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## MANY CARS ARE NOW PROVIDED

### C. P. R. HAS SAVED THE APPLE SITUATION IN THE ANNA-POLIS VALLEY

Co-Operatives Are Said Now to Have Only 22,000 Barrels—Mr MacMahon, General Manager of the United Fruit Companies, Interviewed While in the City Last Week.

HALIFAX, March 9.—That the apple situation in the Valley has greatly improved was the statement made by A. E. MacMahon, general manager of the United Fruit Companies, at the Queen Hotel last night. "During the past few weeks the C. P. R. have given the fruit growers splendid service. If they had not exerted themselves so successfully in providing cars it is possible that the expectation the Halifax Herald had that there would be a lot of apples gone on the dump would have been realized."

### DEATH OF O. P. BELLIVEAU

Belliveau's Cove Man Victim of Florizel Disaster.

Among the first class passengers on the ill-fated Florizel was G. P. Belliveau, one of Digby County's young and successful mariners. For some time he was in the employ of P. E. Warren and after the death of Warren he was in command of the new Halifax steamer with M. Green, which was launched a few months ago at Church Point and he had delivered the new owners and was returning to his home in Digby. He was 35 years of age and is survived by a wife and two children.

### RUSSELLITES HAD WIRELESS OUTFIT

They Had It for the "Amusement" of a Number of Young People.

NEW YORK, March 13.—A dismantled wireless apparatus, which had not been sealed in accordance with orders issued by the government several months ago, was found by officers of the army intelligence bureau, who, yesterday made another search of Bethel Home, the headquarters of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society and of the International Bible Students' Association. It was announced today. Both organizations formerly were headed by Pastor Russell.

The apparatus was not seized. The search was made in connection with the federal investigation of a volume of papers taken in a raid on Bethel Home and the Brooklyn Tabernacle, another Russellite establishment, ten days ago. This examination is being conducted, it is said, to determine whether the records contain seditious matter.

### NINE INCH LIMIT FOR LOBSTERS

Important Change in Fishery Regulations For West of Halifax Harbor.

OTTAWA, March 13.—An important change in the lobster fishery regulations for that portion of the maritime province coast west of Halifax harbor has been made by order-in-coun-

cil, the naval department announces today. This change consists in the establishment of a size limit of nine inches for lobsters and will become effective at the end of the present fishing season. The announcement states that, while the regulations may have the effect of closing the canneries, it will, in a few years, put more money into the pockets of the fishermen, as well as conserve and build up the industry. In the past the practise has been to ship lobsters nine inches long and over to the United States' live lobster markets, and send the small ones to the canneries. This practise, however, has been telling on the supply of lobsters, which has been declining from year to year. Lobsters do not lay eggs until they are about nine inches long, and the number of eggs produced increases rapidly with the size of the lobster.

### MEXICO TO RECONSIDER

U. S. Takes Hand to Ensure Interrupted Oil Supply for British Navy.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Mexico has been requested by the American government to delay enforcement of and reconsider its decree of last Feb. 22nd, imposing heavier taxes on oil producers and cancelling oil leases not taken since April 30, 1917. Both American and English operators in the Mexican fields have protested that the new tax virtually is confiscatory.

As a large part of the oil supply for the British naval forces comes from Mexico, any interruption of the output would be a serious obstacle in the conduct of the war against the central powers.

Ambassador Fletcher at Mexico City, is understood to have included this subject in the list of pending questions requiring adjustment before there can be an agreement between the two governments for a freer exchange of foodstuffs and other commodities, which Mexico needs.

### EVERYTHING DRY.

Prohibition to Come Into Full Effect in Canada on April 1st.

OTTAWA, March 11.—Prohibition regulations have been prepared by the government and, with the exception of a few technical points, are now complete. At the same time the government has prepared regulations governing packing houses. These, likewise, will be issued shortly.

