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NEEDS OF THE RED CROSS ARE STILL MOST URGENT

Never Before Was There a Time When Women Workers Should be More Active Than at the Present

Sir William Peterson, president of McGill University, Montreal, who recently visited France, describes some of his experiences in the University Magazine. Speaking of the Canadian Red Cross headquarters in Boulogne, France, Sir William says:

"Here are stored all the multifarious supplies which reach Boulogne, both from Canada and from London. What an amount of loving care and foresight on the part of the workers and contributors throughout the world is represented in these stores. Nothing seems to be lacking, either in the way of medical and surgical supplies or creature comforts. The need is so great that in the month of July the contents represented a value of half a million dollars. And no matter how full the warehouses may be, their whole consignment is cleared on an average once a month. Let the workers in Canada and elsewhere continue their anguished efforts in the full confidence that every ounce of the goods they supply reaches its mark, and that here, as in everything else I was privileged to witness, the work of administration is above criticism."

What Is To Be Done?

Since Sir William saw those warehouses, the Battle of the Somme has been fought, draining dry the accumulated stores of the society. "Shall we begin reducing our commitments to the French authorities?"

The above question occurs in a letter dated Oct. 6 to the chairman of the executive, from Major Bryan in charge of Red Cross stores and warehouses in England.

The only reasons for suggesting a reduction to France are:

(a) The growing needs of our own Red Cross work and that of our allies.

(b) The diminishing supplies which are being sent forward from Canada.

The question which now presents itself is to reduce our commitments to France? The answer must be given, not only by the executive, but by the women of Canada.

Roy Hayes, who, it is charged, was associated with Jos. Rellinger in using gross and insulting language over the telephone, was arrested at Waterloo. Rellinger has been sentenced to 30 days.

FIRING OF THE FIRST GUNS

Auspicious Opening of Patriotic Fund's Campaign to Raise \$6,000,000

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—The officers of the Canadian Patriotic Fund are greatly elated over the encouraging outlook for the fund in Ontario in 1916, owing to the generous action of the county councils of Simcoe, Victoria and Dufferin at the fall sessions. The decision of these councils marks the real beginning of the campaign which will reach its climax in January and February to raise at least six millions in this province in 1916. As this is a million dollars more than was subscribed for the fund in Ontario in 1915, it has been felt by the fund authorities that much of the success of the campaign would depend on the increase of the grants made by the county councils.

The three counties which have already acted have done so well and shown so generous an example that the chances of obtaining the desired sum are now considered greatly improved.

Simcoe, which in the past, has lent the support of the fund largely to the township and town councils, has decided to make a general levy on the whole county for the purposes of the fund. This implies taxing not only the rural districts, but such important centres as Orillia, Collingwood, Barrie and Midland. The sum to be given is \$10,000 a month, making the fine aggregate of \$120,000 in the year. This is a large increase over 1915, and the county councillors have unanimously supporting the grant, have shown not only their appreciation of the fund, but their political courage, for naturally the majority of them are offering for re-election in January and will have to justify their action before their constituents. But more than this, the Simcoe councillors expressed the hope that the voluntary grants by individuals and organizations would be continued. The county grant represents two and one half miles on the dollar.

Victoria, a county much smaller in wealth and population, has also excelled itself, and has raised its contribution from \$2,500 a month to \$5,000, or a total of \$60,000 in a year. This means a tax of three mills on the dollar. It is a noble grant and places Victoria well up in the front rank of Ontario counties for generosity in giving as it is for recruiting.

Dufferin in 1916 gave \$500 a month. It has decided to quadruple this for 1917, and will give \$2,000 a month, a splendid increase.

The fund's campaign has certainly started with a bang!

