

THE HIGH COST OF LIVING

Sent in your letters giving your opinions on the high cost of living and any suggestions you have to make about reducing the cost. The World and The Sunday World want to hear from every reader on this momentous question. Have your letters written on one side of the paper only, not more than 200 words in length, and address them to the High Cost of Living Editor, Toronto World.

CONDEMNNS RECKLESS SLAUGHTER OF CALVES

Writer Says This is Partly Responsible for Present Prices of Meats.

PROBLEM IS DIFFICULT

Holds Cold Storage Should Not Exploit But Equalize Supplies.

Condemnation of the continued killing of calves, to which is attributed the rising prices of meats, is contained in an article printed in the Dufferin Post, published in Orangeville, Dufferin County, Ont., and written by "Observer." The cold storage, the writer declares, should be used not to exploit but to equalize supplies.

The high cost of living has now become a very acute problem and its solution is not an easy one. While there is no doubt that Canadians have adopted a higher standard of living than that which prevailed a few years ago, still the necessities of life have risen so enormously as to suggest there is "something rotten in the state of Denmark."

The gigantic dairy interests in the United States are responsible for the reckless killing of calves—which amounts to the destruction of nine million a year in the Republic. This has decreased their beef supply until that commodity is beyond the reach of all but the well-to-do. These conditions are paralleled in Canada, where we think it would be safe to say one million calves are slaughtered yearly, some of which are doubtless what is known as "cub veal." The farmer gets a few dollars for the calf, right on the spot. Found money. He considers himself lucky to get rid of the calf because he has then all the milk the cow gives to sell to the cheese factory or use for butter. The result of this sort of thing is that we all are suffering from a shortage of milk.

As a matter of fact, we have permitted so many calves to be killed in the past few years that the beef, milk and butter shortage is serious. The price of milk has been soaring for some time, and it is time to examine into the cause of this. It is a pound; why slaughter brood sows, or kill young lambs to provide a delicate morsel for rich at 40 cents a pound? Economic laws grind slowly, and we are now experiencing the result of the supreme folly that permits waste.

Farmers now complain because good milk cows are worth from \$50 to \$100, and there are none to be had, if these men had saved their hater buns. Milk cows are now receiving more care than formerly, and when sick a veterinarian is promptly called in. These animals should be killed, as they are, at a slaughter house, or kicked or hit with a milking stool.

Every time you frighten a cow you reduce her milk giving qualities. Love, happiness, peace, content, comfortable quarters and proper feeding are tangible assets in running a dairy farm. There is such a thing as "The Milk of Human Kindness." It is in the milk of the Argentine Republic has a law making it a felony to kill any female of the cattle species under six years of age. The result is that there is no cattle famine, but the country has cattle to export. We have laws protecting our fish and wild game from destruction, and certainly some method should be devised for the protection of necessary domestic animal life.

Eggs are, at the time of writing, selling at a dozen here. This is a condition which will not long continue. The hens just now are moulted and are laying a holiday. The high price of butter is partially due to the fact that farmers find it profitable to market their cream. The cold storage plants are not being operated fairly. The genius who invented cold storage was Teller, a Frenchman, who died in poverty, after having been decorated with the Legion of Honor, a most coveted distinction, by the French Government. Cold storage plants are now in all large cities, and it is being "cornered" by owners of these places and held until the scarcity forces up the price above the normal. The cold storage plants should not be allowed to retain foodstuffs beyond a reasonable

CALL FOR DISSOLUTION OF U. S. STARCH TRUST

Big Corporation Found Guilty of Unfair Methods of Competition.

MUST ALTER POLICY

Corn Products Refining Company Must Separate From Subsidiaries.

New York, Nov. 13.—The so-called "Starch Trust" representing an aggregate capital of \$30,000,000, was adjudged guilty of "unfair methods of competition" in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, and a plan for its dissolution was ordered filed with the federal trade commission within 20 days by a final decree filed here today in the government suit against the combine by Judge Learned Hand of the federal district court. The corporate defendants, which include the Corn Products Refining Co., and its allied concerns are enjoined from continuing unlawful practices, but not, however, from carrying on their business at prices and under methods adopted in good faith to meet fair, free and bona fide competition.

