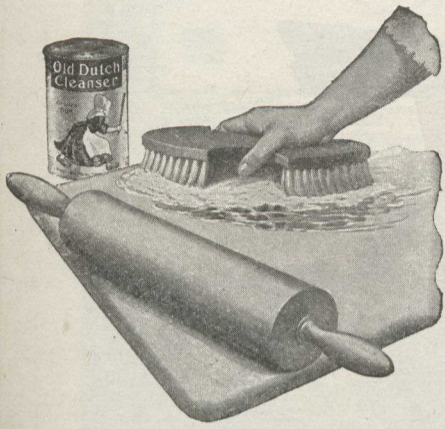


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Editor's Talk

THE whole world is facing a crisis—the food supply is none too large. As civilization advances, more people gather into cities where there are street cars, electric lights, and moving-picture shows. Since 1896 and 1897, the prices have moved steadily upward. In January they touched the highest point since 1884. In February, according to our own Department of Labour, they went up still further, from 131.4 to 134.3. Add to this the industrial unrest among the coal-miners of Europe and North America, and there is trouble in sight.

Is there a remedy? Most people think not. They fold their hands and face what to them is the inevitable. Not so Charles H. McIntyre, who contributes an article to this issue. He has been investigating this subject for years and has a suggestion to make. Not a cure-all, he admits, but a partial remedy which has helped in Ireland, Germany, West Australia and New Zealand. He would not only invite people back to the land, but he would provide them with capital on easy terms.

We should like our readers to study Mr. McIntyre's suggestions and to write us some letters of approval or criticism. What he says was prepared for the Province of New Brunswick, but his remedy might be applied in any one of the nine provinces in which this national weekly circulates.

There is little to be gained by lamenting the present prices for potatoes, butter, eggs, meat and general household necessities. There is little profit in saying that the farmer is lazy or asks too much for his wares. There is no benefit in cursing the wholesaler, the cold-storage warehouseman or the middleman. What the world wants is more food at moderate prices. How are we to get it? That is the question which the "Canadian Courier" would like to see discussed by men with constructive ideas.

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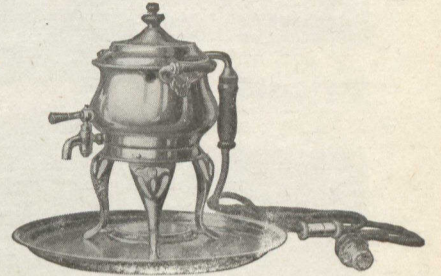
We are pleased to be able to announce that Dr. Workman will contribute a third article entitled, "How to Make Religion Universal." These articles have attracted considerable attention and have led a number of readers to ask that more material of this kind should appear in the "Canadian Courier." A subscriber in St. Catharines writes as follows:

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