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### PRICES AND PRODUCTION.

We are told that prices of manufactured goods cannot come down unless the cost of production is reduced. The chief item in the cost of production is labor, and it is obvious that reduction in wages will not be agreed to without a struggle. There is, however, one way of meeting the situation, and that is to give more work for the wages now paid. On every hand complaint has been made that not only has better pay not always produced better work, but production has actually been reduced, the workmen in many cases refusing to give a fair day's work for a fair day's pay, their indifference and carelessness growing with the scale of wages. This habit has not been universal, and recent reports from some of the great corporations in the United States show that there has been a marked improvement in production, because of a clearer understanding on the part of employees that it was to their own interest, in order to keep the industry going, that there be no lessening but rather an increase in the output. Canadian Finance puts the case very clearly as follows: "The cost of production must come down before we can have a permanent drop in prices—and a very material factor in the cost of production is the cost of labor. Wages are not going down and will not go down without a very determined struggle by labor to keep them up. But in the process of readjustment labor may find it good policy to give more for what it gets—that will be equivalent to a reduction in the cost of production. There may be no need for a marked reduction in wages, but there is great need for greater production by labor. Every man should do a honest day's work for an honest day's pay—then we may get a permanent drop in prices. The cost of production must come down before that drop is possible."

### VANCOUVER.

The city of Vancouver is enjoying a healthy growth. The value of building permits issued for the last nine months exceeded that for the corresponding period last year by a million dollars. For September the value was \$890,000. The city anticipates a rapidly increasing ocean trade. A recent letter says: "The contract for the construction of the superstructure and shed of the new Ballantyne pier on Burrard Inlet has been awarded to the Northern Construction Co. The first Holland-America boat to reach Vancouver on the new run from Amsterdam, is the Remdyk. This boat will carry a large shipment of canned salmon upon her return trip. The increased freight rates will drive a considerable amount of transcontinental freight to water transportation, shippers in this city assert. The agreement recently completed between the Canadian government and the British-India Steam Navigation Co. will result in the commencement of steamship service between Vancouver and Bombay, Calcutta and Singapore, in November. It is believed that lumber will soon be shipped to the east in large quantities by water. Foreign enquiries are mainly for railroad ties. Great Britain has bought considerable quantities, France is enquiring and North Africa is in the market for 45,000,000 feet of sleepers. The rates on shipping from the Pacific coast to the River Plate have been reduced to \$40 per ton and this will enable B. C. lumber to compete on a favorable basis for this South American trade with South American woods and Southern States' pines." The position of the Pacific port, like that of St. John, ensures it a steadily increasing trade, calling for continued development of its facilities. There are great opportunities for the growth of trade with Japan, China, and even India, and it will bring wealth to Vancouver.

Of the state of trade in the United States, Bradstreet's says: "The hesitant note previously heard in distributive trade seems more pronounced this week, with uncertainty as to prices assigned as the dominant cause, but with greater stress laid on the dulling effect on country trade of the continued seepage in strength of prices of the staple crops, especially wheat, corn and cotton. Fall trade, therefore, seems, as the phrase 'muddling through' expresses it, to be going ahead slowly and painfully, with buying cautious beyond recent experience, and with buyers still disinclined to purchase on what they regard as a falling market."

The September issue of the Canadian Municipal Journal contains a full report of the address delivered by Hon. Dr. Roberts before the convention of the Union of Canadian Municipalities. This address was discussed quite generally, and one speaker declared that no city could spend too much money on public health.

Hon. B. Frank Smith is a bad loser. He is protesting against the election of one of the farmers who is a Liberal. If the defeated independent who also posed as an opposition candidate is wise he will not tempt fate again in a contest with Mr. Tracey, who beat him by more than 800 vote.

### THE UNDESIRABLES.

The exploits of bandits in a number of places in Western Canada have directed attention to the question of the character of the people admitted as immigrants into this country. It appears that most of these crimes are committed by foreigners, and one journal says: "If they had these traits before coming to this country we should know why they were admitted. If the circulation of bolshevik propaganda in foreign settlements causes such men to defy the law, we should know it and counteract its influence. If disease, heredity influences, poverty, illness, drugs, or any one of the enemies of mankind is responsible for these hold-ups—the sooner we know about it the better." It is satisfactory to know that a more careful scrutiny of immigrants is proposed, and that at this point, during the coming winter, there will be expert inspection to discover mental as well as physical defects. It should be such as to reject every undesirable, and there should not, as there has been in the past, be any influence exerted at Ottawa by western interests to let in persons rejected here by the medical inspectors. This country cannot afford to become an asylum for the criminal, the feeble-minded or otherwise unfit. These eastern provinces have had less trouble than others because nearly all of the newcomers have gone west, but we also need a larger population, and it should be selected with the utmost care.