MARKETS

FRUITS

Apples, bushel	40 to 50
Apples, basket	20 to 25
Pears, basket	20 to 25
Bacon, side	\$9 31 to \$9 38
Bacon, back	0 10 to 0 15
Beef, per lb.	0 15 to 0 18
Beef, hinds	0 15 to 0 18
Chickens, each	0 75 to 0 80
Dry salt pork	0 18 to 0 20
Hams, per lb.	0 15 to 0 18
Kidneys	0 15 to 0 20
Lamb	0 25 to 0 30
Mutton	0 25 to 0 30
Smoked shoulder	0 25 to 0 30

VEGETABLES

Beans, quart	0 08 to 0 10
Beans, bushel	0 10 to 0 12
Cabbage, doz.	2 00 to 2 50
Cabbage, each	3 for 10 cents
Carrots, basket	0 10 to 0 15
Horseradish, bottle	0 15 to 0 20
Onions, pk.	0 50 to 0 60
Potatoes, basket	0 25 to 0 30
Potatoes, bushel	2 35 to 2 35
Parsnips, basket	0 25 to 0 30
Pumpkins, basket	0 15 to 0 20
Turnips, basket	0 15 to 0 20
Lettsuce, bunch	0 05 to 0 06
Parley, bunch	0 05 to 0 06

FISH

Halibut, stock, lb.	0 20 to 0 30
Kipper, herring	0 13 to 0 15
Pickered	0 12 to 0 15
Salmon, lb.	0 15 to 0 20
Whitefish, lb.	0 15 to 0 18

DAIRY PRODUCTS

Butter, creamery, per lb.	0 45 to 0 50
Butter, dairy, per lb.	0 40 to 0 45
Eggs, per doz.	0 15 to 0 20
Honey, comb, clover	0 25 to 0 30

TORONTO MARKETS

By Courier Leased Wire.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—Receipts at the Union Stock Yards today were 874 \$1 calves, 2341 hogs, 610 sheep.

Trade was active and prices strong. Export cattle \$9.25 to \$9.50; butcher's choice, \$8.50 to \$8.75; medium, \$7 to \$8.25; common, \$6.25 to \$6.75; butcher cows, choice \$7.50 to \$7.75; medium \$6.50 to \$6.75; canners, \$4.40 to \$4.50; bulls, \$5 to \$7.75; feeding steers \$5.50 to \$6; stockers, choice \$5.50 to \$6.00; light, \$4.50 to \$5.20; milkers, choice each \$50 to \$120; springers \$50 to \$120; sheep, ewes, \$3.75 to \$3.25; lambs \$12 to \$12.60; hogs fed and watered \$11.75; calves \$5 to \$12.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK

By Courier Leased Wire.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Cattle receipts 27,000; market, weak; native beef cattle, \$6.90 to \$12.50; western steers \$6.90 to \$10.40; stockers and feeders \$4.50 to \$7.75; cows and calves \$3.40 to \$10.40; calves \$9.25 to \$10.25; hogs, receipts 63,000; market dull, 10c to 15c lower; light \$8.85 to \$9.65; mixed \$9.25 to \$10.00; heavy \$9.45 to \$10.05; pigs \$8.45 to \$9.80; pigs \$7.00 to \$8.75; bulk of sales \$9.45 to \$9.90; sheep, receipts 24,000; market, firm; native wethers \$3.70 to \$4.60; lambs, native \$10.50 to \$13.25.

EAST BUFFALO

By Courier Leased Wire.

East Buffalo, Dec. 13.—Cattle receipts 200; steady.

Veals—Receipts 25; active \$4.50 to \$4.

Hogs—Receipts 2,500; slow; heavy, \$10.40 to \$10.50; mixed \$10.25 to \$10.40; yorkers \$10.25 to \$10.40; light yorkers \$9.25 to \$9.75; pigs \$9 to \$9.25; roughs \$9.25 to \$9.35; stags \$7 to \$8.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts 600; active; lambs \$8.50 to \$10.35; others unchanged.

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Peace Proposals

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Reasons Alleged

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A Bid For Sympathy.

New York, Dec. 13.—Germany's peace offer aroused the keenest interest among neutrals, adherents of the Allies and pacifists, says The Tribune. Neutrals believed that, if sincere, the offer indicated a broken change of heart on Germany's part and might lead to real peace negotiations. Some of them, however, voiced the suspicion that the proposal was intended for home consumption. Members of the League to Enforce Peace expressed hope and declared their readiness for the campaign that comes with the resumption of diplomatic relations.

Some of those declared that the proposal was made simply for the purpose of reelection, that Germany might have an excuse for even more relentless measures than before. Pacifists saw the dawn of peace, and could discern no reason for the rejection of the terms.

"The German peace proposals," said Hamilton Holt, editor of The Independent, "certainly indicate one thing—that a great change has come over Germany. Six months ago Germany would not listen to suggestions from some of her own people that

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