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**THE MIDDLEMAN**

The present situation in the milk trade in St. John will probably tend to bring up once again a discussion of the advantage of bringing the producer and consumer into direct contact. In principle, direct dealing between producer and consumer has many advantages, but in practice it is found that the middleman is frequently a necessary evil. The trouble is to find a middleman who will not take undue advantage of present conditions. An honest middleman is in a position to do something for his country in these strenuous days, but unfortunately the tendency among that class is to extract all they can get out of the consumer, regardless of every other consideration.

As we understand the situation in St. John, the present price received by the farmers for their milk is a fraction under 4 cents per quart, and this is retailed by the middleman for eight cents. Farmers are now demanding five cents, and the retailers say that they will have to put up their price to ten cents. The question that will at once be asked is why should the consumer pay two cents extra, when the price to the retailer has only increased one cent? The reasonable and just thing to expect would be that if the cost to the retailer is only one cent more, the extra cost to the consumer should be one cent too, if the retailer plays fair. But they do not appear to be built that way. They want to take advantage of the situation to double their profits. Is it any wonder therefore that the middleman is in disfavour with both producer and consumer?

Why are prices all round soaring skyward in the way they are? Simply because some men cannot resist the chance to take advantage of conditions, regardless of how it may hurt their fellows. Railwaymen in the United States are asking for a five cent increase in wages, an American points out that to meet this, railway companies will be compelled to increase their rates ten cents, which the shippers or consumers will have to pay. To protect themselves, the latter will have to increase the cost of their goods to consumers at least fifteen per cent, and so it goes on. Fifteen per cent extra cost to the wage earners because the railway men demand five per cent extra wages! Where will this sort of thing ultimately end?

**CAN THIS REALLY BE TRUE?**

According to the observations of the Commission of Conservation, the farmers of Canada must be a dirty lot. With a view to solving the very serious problem of making the farm more attractive, and thereby retaining the young people in place of having them transfer their activities to the centres of population, the Commission of Conservation has made an extended survey of conditions on the farm. For this purpose they took observations in four hundred Canadian farms of the better class, farms which average 125 acres, of the whole four hundred, only eight had bathrooms. Sixteen in every hundred had water piped into the houses while seventeen per hundred had furnaces of one sort or other. The Commission further ascertained that there were two motor cars for every bathroom among these four hundred homes. Imagine the drudgery of housework, not to speak of general cleanliness, in homes where both rooms, kitchen sinks and the ordinary sanitary conveniences are unknown, and these among people who from a financial standpoint are better able to afford these things than is the average resident of a town.

London "Truth" informs its readers that the German Government has had the colossal "gall" to offer to exchange 4000 British civilians interned in Germany for the 26,000 German civilians interned in the British Isles. This makes one Britisher worth six Germans, which is no doubt the correct value, but probably the Kaiser did not look at it in that way.

The vice is tightening on the armies of the Central Powers. The Russians are meeting with very pronounced success in the Carpathians, and are an-

**For The British Sailors' Relief Fund**

Town Council Asked to Contribute to the Support of Sailors' Widows and Orphans

Although the call was very short, there was quite a large representation of citizens at the public meeting in the town hall on Wednesday afternoon last. In the interests of the British Seamen's Naval Benevolent Fund, at which were present Mayor McAnn, Mr John T Hawke, editor of the Transcript, and Mr W H Price, chairman of the Board of Assessors, all of the city of Moncton, at whose instance the meeting was called.

Among Newcastle citizens present were: Mayor Fish, chairman of the meeting, Judge Lawlor, Revs W J Bate, S J MacArthur, and J F McCurdy, Ald. Hayward, and Messrs Chas Sargeant, W A Park, D S Jackson, Corey Clarke, E A McCurdy, J R Colton, D Brown, S W Miller, Andrew McCabe, A L Kerr, Geo Stables, G F McWilliam, J H Brown and others.

The above fund is officered by the following influential gentlemen in Canada:

Patron—H R H The Duke of Connaught.

Hon Presidents—Rt. Hon. Sir R L Borden, Prime Minister; Hon J Douglas Hazen, Minister of Marine.

President—William G Ross, President Harbor Commissions of Moncton.

Vice-Pres.—James Carruthers, Pres. Canada Steamship Lines, Limited; Hon. Treasurer—Mayor David Seath.

Hon. Secretary—M. P. Fennell, Jr. Through the Honorary Secretary the above named gentlemen from Moncton were asked to organize branches throughout the different seaport towns, cities and villages in the Province, and Newcastle was the first point of action outside of Moncton.

The British Seamen's Fund is one of the dependants of sailors who have lost their lives in the present great war, and is without question a most commendable one. While it may be late in starting, it is nevertheless, meeting with much success.

From a pamphlet, "The people of Canada Grateful" outlining the object of this fund, the following paragraphs are taken:

"This fund is established to show to a small extent the appreciation of Canada in the only way that is possible at the present time, namely, the donation of money towards Seamen's Institutions and Hospitals of Great Britain.

"Canada is known throughout the world for her generosity and for the large amount of money subscribed to the various Patriotic Funds occasioned by the war. The time has now arisen to add to her numerous gifts a fund that will even in a small way assist the people of the Mother Country in caring for the wounded and sick and orphans of her brave seamen.