If the Red Cross is able to establish free clinics for schools, as suggested by Hon. Dr. Roberts, it will be a great forward step in the promotion of public health throughout the province. The requests for cottage hospitals show a growing desire on the part of the people to have a thoroughly effective health policy carried out. There has been a wonderful awakening to a knowledge of the value of such a policy since the public health act was introduced and a provincial organization effected, and at a most opportune time the Red Cross is able to lend aid and that is of incalculable value.

Soviet Russia has signed a preliminary peace treaty with the Poles. The terms are very much more favorable to Poland than those the Russians insisted upon before their armies had been buried back in defeat before Warsaw. And now Gen. Wrangel, in South Russia, has launched a new attack upon the bolshevik forces, following a series of successful movements. It is said the Soviet government is disposed now to treat with him also. There is lessening and danger of Bolshevism over Russia and Central Europe.

The Standard deplors the fact that some women made political speeches in the recent campaign. That is because they did not speak in support of a position. The franchise carries with it the right to speak as well as to vote, and the privilege will be availed of to an increasing extent.

It requires a great stretch of the imagination to picture the farmer members of the legislature turning their backs on the constructive policies of the Foster government to unite with the rump of the party whose record is spread on the reports of royal commissions.

There are likely to be interesting developments of the political situation within the next few weeks. Premier Foster has no cause to regard the situation as troublesome from the government standpoint.

The price of sugar must come down. Well, the refiners made hay while the sun shone. If they took too great risks in speculation they must pay the score.

### FORSAKES SCHOOL TO START BEAUTY PARLOR

### And Professor for First Time Pays Income Tax.

Chicago, Oct. 13.—Laboring under the misapprehension that what women have inside their heads makes some difference, Oscar M. Heath, former professor of English in the Englewood high school, wasted thirty years of his life dispensing knowledge. He admits it in announcing that his culture review school will cease to exist after Jan. 1.

"I struggled along with the idea that teaching was a noble art," said the professor. "There are about 3,000 teachers in Chicago today whom I have instructed. But I saw nothing ahead of me in my old age but the poor lot. So I started a lecture party and I found out that it is the outside of their heads, not the inside, that women wish to have filled, and I paid income tax this year for the first time.

"It takes brains to teach. It doesn't take any to run a beauty parlor. So I'm going to devote the rest of my life to the latter."

"Girls working in restaurants, who cannot utter a grammatical sentence, are making \$50 a week in salary and tips. Why waste money and time in being educated, they reason. They get a massage, a manicure and good clothes, and assume a smiling attitude."



**Rippling Rhymes**  
by West Mason  
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**PERIL**  
I fear to cross the village street, where all the autos wind and mix, for I am shaky on my feet, and can't do acrobatic tricks. I tried this morning, just for luck, to dodge across to Johnson's store, and I got tangled with a truck, and broke three ribs and maybe more. By modern ways I'm badly bored; I cannot ramble near or far, but some one climbs me with a Ford or spools my person with a car. In olden times horses drew the vehicles in which men rode, a man could walk a verst or two and have no scarp wounds to be sewed. Then one could cross the public way, according to his sane desires, and not bequeath the old a dray, or wound around some rubber tire. You laugh to scorn the old time ways, the senses at their stinging gauge; but trade went on in brave days, and people got there just the same. And sports found just as much delight in driving Dexter or Maud S., as speeders in their autos bright, who the country with distress, I'd like to cross the village street, to have a haircut and shampoo, but I'm no longer blithe and fleet, I can't outjump a kangaroo.

### CANADA—EAST AND WEST

#### Dominion Happenings of Other Days

#### FOUNDING A CITY.

On a Sunday morning in May in a year soon after the ending of the war in which Britain acknowledged the independence of the colonies in America, a fleet of twenty small ships slipped in the mouth of the River St. John. There was no town upon the shores of the Bay of Fundy and the river banks. All around the water was just a flat of mud and a few hardy settlers were starting life in the vicinity. But white men were few and far between. The newcomers were United Empire Loyalists—men and women who preferred to start life anew under hard circumstances to living under an alien flag. On board each of the vessels there was great commotion as the settlers prepared to go ashore to the new land. The settlers were the old continental descendants with the well oiled old flint-lock musket every ready at hand. They had passed through many a bloody battle field in the recent war and knew dangers and difficulties. Consequently the fear of Indians and other enemies did not daunt them at all. They were exiles and homeless—in many cases almost penniless, but from their arrival that day the province in later years traced their ancestry.

#### IN LIGHTER VEIN

**Politically Speaking.**  
"What do you think of the political situation at home?" the correspondent asked.  
"As little as possible," said Mr. Gloom. "You can say a lot about the League of Nations but the average man appears to be too busy to do so."

