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Canadian Union of Municipalties Makes Suggestions to Govt.

THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE, ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, JULY 30, 1915-2.

Niagara Falls, Ont., July 20 .- The question of unemployment was the main topic under discussion at the meeting of the executive of the Canadian Union of Municipalities, which opened here to-day. and the fait.

The debate on this question wound up with the adoption of a resolution to be sent to the Dominion government asking that where public works have been contemplated or projected they should be gone on with; that the Dominion government confer with the provinciol governments with a view to constructing permanent highways, including a national interprovincial highway; that plans for improvement of industrial pursuits be considered and prepared; that Canada's foreign trade be extended; that industrial exchange be inaugurated; that immigration be restricted, in the main, to farming classes, who should be located on suitable land.

loan to enable them to work the land until it becomes self-sustaining. A motion by Alderman Wicket of Toronto was carried that provincial governments set aside funds for the purchase of suitable market garden W. D. Lighthall successfully mov-

ed that each municipality be asked to appoint an unemployment committee to work with representatives of the federal and provincial govern-On motion by Mayor Walters the present war-order prosperity may d

Dominion government will be asked to purchase all supplies for Canadian ance of trade continues to soldiers in Canada, also that the provincial governments be asked to appoint good roads commissions to serve without salary.

## **Novel Drink Points**

The Rev. George Denyer, vicar of St. Paul's Church, Blackburn, issued some novel drink pints in his parochial letter for November. He stated: The man who can afford to get drunk is too rich.

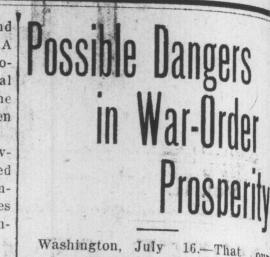
The best thing to keep in the been bottle is the cork. If you get the best of whiskey, it will get the best of you. The man who tried to drown his sorrow in drink found that it could swim

It costs a man more to have a seat in a public house than to have a seat in the church.

It takes a long time to age whisky Alderman Boyd, Montreal, in the but it won't take long for whisky to

discussion, thought the question of age you,-Scottish Reformer razor blade; to chop the municipalities required serious use a keen-edged ax; to carve, use consideration. The government might a knife that will cut.

night conceivably be swelled by another billion of dollars, this official pointed out that in the first place,



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largely in our favor is the stateme of a financial official of the Govern ment. He is the same one who he been urging that the Administration do everything within its power th bring the war to a close by mean of an international conference of t neutral nations; on the ground th international kankruptcy is inevitable if this war goes on. He divides th financial history of the war into three periods. The first was the chaotic condition of August, September, and October, 1914, when we were heavily n debt to Great Britain, then the world's banking centre, and were call. ed upon to pay foreign obligations which it was impossible to settle in stantaneously. The second phase was he gradual working out of this sit. nation at the change to that status now existing, under which the European Governments are enormously t

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be considered was the government might do, but

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what the municipalities were going to do themselves. There should be cooperation and registration, so that he unemployed could be kept track of. There were in Toronto 15,000 or who could each take care 10 mother family. They should be given

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proper opportunity to do their duty. Mayor Walters, Hamilton, asked hat inquiry be made of Canadian minister of agriculture, as to what, if anything, had been done towards plac-

ing the unemployed on vacant land as requested by the mayors last fall.

A Large Question Secretary Lighthall said that the juestion was too big for any govern It should be handled joint committee of delegates from boards of trades, municipalities, the provincial and Dominion governments. He thought the union should urge the formation of such a committee in each of the large centers.

Alderman Blumenthal, Montreal. had found in the west certain companies who placed men on their farms as shareholders. This appealed to him as a suggestion to our government. He thought also the government should get after speculators who hold vacant lands to be sold as town lots. He had miles of this land at Calgary and they also had lots or it around Montreal. The government and the municipalities should join hands and make the owners use the land for something. He traced the high cost of food to speculating in land insteam of cultivating it.

Mayor Church asked how the government was going to carry out those elaborate suggestions while it was busy with the war.

Keep Down Speculators. Mayor Walters, Hamilton, Wanted town-framing commission to keep lown speculative land holding. lepartment of agriculture was deep in the work of the land problems and might be receptive of suggestions. presented a resolution from his union asking the immigration department to supervise and help settlers coming to Canada with the intention

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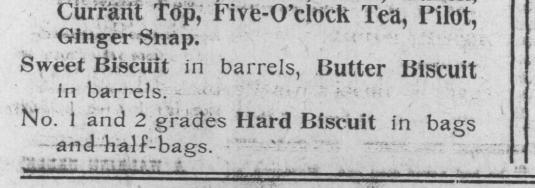
ar as these debts are covered by oans, we must necessarily receive poorer and poorer collateral as time

The Third Phase

In the second place, even if all the warring nations are solvent at the close of the war, the situation which vill then exist-and this will be the hird phase of its financial historyvill be that the piling up of such a redit balance in our favor will mean hat it will take years for Europe o wipe it out and that the debtor ations will be driven to every sort f expedient to pay us back. He fears hat there will result an economic ompetition which will be the sharpst in history; that Europe will dump goods here at any price in its effort o square its account with us. As to what might take place if one or more of these nations should prove bankupt when peace is declared, he does ot care to speculate, but he points out how long it took us to get back on a specie payment basis after Appomattox and suggests that a condition night easily arise under which American goods actually sold at very high

prices would in reality be paid for at a very low price if the purchaser were bankrupt when the final day of ettlement arrived. The difficulty of the situation will be further enhanced. this official avers, if the bankers try to put the brakes on, for then they will be besieged by the manufacturers who will tell them that they have got to find a way to finance payments lest our factories should be compelled to shut down for lack of cash. That the normal business of barter and trade does not contemplate any such one-sided affair as is isting in international trade is obvi ous. Norman conditions mean the exchange of goods on such comparative even terms as to leave relatively little cash to be transmitted by 0 side or the other. The present situation means at best a tremendous train upon the ordinary channels of inancial affairs, whether war may ot have to be stopped on the ground that it has become so costly on its present scale as to be beyond anybody's power to finance much longer They point out that the British Chancellor has just stated that, if "th war were to last thirty-six months. would be impossible rationally to cs timate its cost," and it would als be impossible rationally to estimate

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