In order to bring about a situation "in harmony with law" the decree provides that the factories, business and assets of the Corn Products Refining Company, "shall be divided in such manner and into such parts of separate and distinct ownership as shall be necessary for that purpose."

GREATER ECONOMY ADVISED BY BANK

In the monthly letter of the Bank of Commerce the following warning appears:

If the people as a whole understood clearly why it was necessary to economize there would be a much greater response to the appeals of the leaders of the nation. The enormous purchases made by the allies from our manufacturers have entailed the payment of high wages to industrial workers and thus from the very necessities of the empire, the latter find themselves possessed of a greater purchasing power than at any previous time. This power can be used either for selfish gratification or for helping to win the war. If the former selfish course is followed, it is practically frittering away the resources of the empire. On the other hand, the thoughtful patriot will save every cent to lend to his country. Those with the habit of spending freely are apt to look with aversion upon those with a disposition to save, but for the time being those who do save are the ones who forge the "silver bullets" that are now more than ever necessary.

Toronto Was First to Ask Regulation of Food Prices

Mayor Church refutes Hamilton's claim to being the municipality instrumental in obtaining from the federal government the order in council regulating the price of foodstuffs. Records at Ottawa, he says, "show that Toronto was the first to ask the government to regulate the price of food products in time of war." This occasion, he says, was on January 24, 1915, when a resolution was sent to the prime minister.

The mayor also criticizes the order in council passed by the government, which he says is disposition to save, but to shift responsibility to municipal

EIGHT MEN HELD CHICAGO'S EGGS

Investigation Shows the Visible Supply Lies in Cold Storage.

BOUGHT THEM CHEAP

Likelihood is They Have Appreciated Hundred Per Cent. Since.

How a group of men, by cornering the Chicago egg supply, controlled the market of a large section of the United States and are selling them now at huge profits is told in a review by The St. Thomas Times, of disclosures which came to light thru recent investigations in Chicago.

The editorial expresses the hope that for the sake of Canadian decency, nothing like the Chicago expose will be discovered in Canada when the Dominion Government begins its probe of causes contributing to the high cost of living. But if there is, the editorial adds, a just corrective should be meted out to those who are responsible.

The editorial in full follows: "Investigations in the City of Chicago have found a group of eight men who, having at their disposal plenty of cold storage space, have practically cornered the egg supply of that city and the surrounding country. They have had stored in these preservation spots no less than forty-seven million eggs, and the eggs ever since last summer, when eggs were being sold retail at twenty-two cents a dozen. Today eggs are being sold in Chicago at forty-five cents a dozen for the sort these men have hoarded up.

"It is not at all likely that they paid the retail price of twenty-two cents for these eggs. Probability is that they got them for something under twenty cents, which means that they are now making considerably more than a hundred per cent. on their clever deal.

"Cold storage plants and warehouses are fine institutions, but, like everything else that is good in this world, they can on occasions be used for bad purposes. The use to which these men are now putting them in Chicago is immoral. One does not need to be a rabid radical to know that a great wrong is being done when any man or set of men undertake to keep from other men that which they need for their sustenance unless they are prepared to pay such a price for it as the holders please to dictate.

"Eggs are a necessity for the table of the poor man as well as the rich. The poor man has a right to his eggs at a reasonable price. The cold storage warehouses of Chicago make it possible for them to be kept for him from times of plenty to times of scarcity in production. To argue that the plain because using cold storage is legitimate or that it costs anything like twenty-five cents a dozen to store eggs there for the few months since last summer is to insult intelligence. It is another case of one man's necessity being the other fellow's opportunity.

