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WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 15.

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Remarked in Passing.

They say women curates will soon be at work in English churches. But what will young unmarried members of the congregation say about this proposal?

Two men are under arrest charged with the theft of a cigar case valued at \$10,000 from Charles M. Schwab. Does this mean that Mr. Schwab will henceforth be reduced to carrying his cigars in his vest pocket in the ordinary way.

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The Farmers are Consolidating.

The one clear thing on the political horizon these days is the increased solidarity and broadening outlook of the organized farmers of Canada. They are growing in numbers and making a close study of politics and of economics. And they are tackling their own business problems at the same time that they are tackling politics.

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Some Landlords are Hard-Hearted

(Continued From Page 1.) able to pay for the privilege of getting work, 90 have been placed in positions since last Friday night. Counting those who have repeated requests for relief, the number granted relief totals nearly 600.

Perhaps the most unpleasant factor in the present situation is the threatened eviction of tenants, the threats carried out in some cases. It is understood that at present there is not quite the desired co-ordination of effort in this matter between the Salvation Army, and the city, because there are so many cases, and the cases are difficult to deal with. But cordiality has featured all the work carried out. The difficulty has been to deal satisfactorily with the problem which is tickling at the disposal of the authorities, namely, the \$50,000 granted by the city council.

Brigadier Fraser of the social service department of the Salvation Army yesterday cited the case of Ray Larson, who lived with his wife and child in the East Dundas street district of the city. While this man was looking for work on Monday at the central employment office, the landlady bundled him out of his home, and all their belongings out of the house. The brigadier and Captain McElhinney, immediately they received word of this, got in touch with their reception home and they were able to get the family "homed," and there they will remain until the Army can find them comfortable quarters. Captain McElhinney reported that when necessary, with the brigadier's office, told of 150 extreme cases of unpaid rentals and threatened evictions.

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Protest Wage Scale. It is interesting to note that John W. Bruce, general organizer for the plumbers' and steamfitters' union in Ontario, has wired to Hon. Gideon Robertson, minister of labor, to the effect that he is in favor of the company's intention to pay wages less than those prevailing in the locality. He protests against what he terms a violation of the government contract clause, which calls for union "or prevailing" wages.

Herbert Wright, business manager for the shipbuilders' union, stated that none of his men had been taken on to date, and that the management was evidently preparing to out wage. The union had applied to the vocational branch of the S.O.S.—establishment for men, he said, as follows: Carpenters, 75 cents an hour; blacksmiths, 75 cents; joiners, 75 cents; bolters-up, 50 cents, and reamers, 50 cents.

Improvement Next Month. Major Burrows of the Salvation Army employment bureau expressed the belief that conditions would change for the better after the middle of next month when stocktaking was finished and a new era of business ushered in. Employers were now laying off large numbers of employees because of lack of demand, but lowered prices would stimulate buying and production would also receive an impetus.

All day yesterday long lines of men gathered outside the employment bureau at 45 West King street. The men were ushered in one by one by a police constable, and then they were lined up in this system many farmers lost good men and good men lost good homes, so today officials will "gauntlet" the waiting lines for prospective farm and other help.

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REAPPOINT R. BRETT ALBERTA GOVERNOR

Term of Office Extended Another Five Years—Native of Ontario.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—(Special).—Hon. Dr. R. C. Brett has been reappointed lieutenant-governor of Alberta. His term of office expired October 31, but he was asked to continue for the remainder of the year, and now has been reappointed for the full five-year term. Hon. Dr. Brett has given the greatest satisfaction to all classes in Alberta during his term of office, and his appointment for another term will meet the wishes of the electorate of that province.

A Native of Ontario. A native of Ontario, he went west in 1880 and has been closely identified with western development for forty years. During that period he was one of the founders of Manitoba University, and was also a member of the Canadian Pacific, member of the legislative assembly of the Northwest Territories, president of the territorial executive council, and leader of the opposition.

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Protest Wage Scale. It is interesting to note that John W. Bruce, general organizer for the plumbers' and steamfitters' union in Ontario, has wired to Hon. Gideon Robertson, minister of labor, to the effect that he is in favor of the company's intention to pay wages less than those prevailing in the locality. He protests against what he terms a violation of the government contract clause, which calls for union "or prevailing" wages.

Herbert Wright, business manager for the shipbuilders' union, stated that none of his men had been taken on to date, and that the management was evidently preparing to out wage. The union had applied to the vocational branch of the S.O.S.—establishment for men, he said, as follows: Carpenters