While no official announcement is yet to hand, it is anticipated that the regulations in both cases will, in the main, follow lines laid down some time ago. An official statement issued in December declared that the importation of intoxicating liquors would be prohibited after December 24, 1917, except in the case of liquor already purchased and on the way. It was also announced that "the transportation of liquor into any part of Canada where in the sale of intoxicants is illegal, will be prohibited on and after April 1st, 1918."

### A Million Sammlers in France This Year.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Troops and supplies for General Pershing's forces now are moving to France on schedule time, it was learned today on high authority. While figures may not be published, it was stated positively that transportation requirements of the army are being met by the shipping board and the immediate situation as to ships was described as satisfactory. A substantial American army already is in the trenches on the western front and Secretary Baker has indicated that there may be at least a million American troops in France during 1918.

### Convention Call, March 28, 1918

The 12th Annual Convention of the Nova Scotia Temperance Alliance will meet in the Board of Trade rooms, Halifax, Tuesday, March 28th at 10 a. m.

The executive committee will meet in the same place and the date at 9 a. m.

There will be three sessions, viz. morning, afternoon, and a public meeting in the evening. Addresses will be given by some of the best speakers in the province. All the Churches, Temperance and Reform Organizations will be represented.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, Etc.

## AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

### NOVA SCOTIA FISHERMEN CAN NOW LAND THEIR CATCHES IN UNITED STATES PORTS.

Important Agreement Has Been Entered Into by Which Advantages Accrue to Fishermen of Both Countries.—Americans Can Now Enter Our Ports Without Having to Pay \$1.50 Per Ton.

OTTAWA, March 11.—An important reciprocal arrangement affecting the fishermen of the Atlantic coast has been concluded between the United States and Canada. Advantages accrue to the fishermen of both countries. Under the new regulations which has been promulgated by Canada and the United States as a war measure, Canadian fishermen will have the privilege of landing their catches in American ports and clearing directly for the fishing grounds.

Up to the present, American fishermen with sailing vessels could on payment of \$1.50 per ton enter Canadian ports, ship their catch in bond and take on crews and supplies. This fee has now been abolished and the privilege has been extended to steamers and power boats.

The Canadian commission which carried out the negotiations with Washington was composed of Hon. J. D. Hazen, Chief Justice of New Brunswick, G. J. Desbarats, deputy minister of the naval service, and W. A. Found, superintendent of Canadian fisheries.

### CREW WOULD NOT LEAVE

Six Survivors of the Acadien, Including Captain, Arrive in Halifax.

HALIFAX, March 7.—Six survivors of the French steamer Acadien, formerly the Senlac, of this port, reported lost off the Newfoundland coast, with Captain Scott and six of his crew, arrived here today from St. Pierre (Miq.) Their names are: P. S. Harris, Halifax; Fred Levatte, Louisburg (N. S.); A. L. Foster, Halifax; and A. Morel, St. Pierre, and two Russian firemen.

Second Mate Foster says that the Acadien, which sailed from Louisburg on February 15 for St. Pierre, encountered severe gales and when off that port, had her rudder smashed. The ship was blown to the northward and Captain Scott decided to try for Burin (Nfld.) The ship's engines were finally disabled and a sail was hoisted to keep her end on to the seas. Three miles from Burin Lighthouse, the Acadien was caught in the ice. Her distress signals were seen and the Newfoundland steamer Ethic dispatched to her assistance. There was then a heavy gale and Captain Scott could not induce his crew to take the lifeboats. He then ordered four of the officers into the boat, followed by two of the crew, but, before any more could escape, the boat was torn away

from the Acadien. The six men were picked up by the Ethic, whose captain decided that it was unsafe to remain there any longer.

### GERMANS SUFFER LESS THAN LAST WINTER

Better System of Food Distribution Lessens Severity Upon the Poorer People.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, March 13.—Due to a better system of food distribution and more rigid control of food supplies by means of ration cards, the past winter in Germany was not so severe on the poor people as was the previous winter, according to Miss Elizabeth McCann, an American, who, with her two sisters, arrived here today on a Danish steamship. They left Germany last December, she said, after residing in that country for fourteen years and were on their way to make their home in Philadelphia.

