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The Real Cause?

THE Monocle Man, writing in a recent issue of the "Canadian Courier," discussed the prospect of better times next year. He said the root of the trouble was no funds. A correspondent writes to urge another reason of the hard times, which we have had for a year:

Hanover, 26th July, 1914. Editor, Canadian Courier:

The "Monocle Man" has his finger very neatly on the mainspring of the hard times that have struck us; but that being beyond our control, we can not take much benefit from the ex-

take much benefit from the ex-tion. There is another side, howposition. ever, from which we might gain a useful lesson, and which you ought to take up in a future paper. The main question for us is, "Why did the blow crumple us up so disgracefully?"

And in answering that, the real estate of the state of the s

tate raid which you have dismissed so lightly will certainly come in for a share of attention. To elucidate, let me tell a tale of facts observed in my own town and township; easily representative, no doubt, of all Canada.

A few years since Mr. A. bought a farm in the North-West at \$6 per acre,

farm in the North-West at \$6 per acre, wild prairie, paid \$1 per acre down out of his savings and \$5 he borrowed from J. B. One year later he sold the farm to Mr. B. for \$12 per acre. B. paid \$2 down and borrowed \$5 from J. B. Two years later B. sold to C. at \$16 per acre, C. paying \$1 down and borrowing \$5 from J. B. Two years later C. sold to D. at \$22 per acre, D. paying \$2 down and borrowing \$5 from J. B. Two years later C. sold to D. at \$22 per acre, D. paying \$2 down and borrowing \$5 from J. B. Last of all D. returned from J. B. Last of all D. returned the farm to E. at \$25 per acre; but when E. applied to J. B. for a loan of \$5 per acre, J. B. said, what is on that farm, anyway? Any crop, any improvements? And E. said, no, but I can soon sell it again for \$30 per acre. Then J. B. buttoned up his pocket and said, "I have lent \$20 per acre on that place already, and I'm dinged if I lend another penny on it until there are some improvements made." But by that time the price was so high that no farmer could pay it, add the improvements and make his own out of it. Then the slump began. Now, who was to blame and why? Surely we have been devoting too much of our time and money to non-productive enterprise, if the Europeans leave theirs to destructive forms.

Yours, etc., E. T. EEDE.

Another Method

A TYPE of industry new to Canada is to be located in British Columbia. Mr. St. John Harms worth, a distinguished British capital. ist, and a brother of Lord Northcliffe, is the prime mover in an enterprise is the prime mover in an enterprise for the development of medicinal springs near Windermere. In association with a group of wealthy men, he proposes to develop the Sinclair Radium Hot Springs at Kootenay, and will erect there a large sanitarium and bottling works. The idea seems to be to make a spa, such as Marienbad, in Germany, or Harrogate.

This is not Mr. Harmsworth's first hot-springs enterprise. Through him, Perrier water has become famous the world over. It was he who, seeing the springs at Perrier, decided to turn their medicinal properties to commercial account.

cial account.

As some people are very anxious to see the bar abolished in Canada, they should welcome the news of the production of a new table water, regarding it in the light of a competitor against the liquor traffic. Possibly, by elimination and substitution, the bar might thus be abolished. Mr. Bryan quaffs a glass of grape juice and finds it good. Why shouldn't our ministers go in for popularizing this new drink? cial account.

Too Often.

According to the Washington Star, Mr. George Ade was sitting with a little girl of eight, who looked up from her "Hans Christian Andersen" and asked: "Does m-i-r-a-g-e spell marriage, Mr. Ade?"

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