"It is not easy to realize the immensity of the task that has been imposed on the British seamen, who, no matter in whatever capacity, whether serving in the fleet, on transport service, mine sweepers, patrol duties or merchant ships, have performed their duties in a manner that has aroused not only the admiration of our own country but the world at large. Without their services and devotion Canada would have been at the mercy of a relentless enemy, her trade and commerce ruined and her people for generations required to pay tribute and feel the result of domination, if not in still greater degree a servitude impossible to say. Let us determine that every British sailor who suffers in the cause of the Empire and Canada shall feel that the hearts of his fellow-countrymen everywhere in the world are with him.

tering the plains of Hungary. The Turks were repulsed with heavy losses in their recent attack on the Suez Canal. On the Somme and Verdun fronts the Anglo-French armies are gradually pushing the Huns back, and consolidating their new positions; at the end of last week the British secured themselves in an important advance over a front of eighteen miles. These gains have considerable strategic importance.

These are some of the considerations that have led up to the foundation of this Fund for seamen, and if Canada, by a generous subscription towards the care and relief of these bulwarks of the Empire, can in some measure express her gratitude and thanks, it will go to show not only the people of the Empire but the world at large how mindful this country is for those who are fighting its battles.

In undertaking the raising of the British Sailors' Relief Fund, it is realized that the heartiest support and co-operation of all classes of Canadian people are necessary to make it a success. Those who have undertaken the organization of the Fund are devoting a large amount of time and energy to the work. Prominent members of Parliament, professional and business men of Canada have already pledged their active support to the Fund, and a good start has already been made with the subscription list. It is very desirable that the Fund be given the very widest support throughout Canada, not only that a large amount of money may be raised, but in order that we may illustrate that the whole of Canadian people are ready to show their appreciation for the splendid work that the British seamen are doing for them."

Mayor McAnn, in his opening address said that the City of Moncton had voted \$1000 to this fund. He thought that about \$5,000 or possibly more should be raised for the territory he is to cover. The Province of Saskatchewan had voted \$25,000, Montreal, \$10,000; Halifax, \$10,000, and up to the time of the above meeting, St. John had voted \$4000, and this amount would be greatly increased. The Bell Telephone Co. had also subscribed \$1000, the Nova Scotia Steel Co., \$1,000, and the Bank of Nova Scotia \$1000.

Mr. Price, in a few words, stated that branch organizations were being formed, and all amounts collected would be handled by the proper authorities in England. He said the most logical way in which to raise whatever amount was desired by the town was to go before the Town Council and have them raise it by assessment. It would then overcome the work which would be necessary if the matter was left to an organization.

Mr. John T. Hawke, of the Moncton Transcript, in a most eloquent address, outlined the object of this fund, and showed in no uncertain terms Canada's further duty to the Empire of subscribing liberally to the support of the thousands of families in England who are now left, destitute owing to the great loss of life among the seamen, and to be prepared to help support the many more who will be left in like circumstances before this terrible war is ended.

Mr. Hawke's appeal was a sympathetic one. While admitting that many sacrifices have already been made by the people of Canada, and all had sacrificed most liberally to the different funds organized, still, he said, our contributions are nothing to be compared with the losses that have already been sustained by Belgium and by Serbia, nor even by the people on the coast of England.

After listening to Mr. Hawke's able address, it was felt that the Town of Newcastle could easily raise \$1000 of the \$5000 to be raised. It was also felt by others that Newcastle should only contribute in proportion to its size as compared with Moncton. It was stated by Mayor McAnn that while Moncton's contribution might look small to people outside that city, when it was considered that the citizens of Moncton had contributed largely for other purposes, it was felt that they had shouldered their share of the war burden.

Ex-Ald. Sargeant suggested that we subscribe an amount exceeding that of Moncton and thus beat them out at the start.

Mayor Fish heartily agreed with the object in view, and felt that the people would co-operate. He thought that probably \$1,000 could be raised without much difficulty.

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Mr Park was in favor of asking the Council to vote \$1,000 or whatever amount they may see fit, and have the same assessed on the people.

Rev Mr MacArthur said that there were no two opinions of the advisability of doing our share. Other towns were taking up collections. He considered the demands quite within the mark.

Mr. E A McCurdy was in favor of organizing an executive. He asked what means were being taken in other towns to raise the assessment, and what is expected to be the desired amount?

Mayor McAnn said Moncton voted the money and is going to assess for it. This money was needed by the middle of Oct. He considered that the most equitable way was by direct taxation. The committee would at an early date, visit Bathurst, Dalhousie and Campbellton.

Rev Mr Bate said he was heartily in favor of the object. He fully agreed that they ought to assess the amount on the town, and in fact on the whole county. We have been sacrificing our men and the people are now appealed to sacrifice the dollars.

Rev Mr McCurdy of Redbank, said that the county had voted \$30,000 for the Patriotic Fund. He thought that the county as well as the town would be enthusiastic over this matter and would contribute generously towards the support of the orphans and widows.

After further remarks by J T Hawke, Mayor Fish, W A Park and Geo. Stables, a committee composed of Messrs. W A Park, E A McCurdy and R Corey Clark, were appointed to meet the Town Council, place the facts before that body and ask them to grant a liberal donation.

At the close of the meeting the visitors left by auto for Moncton, via Chatham, Rexton and Richibucto, where they have since held meetings.

Miss Emma Delano left this morning for St. Stephen, N. B., where she has accepted a position in Ganong's Chocolate Factory.

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