"The people are hoping for peace to come soon," Miss McCann said. "I do not believe there will be an uprisings of any consequence as long as the war lasts, for the Germans apparently have every confidence they will win."

"The German people know the United States has joined the other nations against them but they seem to believe what they have been told—that enough American soldiers to help the Allies to any extent will not be able to cross the Atlantic."

### MAPLE SUGAR IN DEMAND

100,000 Tons East Indian Sugar Sunk By Submarines.

The Allies are calling upon this continent for a considerable share of our normal domestic sugar supply. East India sugar is practically unavailable, the last crop having been lost owing to the fact that cargoes aggregating 100,000 tons of raw sugar were sunk by enemy submarines. Cuba has been called upon to furnish sugar not only for the United States and Canada, but for the Allies in Europe as well. In England, the allowance of sugar per head of population has been reduced to half an ounce a day. In France and Italy it is still less. What this means may be judged by the figures for Canada's normal consumption, which amounts to nearly eight ounces a day! Eastern Canada could produce enough maple sugar to supply the total sugar requirements of the Dominion if her maple resources were fully organized. While this is out of the question at the present time, still the utmost effort should be made to at least double the usual output. There are a large number of trees readily available, which should be made to produce this spring if never before. Every bucket, kettle and pan, should be commandeered for the maple sugar season.

## SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION

### AN ALARMING OUTLOOK IF SHIPPING LOSSES CONTINUE AT THE PRESENT RATE

Shipping People Think Publication of the Figures of Tonnage Output Would Have Beneficial Results.—They Also Advise Publication of the List of Losses.

(Arthur S. Draper in the Halifax Herald and the Evening Mail)

LONDON, March 7.—Sir Eric Geddes speech in Parliament impressed the whole country with the seriousness of the shipping situation. Yesterday's announcement of the sinking of the great mercantile cruiser Calgarian and the Irish steam packet Kenmare, accentuated the gravity of the problem.

In shipping and labor circles there is a general feeling it would be a mistake for the Allied governments to continue the policy of secrecy regarding tonnage output and losses. Shipping people think the publication of the figures of tonnage output would increase the competition of the various shipping centres and have a material beneficial effect, while the announcement of losses would serve to impress the country with the extreme necessity of economy in food consumption. Geddes' efforts to place the responsibility for the decline of output already has brought forth protests from employers and employees. Sir W. H. Raeburn, the retiring president of the chamber of shipping, said today there was no mystery about the shipyards, that it was a question of the government and labor and the government hurt the spirit of both the workers and employers by constant interference.

At the same meeting Lord Inchcape, the new president, said: "Our tonnage is being sunk at a rate of which the people have no conception. I honestly think more information might as well be given to people as to what we really are losing. I was on the Clyde last Saturday and not a sound was heard in the shipyards. It might have been that there was no war going on and that no new ships and no destroyers to hunt submarines were required."

The labor leaders say the reduction of output is due to the war weariness of the men, who have worked under the heaviest pressure for years, and are now forced to carry on under increased economic difficulties.

Geddes announced that 20,000 men with shipyard experience are about to be released from the army. I understand a real location of the total tonnage is being made in the hope of increasing the amount available for civilian purposes. This process has been going on for some time, but drastic measures are now deemed necessary. Because of the misinterpretation put on his statement regarding U-boat sinkings, Geddes has issued a statement to the effect that out of every four or five submarines, which start from an enemy port one fails to return.

### \$75,000 FIRE AT SYDNEY MINES

Two McRae Blocks and Other Buildings Burned to the Ground.

