

### Improved Conditions— Better Service



TELEPHONE service, like other public services, undoubtedly suffered through the war.

From our staff of skilled telephone workers, 846 went overseas. Many highly efficient operators sought temporary positions in munitions plants. Telephone material became almost unobtainable.

Abnormal conditions are now passing. More than five hundred of our men are back from the front. In most places the supply of competent operators is normal.

These is now the task of restoring the proper margin of reserve plant and of overtaking arrears in repair and maintenance work. The moving season is always difficult. At some exchanges an avalanche of orders for moves comes in—over 13,300 this year at one exchange alone, which meant some-what of a set-back in getting our plant back to normal.

But the work is progressing. Our plans involve an outlay for the year on extensions and replacements of over \$7,000,000. We are giving intensive training in our operators' schools to scores of young women to prepare them for central office positions.

Skilled workers, adequate equipment, a resolve to do the best work possible while realizing that we are all servants of the public—these are the factors which we hope will result in the maintenance of the pre-war standard of telephone service.

And we ask the co-operation of all telephone users.

The Bell Telephone Company of Canada



### Drinking a Glass of Hot Water is a Splendid Habit

Cleanse and sweeten the system each morning and wash away poisonous, stagnant matter.

Those of us who are accustomed to feel dull and heavy when we arise; splitting headache, stuffy from a cold, foul tongue, nasty breath, acid stomach, lame back, can, instead, both look and feel as fresh as a daisy always by washing the poisons and toxins from the body with phosphated hot water each morning.

We should drink before breakfast, a glass of hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it to flush from the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels the previous day's indigestible toxins, thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary tract before eating more food.

The action of limestone phosphate and hot water on an empty stomach is wonderfully invigorating. It cleans out all the four fermentations, gases, waste and acidity and gives one a fine appetite for breakfast. A quarter pound of limestone phosphate costs very little at the drug store, but is enough to make anyone who is bothered with biliousness, constipation, stomach trouble or rheumatism an enthusiast on internal sanitation.

### 65 MILLION BUSHELS OF WHEAT ARE SOLD

Britain, France and Italy Get That Amount, Says Winnipeg Paper

WINNIPEG, Jan. 3.—The Telegram publishes last night a set of figures which, it says, have been obtained by a correspondent from the British Wheat Commission, asserting that the Canadian Wheat Board had disposed of 65,000,000 bushels of 1919 export wheat to Britain, France and Italy by November 15, 1919, and on that date was negotiating the sale of another 10,000,000 bushels to the British Government.

The correspondent says: "I was able to get the following information from the British Wheat Commission. The figures are up to November 15: 'Purchased in Canada: Wheat, 500,000 tons at \$2.44 per bushel; flour 50,000 tons at \$10.05 per barrel.

'France: Wheat, 75,000 tons at \$2.50 per bushel; flour, 25,000 tons at \$11.50 per barrel.

'Italy: Wheat, 100,000 tons at \$2.55 per bushel."

### POWDER PLANT EXPLOSION

Five Men Killed and One Injured—  
Surrounding Territory Shaken

WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 3.—One of the grinding mills of the Hagley plant of the du Pont Powder company blew up yesterday morning five workmen were killed and one was injured.

The building was of flimsy construction. The plant is on Brandywine creek, three miles from here.

Wilmington and the surrounding country for 30 miles were violently shaken and some houses in the immediate vicinity of the plant were badly damaged.

That the holding of municipal elections on New Year's Day is a mistake.

### SIR WILLIAM OSLER

(Buffalo News.)

Sir William Osler, the great physician, lived to refute his dictum, that would be to the general good if at 60 were retired from active life. He lived to round out 70, and was in active practice of his profession up to the last; he died of fullness of his powers. The 10 years of his life were perhaps the most fruitful years. Greater deeds were made on him in the war than ever had been made before, and he proved more than equal to the world of medicine would have been greatly the poorer if he had not retired at the time he did as the limit of usefulness.

Hamilton civic authorities are said to be convinced after six years' trial that Sir William lived to see men of 60

years and more jump into harness in the war emergency and keep the wheels of industry humming when youth was called to the colors. They proved their worth then, the oldsters beyond question. Without them in the factories and the fields, the armies could not have carried on to victory. If Sir William doubted their capacity, when as a man of 55 years he inveighed against them, he had no doubt when he had passed the time limit of his ruling and found himself laboring with them in the most exacting service. Age is a relative matter; it is of infinite variety and capacity. No dictum can stand against it.

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## FARM LOANS for SOLDIERS

## Agricultural Training For Soldier Settlers

A SOLDIER is entitled to the benefits of the Soldier Settlement Act if he can satisfy the Agricultural Qualification Committee in his district that—

- (a) He has performed the required military service;
- (b) He is sincere in his intention to make farming his permanent occupation;
- (c) He is physically capable and is fitted in general to make a success of the farming business.

If he is otherwise qualified, but has not had sufficient practical agricultural experience, the Committee may recommend that he be given agricultural training. A generous scale of allowances for soldiers in training has been adopted.

### Training Centres For Soldier Settlers

The applicant who is recommended for instruction in agriculture may first be sent to a Training Centre, specially operated for the purpose, where he will learn, by practical experience, how to handle and feed horses and other live stock; milking; the operation of farm machinery, ploughing, etc.; general farm building work; farm blacksmithing; the different kinds of soil and rotation of crops; the selection and judging of live stock and the marketing of farm products. Short lectures on the business management of a farm will be given.

### With A Selected Farmer

After the course at the Training Centre, the length of which depends on the progress of the individual but

will not exceed three months, the man is placed with a carefully selected farmer in the district in which he intends to settle, to complete his training. During this period (not exceeding one year), the soldier is visited from time to time by representatives of the Soldier Settlement Board, who check his progress and recommend when he is considered qualified to take up a farm of his own.