"The Dominion Government committee on the high cost of living has intimated that it will pay some attention to cold storage warehouses in Canada. It is to be hoped that for the sake of Canadian decency that nothing like the Chicago expose will be discovered here. If it should be, it is also to be hoped there will be a quick corrective applied."

AN ATTRACTIVE EXHIBIT.

With the opening of the hunting season Nov. 1st, the Grand Trunk Railway System installed in one of the windows of their city ticket office, corner King and Yonge streets, a very attractive exhibit of trophies of the hunt. The display consists of mounted heads of moose, deer, elk, bear, caribou and mountain sheep, procured in territory served by the Grand Trunk. This display, however, is of particular interest to hunters of deer and moose who annually visit the "Highlands of Ontario," where they abound, including "Muskego Lakes," "Lake of Bays District," "Maganetwan River," "Lake Nipissing," "Kawartha Lakes," "Timagami" and districts contiguous to Algonquin Park. Information regarding open seasons in different districts, railway fares, etc., may be had on application to Mr. W. J. Moffatt, city passenger agent.

Girl Students Don't Favor Closing Doors of University

The consensus of opinion regarding closing the university and the voice of girl-students in the matter, seem to be that it would be injudicious and altogether unnecessary.

President Falconer is quoted as saying he heard no wish from any of the girls expressive of the desire to have the institution closed. Medical students will be wanted as long as the war lasts and in their interests, if in no other, the university is a necessity.

It is claimed too that the girls realize that as there will be fewer men to fill positions after the war it will devolve upon them to fill the vacancies, and so they are working even more seriously and strenuously than at other times to fit themselves for whatever may come their way.

In addition, it is believed, that the women students will not be deaf to the patriotic claims of the moment, but that they will do their "bit" as they have been doing, and as they will do as long as the war lasts, even the hampered by the duties attached to academic studies.

Fifty-Third Battery Auxiliary Provide Christmas Presents

Thru the very successful Christmas "show" the newly formed 53rd Battery Auxiliary netted \$53.30 in cash besides a good supply of good things for the Christmas stockings.

Mrs. A. B. Ormsby, chairman of the campaign committee of the Ontario Equal Franchise Association, will represent the National Union of Equal Franchise Associations at the executive meeting of the National Council of Women at Kingston.

At the recruiting meeting, held in Hamilton under the auspices of the women's auxiliary of the Hamilton Recruiting League, Mrs. W. E. Sanford, president, and the speakers were Miss Templeton Armstrong, introduced by Lady Gibson and Mrs. L. A. Hamilton, introduced by Mrs. P. D. Crenat.

WILLS PROBATED

Pte. Archibald T. Paige, who went overseas and fell in action at the Somme front on Oct. 8, left a policy of \$500 in the Sun Life and another for \$1,000 placed by the city. Pte. Paige, who lived at 72 1/2 Eaton avenue, left his wife, Mrs. M. Paige, and his sister, Mrs. Martha Paige, and his sister, Frances M. Paige. The remainder of the insurance is to be divided between his mother, sister and a third of it is to be divided between Francis J. and Alice M. Wilkinson. Mrs. Paige died of influenza and pneumonia in his brother Robert, the city insurance to his sister, Mrs. Martha Paige, and his sister, Frances M. Paige.

SEARCHLIGHTS ILLEGAL MOTORISTS ARE WARNED

Thirty Letters Sent to Toronto Residents and Prosecutions May Follow.

Thirty Toronto motorists were warned yesterday by letter from the department of highways that they are breaking the law by the use of searchlights. If this warning is not heeded prosecution may follow. A section of the Motor Vehicle Act specifically forbids the use of the lights "known to the trade as searchlights."

HONOR MARGARET ANGLIN.

Mrs. Torrington left for Kingston yesterday to attend the executive meeting of the National Council of Women of which she is president.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN.

Chatham, Nov. 13.—The Baptist Church has launched a two-weeks' evangelistic campaign. Services will be held every afternoon and night, and short services will be conducted at all the factories in the noon hours, during the period of the campaign. The Rev. Mr. Imrie, of Toronto, is conducting the services this week.