SYDNEY MINES, March 7.—One of the most destructive fires in the history of Sydney Mines, caused a \$75,000 loss early this morning, the two McRae blocks, a large barn and adjoining building owned by R. Rehey, being burned to the ground. The blaze at one time threatened to sweep the entire business section and only the heroic work of the firemen saved the town from a disastrous conflagration. The loss is only partly covered. The blocks were located on the corner of Clyde avenue and Main street, and were owned by Cook Brothers, dry goods and boots and shoes; the Princess theatre, owned by W. H. Cuzner; Stratton Printery, Davidson's News Stands and Fruit Store. David Matter, Malcolm Gillis and Mr. Stratton occupied residences in the second block. Mr. Rehey's stable was burned to the ground, and only the horses and carriages were saved, a carload of hay and a carload of oats being destroyed. Cook Brothers' loss is estimated at \$25,000, most stock, while Mr. Cuzner's loss is said to have been \$15,000, including 20 motion picture reels, valued at \$2,000. Mr. McRae's loss is about \$30,000, and he carried \$12,000 insurance. The Rehey loss is about \$8,000, while the Stratton Company

are \$2,000 losers. The entire insurance is something over \$30,000, with McRae and Cook Brothers holding the greater portion of this amount.

### REGISTRATION COMPLETE.

Nova Scotia's New Land Tax of One Cent an Acre is Due on June 1st.

On three million, one hundred and thirty thousand, four hundred and eighty-five acres of land in Nova Scotia a tax of one cent per acre is now due and will be collectable on June 1st, declared Attorney-General Daniels in the house of assembly Friday afternoon. The registration under Nova Scotia's new land tax act is now complete—or nearly so. It applies only to those who hold five hundred acres of land and upward and hits the big lumber companies the hardest.

According to the registration presented in the house by the attorney-general, the tax will be collected by municipalities as follows:

Annapolis	4753.45
Antigonish	137.10
Cape Breton	284.28
Colchester	1648.16
Cumberland	3579.79
District of Digby	998.00
District of Clare	229.94
District of Guysboro	395.16
District of St. Mary's	682.17
Halifax	5472.92
District of East Hants	971.30
District of West Hants	897.49
Inverness	30.88
Kings	609.21
District of Lunenburg	164.92
District of Chester	450.27
Pictou	589.37
Queens	2074.47
Richmond	21.00
Shelburne	1355.60
District of Barrington	422.26
Victoria	5178.95
Yarmouth	101.84
District of Argyle	105.31

### S. O. S.

Dr. M. E. Armstrong Appointed Director of "Soldiers of the Soil."

The Canada Food Board have effected an organization to be known as "Soldiers of the Soil" for the purpose of enlisting the help of boys of the 'teen age for farm work, during the coming season.

The urgent need of increased food production, that famine may be averted, requires that every available source of help be mobilized and made available for the Spring seeding and planting. "The Soldiers of the Soil" will include boys between the ages of 15 and 19 years whether at school or at other work. Everywhere increased production of farm products must have the right of way this summer.

These enlisted town boys will go out on the farms where required and the officers of the S. O. S. are to see that the farmers make allowance for their ignorance of many lines of farm work and take a little time and patience with them. The boys of this "second line of defence" are to be paid for their work, according to its value. In addition their services will be recognized in a public way by the Dominion of Canada. Each boy who completes three months of satisfactory service will be presented with a bronze National Badge of Honor.

Mr. Lou A. Buckley, of Y. M. C. A. Boys' Work, has been appointed Director of Soldiers of the Soil for the Maritime Provinces and will co-operate with the Boards of Education and the Departments of Agriculture of the various Provinces in giving the boys a chance this year to show how they can run upward the percent of production on our farms and thus do their part in winning the war.

Dr. M. E. Armstrong has been asked to act as Director of this division of our Army for this community and enrollment is to begin on March 20.

### Death of Sir C. G. F. Knowles.

Sir Charles George Frederick Knowles, fourth baronet, died at Oxford, Eng., on Sunday last, aged 86 years. His second wife was Mary Ellen Thompson, daughter of Cathcart Thompson, of Halifax, granddaughter of Hon. Joseph Howe, Lt.-Gov. of Nova Scotia.

### Redmond's Successor.

LONDON, March 15.—The choice of a successor to John E. Redmond, as leader of the Irish Nationalists, is believed to be between John Dillon and Joseph Devlin, although the former might possibly decline the nomination.

Every girl has a mission in life, and in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred it is to acquire a son-in-law for her mother.

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