reorganized and efficiency will be the watchword from this time forward. An excellent start has been made in the appointment of Mr. W. R. Reek of Ottawa, as deputy minister. Mr. Reek has been in the employ of the Ontario and Dominion departments of agriculture. For two years he was secretary to the late Mr. C. C. James, who enjoyed a national reputation as an agricultural expert. Mr. Reek entered upon his duties last week and is now assisting the minister in the reorganization of the department. He has the reputation of being a hard worker. He not only possesses expert knowledge of agriculture, but has the ability to impart it to others."

SAVE BOTTLES AND CANS

Old Receipts Suitable for putting up Winter Food

Hogewies are urged to save bottles, especially wide-necked ones, to be used for preserving, in a bulletin issued by the United States department of agriculture. The department points out that there threatens to be a serious shortage of regular jars and preserving cans this fall. Fruits and jams, when sealed with corks or paraffin, can be kept perfectly in bottles. Fruit juices may also be packed in small-necked bottles.

THE WAR SITUATION

We are told in one of today's cables that the chief advantage gained by the British and French in the west is that they have compelled the Germans to bring up numerous divisions which had been intended for use elsewhere, and have shattered these divisions beyond repair. Of course whatever reduces the strength of the enemy is an advantage, if not attended by too great loss for the Allied forces. It is to be noted, however, that France has appealed to the United States to send an army to Europe, which shows that there is a limit to the sacrifices of men France can afford to make; and unless recruits come faster the same is true of Britain. The Germans take a lot of beating and still have fresh divisions to throw into the fray.

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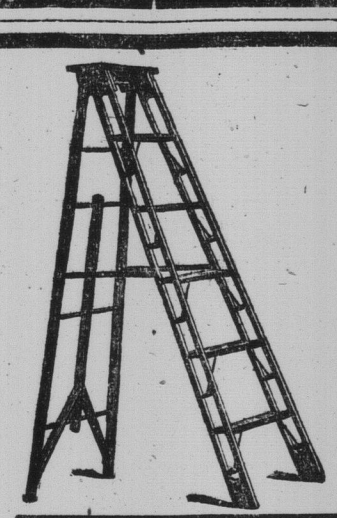


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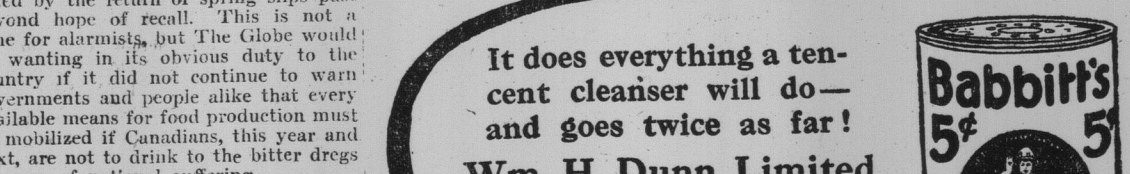
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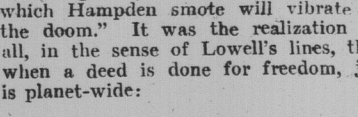
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(Boston Herald)

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