

from 634,569 to 997,255; in 1918, 30,000,000 lbs. of maple sugar were gathered against 10,000,000 lbs. in 1911.

On the morrow of the signature of the treaty of peace and at the moment when diplomatic and commercial relations are being re-established between the nations of Europe, after five years of war during which all energies were directed towards mutual destruction, may we hope that the new era will bring to a tired world prosperity with peace. This question which is of such vital interest, far exceeds the purport of this report. The peoples of this world will in a no distant future decide and determine if the civilized countries, after fighting victoriously for the rights and liberties of individuals and nations, shall witness the downfall of their civilization allowing the substitution therefor of bolchevism, anarchy, laziness, inefficiency, incompetence and ignorance invariably wedded to unhappiness and misery. This problem, the solution of which can neither be indefinitely postponed or ignored, must be faced squarely by all and the nations and peoples of the world must make their choice between work, order and prosperity on the one hand, or bankruptcy, idleness and disorder on the other. From the choice made between work honestly performed and equitably remunerated and the pursuit of utopias and chimerical dreams will depend future relations between citizens of a country and between the divers nations of the world. The nations which are wealthy, industrious and thrifty will consent to pool their resources only with nations who pursue a common ideal of progress and industry; in other words international credits await the return of confidence in the economic conditions of the various countries. The course of international exchange, which offers at present such serious obstacles to foreign trade, will again become normal in-so-far and only as rapidly as stable conditions of labour and production are restored in the various countries. We have absolute