

News Notes

For the week ending Jan. 16, 1919, there were 15 business failures in Canada as compared with 16 for the previous week, and 26 for the corresponding week last year. In 1917 there were 38 for the corresponding week, in 1916, 37, and in 1915 there were 79.

The People's Moderation Party has been organized at Vancouver with the object of securing modifications in the liquor legislation of the province. Aitken Tweedele, acting-secretary, states that representations would be made to the provincial government to allow the sale of light wines and beer, and the sale of liquor by the government under proper regulations, while opposition to the treating system was expressed.

Returns from three great Union Stock Yards of the Prairie Provinces, namely, Winnipeg, Calgary and Edmonton, show that during the season of 1918 nearly \$73,000,000 worth of stock was handled in these yards, an increase of over \$14,000,000 over 1917.

According to estimates compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the national income of Canada probably amounted to two billions in 1917, and was likely increased by the rise in wages to \$2,400,000,000 in 1918.

The Eagle Star and British Dominions Insurance Company is absorbing the British Crown Assurance Corporation of London. The latter writes fire, burglary, accident, employers' liability, plate glass and other lines.

Dr. G. C. Creelman, Commissioner of Agriculture for the Province of Ontario, and Principal of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, addressing the Agricultural Club of Ottawa at the University Club Rooms, repeated a message to the farmers of Canada from Right Hon. R. E. Prothero, Secretary of the English Board of Agriculture.

"I asked him for a message to the farmers of Canada," said Dr. Creelman, "and he told me that they wanted our chilled beef, and that Canada should develop the chilled beef trade right away in preference to the live cattle trade. He urged that there should be no delay. He also said that after the war Great Britain would not devote so much effort to raising hogs, because they could be fed cheaper on this side of the Atlantic, and as long as she can get pork products from this continent she would be satisfied to do so."

Dr. Creelman, remarking on the present hold-up in the bacon purchases said that while he had no direct information he regarded it as merely a temporary congestion.

Shipping was brisk in Quebec Harbor during the navigating season of 1918, according to figures from the harbor master. A total of 640 vessels, coastwise or overseas, came to Quebec during the summer of 1918. Eighty-one transatlantic vessels came direct to Quebec, while sixty-two passed through on their way to Montreal, making a grand total of 143 ocean-going vessels that came to Quebec. Outside of this, 133 coastwise vessels came to Quebec from Gulf ports, and 364 came down to Quebec from Montreal and the Great Lakes. During the navigation season of 1917, Quebec had seen a total of 681 vessels, both coastwise and oceanic. Further, a number of convoys, escorted by American, French and British warships, left for overseas with Canadian and American troops. It is estimated that, all told, Quebec embarked during 1918 over forty thousand troops, or marines, from the United States.

A calorie is the unit of food value and corresponds to the energy or heat necessary to raise the temperature of 1 pound of water 4 deg. Fahr.

The Food Production Department of the British Board of Agriculture has been asked by the War Cabinet to obtain information as to the possibility of carrying out schemes of land reclamations, if supplies of soldier labor should be available for the purpose during the period of demobilization.

The Press Bureau announces that the interdepartmental committee of prisoners of war announces that the German authorities have assured the Netherlands minister at Berlin that no secret prisoner camps now exist or have ever existed. The Netherlands minister states that there is no evidence of their existence. Search parties are still in Germany, seeking prisoners whose whereabouts are undisclosed.

The demand for British films has led to the formation of "British Films, Limited," under the direction of Jule and Jay J. Allen, which is being organized to import, distribute and exploit the leading photoplays of Britain and stories woven around British and Canadian life.

A history of the R. A. F. in Canada is being compiled from official data by an Air Force officer who is well known to Canadians as an author. It will contain the history of the whole brigade in detail, showing photographs of camps, units and panoramic views of the entire strength at demobilization.

The Dominion Government has decided that all enemy interned prisoners, who may be regarded as dangerous or undesirable, shall be repatriated with the least possible delay.

Two new cables are to be laid between San Francisco and Japan within the next two years, according to K. Uchida, former Japanese Vice-minister of Communication.

The Standard Bank of Canada.

Quarterly Dividend Notice No. 113.

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend at the rate of THIRTEEN PER CENT. PER ANNUM upon the Capital Stock of this Bank has this day been declared for the quarter ending 31st January, 1919, and that the same will be payable at Head Office in this City, and at its branches on and after SATURDAY, the 1st of February, to Shareholders of record of the 23rd of January, 1919.

The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Head Office of the Bank in Toronto, on Wednesday, the 26th of February next, at 12 o'clock noon.

By order of the Board,

C. H. EASON,

General Manager.

Toronto, December 20th, 1918.

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Nicolet, December 5th, 1918.

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