DIED FROM WOUNDS.

Woodstock, Nov. 13.—Lance-Corpl. Robert McCarthur, wounded one week ago, is now officially reported dead from wounds. He left Woodstock with the 1st Battalion and was transferred to the 44th Winnipeg Battalion in England. He leaves a widowed mother and one sister.

CHAPLAINS JOIN UNITS.

Rev. Melville Staley, late assistant at St. Mary's Church, Toronto, Rev. Father Nicholson of Prescott and Rev. Father Cote, of Peterboro, where he was attached to the bishop's palace, have gone overseas where they will be attached to units as Catholic chaplains.

WOMEN'S MUSICAL CLUB ASSIST BLIND SOLDIERS

Intend to Raise Funds to Buy Braille Books for Heroes.

No object could be more patriotic or more pathetically appealing than the one for which the Women's Musical Club are now working, that of assisting the blind. The specific way in which the club intends to work is to raise funds to provide books which may be used by the class designated. These books are costly, being altogether unlike those used by the normal being blessed with sight, and the costliness means that funds must be raised with which the reading material may be bought.

The Braille books cultivate the sense of touch to an extraordinary degree, and this sense, if trained, may be applied in many directions that will eventually lead to a livelihood. Again, the pleasure of being able to read will write away many an otherwise dreary hour. Six soldiers for which the Women's Musical Club are working, will in all likelihood be very soon augmented. The presence of these blind men who have sacrificed themselves on the altar of duty cannot but draw out justice and commiseration from the public, and the club which has taken up the work of giving them assistance will unfailingly meet with a generous response.

OLD RESIDENT DIES.

Mrs. Mary Reddie Spent Most of Time Knitting for Soldiers.

Mrs. Mary Reddie, widow of the late Hugh Reddie, for many years connected with the Grand Trunk Railway Co. of Canada, died Sunday. Mrs. Reddie, who had reached the advanced age of eighty-five years, had retained to an unusual degree possession of all her faculties. She was very much interested in hearing and reading the war time knitting for the boys overseas, a grandson, Bruce White, being among them. Like her late husband, Mrs. Reddie was a native of the north of Ireland, and came to this country when a young girl, the voyage in a sailing vessel occupying eight weeks. She was the mother of four daughters, Mrs. W. W. Mair, of Baltimore, Md., U. S. A.; Mrs. Stuart White, Mrs. A. M. Thompson, and Mrs. J. W. Daniel of Toronto, and two sons, Robert J., with the Dominion Automobiles Co. Mrs. Reddie will be interred in the family plot in Mount Pleasant Cemetery this afternoon.

Day Delivery Solves Milk Problems

Two serious problems come up every winter in connection with the delivery of your milk. The first is frozen milk. The other is frozen salesmen. We believe that later delivery will solve these problems.

Milk delivered at two or four o'clock in the morning and left on your steps till breakfast time will invariably get frozen. The result is delay and inconvenience at breakfast.

If you will keep sufficient milk for breakfast overnight this trouble will be avoided. When the milk is delivered you will be up and can take it in at once.

The salesmen and horses will benefit, too. Instead of facing rigorous winter weather in the dark, they will have day light to work by. Delivery will be easier—surer. Join with us in making later delivery effective. Save enough milk for breakfast after November 15th.

THE 18 Tickets \$1.

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Day Delivery Will Be In Effect On and After Nov. 15

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Polly and Her Pals

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AMUSING? WHADDYA MEAN, AMUSING?

HEAVENS KNOWS I AMT LOSIN' NO SLEEP OVER THEM TWO GIDDY GOSLINGS - BUT -

I GIVES THE WORLD WARNING THAT IF I KETCH A CERTAIN OLE HE HYENA PLAYIN' THE PEACOCK -

THEY'LL BE BLOOD ON THE MOON! BUCKETS OF IT!

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