#### Plain Lot.

A Lancashire woman had a rooted objection to beards, especially among the clergy. It so happened that a newly-appointed curate boasted a beard, and the woman in question, who was the parish exactly what she thought about it.

#### Getting Even.

By request of a reader this old friend appears once more:  
"I'll ring for Noah to bring a fresh pitcher of water," said the professor's wife.  
"You doubtless mean a pitcher of fresh water," corrected her husband. "I wish you would pay more attention to your rhetoric; your mistakes are curious."

### News Notes About

#### Prominent Baptists

The church at Waterville, Kings Co., N. S., is enjoying and profiting by the ministry of Lic. H. B. Camp. He is likewise pursuing his studies at Acadia. D. C. Kaine passed through St. John last week on his way to Boston, where he plans to spend a year in study at the Gordon Bible College. During the last summer he served as assistant pastor in Amherst.

Rev. H. E. Allaby has concluded his work on the Lullow-Boisdown field, and has left to begin up his possessions with the Quakers church on Rhode Island.

Rev. W. R. Robinson, pastor of the Lullow street church, St. John West, left last week for Washington, where he will attend the session of the World Brotherhood Convention. He received from the Brotherhood of his church a return ticket to Washington and a check to cover all other expenses. He plans to spend some days in New York investigating the social service and particularly the child welfare work.

Rev. Johnson Turnbull, a missionary of the Canadian Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Bolivia, reached Toronto some days ago on his way from his home in New Zealand to his field in South America, this being his first visit to Canada. He will spend about three months in Canada in the interests of the work in Bolivia, with headquarters in Toronto.

### LAYS THE BLAME ON DOMINION OFFICIALS



Replying to a Peterboro deputation which met him regarding the lack of Hydro Power in the central Ontario district, Sir Adam Beck declared that since the commission took over the Electric Power Company's properties some years ago the federal officials had been most unkindly. He added that everything had been done to have Hon. Mr. Meighen give the matter attention.

### LOCAL NEWS

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**FRENCH LESSONS.**  
Mademoiselle Saulnier will be resuming her French classes on Tuesday, Oct. 19. Pupils are requested to report before that date. 45 Elliott Row. Permanent address will be announced shortly.

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**JUVENILE BAND TO PLAY**

One of the big features of the great fall fair of the Martello Cornet Band will be provided on Thursday night next when the City Cornet Band will furnish a special programme of music. The band organization has a most enviable record for concert work and will no doubt attract a record attendance. Special arrangements have been made to entertain large crowds on the occasion of the juvenile band to the West End. The Martello Band will play tonight.

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### LOCAL NEWS

A conference was held yesterday between members of the board of health and representatives of the slaughterhouse proprietors with regard to the matter of opening up a slaughter house which had been closed by the board. It was decided to allow it to re-open.

The ship *Brynildis*, Captain Watt, made the run from Baltimore to Havre in four days short of a month, which is considered excellent for a square rigger. Before leaving Baltimore Captain Watt lost one of his best sailors, a man named Delaney, who had served with the crew of the government boat *Edie*. He heard his cries for help and saved him from being swept out into more dangerous waters.

M. Eagles, 16 years of age, an employe of the Western Union, while on a small raft in the slip at Thorne's wharf yesterday afternoon was carried out into the harbor by the out going tide. When opposite the Sugar Refinery wharf, the crew of the government boat *Edie* L. heard his cries for help and saved him from being swept out into more dangerous waters.

At a meeting held on Monday night the St. David's Young People's Association made preparations for its activities during the winter season and elected the following officers for the ensuing term: President, Major L. T. Allan; first vice-president, Miss Nellie McFerry; second vice-president, J. T. McGowan, Jr.; secretary-treasurer, D. Gordon Willet; assistant secretary-treasurer, Miss Marion Crankshaw.

Miss Eileen Coughlan left Monday evening for New York, where she is to be one of the staff of the New York Public Library. Miss Coughlan, who is a daughter of the late T. L. Coughlan of this city, has for some years been in the Public Library here, and also served overseas as a V. A. D. for two years. Miss Coughlan was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. T. L. Coughlan, and her brother, Louis Coughlan, of the C. P. R., who will make a short stay in New York.

The Hon. Janab Fazel, professor of philosophy in the University of the Shah at Teheran, Persia, and Ahmad Sallab of Hajia, Palestine are at the Royal. The former is a Persian scholar touring Canada and the United States getting ideas for a book on Western Civilization. With W. H. Randall, a well known financier and public speaker, he will address the Canadian Club of this city. Last night at the Art Club rooms Mr. Randall

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