It will be evident that by this system of preliminary training the soldier settler will gain a thorough practical knowledge of farming without expense; will learn to appreciate the responsibility involved in the venture, and at the same time gain a clear conception of just what farm life means.

### On His Own Farm

When a settler is deemed qualified by the Agricultural Qualification Committee, the Board will assist him to become established on a farm of his own, and will, through its Agricultural Advisers, continue to co-operate with him in his work, thereby ensuring his success and consequent ability to discharge his obligations and become permanently established.

### Fair To Both

The procedure outlined not only gives the soldier an opportunity of first becoming familiar with his environment and of acquiring the experience requisite to success, but ensures adding to the nation's fundamental industry only competent and satisfied producers.

Detailed information regarding the provisions of the Soldier Settlement Act and further particulars regarding agricultural training may be obtained from the Provincial Superintendent, 32 Adelaide Street, East, Toronto, Ont.

W. J. BLACK,  
Chairman,  
Union Bank Building,  
OTTAWA

## The Soldier Settlement Board



## Farm and Country Life in Canada

FARMING is a basic industry in Canada. From the first days of its publication, The Globe has always strongly advocated the development of scientific agriculture.

When the breeding of pure-bred stock in Canada was first deemed necessary, The Globe, by example and precept, showed what could be done.

The late George Brown was a leader in experiment. At Bow Park Farm, near Brantford, he bred from imported cattle so as to place pure-bred stock at the disposal of his neighbors.

From those days to the present, the furthering of the interests of the Farm and Country Life of Canada has been an important feature of The Globe.

The Weekly Farm Department has always been a source of inspiration to the farmers to improve their knowledge of agriculture.

The Globe believes that one of the best ways of teaching a man is to show him what his neighbor is doing. This is the policy The Globe adopts in its Farm Department. Two members of The Globe staff devote their whole time to the collection of material for this Department and in so doing spend several days each week in the country. They visit good farms all over Ontario and attend Fairs and Conventions. They report all developments in rural life as reflected in these gatherings as well as in the personal experience of successful farmers. Through its "Farm and Country Life" Section, The Globe has identified itself with every movement calculated to improve

the conditions under which farmers and their families do their daily work.

This is the service thousands of Farmers in Ontario and elsewhere receive and appreciate, and one of the reasons why many thousands of them read The Globe.

But that is not all. Seen competition, and the continued fluctuation of prices make it necessary for the farmer and his family to keep in touch with current produce and other commodity prices even from day to day.

The Globe has a well-merited reputation for accuracy, because in nothing is it more dependable than in its market reports. All prices quoted in The Globe are verified by the highest authorities SIX TIMES EVERY WEEK.

But besides all this, The Globe is a Great Family Newspaper. It is as much a necessity and convenience in the Farm Home as anywhere else. The coming of the daily paper to the Farm Home ranks in importance with the rural mail delivery, the telephone, electricity and the good road.

It broadens the outlook of those who live on the farm. It keeps them informed on current events the world over. Not only does The Globe do this, but it serves the agriculturists of Canada in a peculiar and appropriate way.

The service The Globe has already rendered three generations of Farm Life is a guarantee of what it will do in the days to come.

This is why The Globe should have a place in every Farm Home in Ontario.

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## CHINA REDUCES BUT STILL HAS LARGEST ARMY

HAS MILLION AND QUARTER  
SOLDIERS NOW — DECREASE  
TO 980,000

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Officials in Washington have been advised that the plans for the demobilization of the Chinese army contemplate reducing the military strength of China to a standing army of 980,000 men. Advice received indicate that China still has approximately 1,250,000 men under arms, which would mean that this is the largest army now maintained by any country. Even after the contemplated reduction of China's army to 980,000 men, consisting of 50 divisions and 120 mixed brigades, it would be numerically greater than the established military forces of any other nation.

Advice from Peking state that the proposed demobilization is supported by the most influential of the northern Manchus, and that the central Government has given formal assurance to the representatives of various foreign powers that the plan will be carried out as soon as the

necessary arrangements can be completed.

Military experts in Peking, both Chinese and foreign, declared that even the reduced forces will be necessarily large. They are said that an army of 500,000, of which 200,000 men would be stationed along the borders and 300,000 quartered at various points in the interior, would be ample both to protect Chinese territory from possible invasion and to assure the suppression of bandit activities and the maintenance of order within the country.

### FIERCE FIGHTING IN INDIA

Casualties By Both British Forces and Tribesmen Unusually Heavy

MANDANNAKACH, India, Jan. 3.—The fiercest fighting ever experienced on the Indian frontier has been in progress during the last three days in which time the British casualties have been heavier than those in the entire campaign in the Tiarah district in 1897, while the hill tribesmen suffered as never before.

The Mahsuds resisted the advance of the British expeditionary force, in the most stubborn manner. The British column consequently was compelled to remain encamped in the Paozina Plain.

An unnamed bugler boy of the 34th native pioneers showed notable heroism in the hand to hand fighting. Left with only a few comrades, he seized a pickaxe and fought the tribesmen till they retired, when he returned to camp laden with trophies.

### HAS NEW EXCUSE FOR HITTING WIFE

WINNIPEG, Jan. 3.—When Rudolph Botcher was fined in the Police Court yesterday for beating his wife he told Magistrate Macdonald that she made him miss church for the first time in fourteen years on New Year's Day, and then accused him of going around with other women. His wife said that Botcher hit her over the head because she was half an hour late for church. He was bound over to keep the peace hereafter.

A law which has just come into force in Czechoslovakia taxes every imported article of luxury to the extent of at least 10 per cent.

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