

## DANGER POINT PAST AND TRADE IS PICKING UP

WORST OF DEPRESSION OVER,  
SAYS ECONOMIST, STOCKS RE-  
DUCED AND MERCHANTS  
GAIN CONFIDENCE.

The danger point in the industrial depression has been safely passed, and conditions may be expected to improve from now on, George E. Roberts, vice-president of the National City Bank of New York and noted economist, declared in an interview: "It is fair to say that the worst of the industrial depression is over," he said. "Before January 1 there was a general feeling of uncertainty, even alarm. The people didn't know how much worse conditions were going to be. There was almost a total cessation of buying by retailers. "The situation has now noticeably improved, stocks have been reduced, merchants are more confident, and there is a general resumption of buying.

### Gradual Process.

"While keeping in mind the fact that we are now on the road to normal industrial conditions, it would be unwise to assume that all our factories will reopen over night.

"I hardly look for a full state of employment and general prosperity until the industrial situation is more generally balanced. Some products have experienced a great fall in value; others have been only slightly reduced. Many retail prices have not come down to conform with wholesale prices.

### Farmers Hard Hit.

"Farmers generally have taken a big shrinkage in the value of their products and owe a great deal of money. They will not buy at a normal rate until their debts are reduced and other prices are down to correspond with their own. And the farmers constitute 48 per cent. of the population.

"The speed with which the present depression is entirely effected will be in just the ratio that everyone realizes the necessity of getting prices down to a common level.

"As regards wage earners, their contention that they will not accept reductions in prices of their labor until the cost of living comes down simply amounts to clinging to a fallacy. It is the commodities in which the cost of labor is a large factor that are holding up the general decline."

## A WOMAN'S RIGHT TO GOOD HEALTH

MOST TROUBLES AFFLICTING  
WOMEN ARE DUE TO POOR  
BLOOD.

To every woman belongs the right to enjoy a healthy, active life; yet nine out of ten suffer from some form of bloodlessness. That is why one sees on every side pale, thin cheeks, dull eyes and drooping figures—sure signs of headaches, weak backs, aching limbs and uncertain health. All weak women should win the right to be well by refreshing their weary bodies with the new, rich, red blood that promptly transforms them into healthy, attractive women. The new, red, blood is supplied by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which reaches every organ and every nerve in the body. Through the use of these pills thousands of women have found benefit when suffering from anaemia, indigestion, general weakness and those ailments from which women alone suffer. Among the many women who tell of the good Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done them is Mrs. L. Hicks, Round Hill, N. S., who says: "I became very much run down in health; my blood seemed weak and watery, my strength failed, and I was so easily tired that my work was a burden. I had often read of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and decided to try them, and I can truly say that after using three boxes I found myself gaining, and under a further use of the pills all my old-time energy and vitality was restored. Out of my own experience I can strongly recommend this medicine. You can get Dr. Williams' Pink Pills through any dealer in medicine or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont."

During the year 1918 the latter exported from Canada amounted to 4,926,154 lbs.; value, \$2,000,467. During the 12 months ended March 31 last the export amounted to 17,612,805 lbs.; value, \$9,844,259.

## EYES TESTED FREE



## DON'T BE A GLOOMY GUS

We think it is up to every business man—and who is not a business man in good old Canada?—to strike a hopeful keynote in his advertising.

We say this to our local men of business, to our farmers, too, and to every man who sells what he has, even if all he has is his daily labor.

Because there has been a slump on the price of this, that or the other commodity, it is the poorest reason in the world for talking hard times. Pessimism never won anything. Gloom is a thing of the grave; it is not for the living man with a future before him.

The times may have been bad for a lot of us for some months past, but as everything changes, going from one extreme to the other and striking normality in between, we all know that there are good times ahead—and not very far ahead either if we all put the best foot forward and the best smile to the front.

The man who recovers first from the gloom of his bad business, or poor wages, or whatever it was that hit him, is the man who is going to have the most prosperity in the better times that are on their way just as sure as the sun comes up and out of the east every morning. He is going to have the most prosperity because his efforts will stretch over a large period than the fellow who slouches gloomily until the good times are so apparent that they hit him in the nose.

Therefore, we say to the business man who advertises: Put optimism in your ads. To the farmer and other workers, whose tongues are their ads, we say: "Talk good times; they're coming and soon."

## IRISH COBBLER IS THE FAVORITE POTATO

TEST OF POTATOES SHOW OUT-  
STANDING ADVANTAGES OF  
THIS VARIETY.

During the past four years the Commission of Conservation has been conducting illustration work in Dundas county, Ontario. One branch of the work has been that in connection with 16 farms chosen for the purpose of illustrating improved methods of farming. Among the lines of work followed have been variety tests of farm crops. The results of the tests with potatoes are very valuable. During the seasons of 1917-18-19, the Irish Cobbler and Green Mountain varieties were grown side by side and during 1920 the Dooley variety was grown in addition to these. The Irish Cobbler is now unmistakably the favorite variety in the county. Each year since they were first tried on these farms the farmers conducting the illustration work have not been able to meet the demand from the neighbors' seed.

The Irish Cobbler has given the highest average yield, has been freer from rot than any of the other varieties tried, and is an excellent table potato. One of the farmers conducting the test reports: "The Dooleys and Green Mountains yielded 27 bushels each from the bag planted, while the Irish Cobblers yielded 40 bushels from the same amount of seed." Another writes: "The Dooleys and Green Mountains rotted badly and the Irish Cobblers were about all we had to fall back upon." Another says in his report: "The Cobblers are still our favorites as regards both yield and freedom from rot."

Seed grown in New Brunswick has been tried out along with home-grown seed. In most instances the New Brunswick seed gave higher yields but in some cases where the home-grown seed had been carefully selected there was little if any difference.

Varieties of proven merit should be chosen, the seed should be taken from high yielding hills and only the smooth tubers free from scab and rot used for planting. Attention to these matters will certainly mean increased yields and greater profits.—F. C. Nunnick

## MARKETS AT A GLANCE.

Prices on several lines in the steel market are lowered this week in local warehouses. Sheets have declined slightly in order to clear out present stocks. Buying is still restricted, however, and stocks are very light. Trade in the non-ferrous metals is quiet with tin declining and copper unchanged, but weak. Lead prices are erratic but are expected to firm up shortly. In the manufactured articles copper products have shown some decline though there is still a big spread between ingot and sheet prices, says Hardware and Metal. Price changes this week are a little less numerous. Declines are noted in copper wash boilers, tea kettles, tea and coffee pots of copper, and rivets. Some lines of brass goods have also declined, including excutcheon pins, some lines of compression goods and valves, cotton waste, cotton and canvas goods, including gloves, mitts, twines and web straps. Fuel oil is reduced as well as sheets and plates, wire, wrenches, lace leather, wrapping paper, lead solders, linseed oil. Grindstones have advanced. Paints and varnish are moving better this week. Business in general is assuming a better tone with sorting up orders coming forward in fairly good volume. Orders for later delivery are still backward.

## Is Your Nose Plugged? Have You Catarrh?

If Subject to Colds, Here is  
Real Good Advice.

Don't lead your stomach with cough syrup. Send healing medication through the nostrils—send it into the passages that are subject to colds and catarrh. Easy to do this with Catarrh-zone. Easy to do this with Catarrh-zone. Even to the lungs goes the healing vapor of Catarrh-zone—through the bronchial tubes, nose and air passages—everywhere a trace of disease remains will Catarrh-zone follow. You'll not have colds, nor will you suffer from sniffles, bronchitis, or throat trouble if Catarrh-zone is used. Get it today! Beware of dangerous substitutes meant to deceive you for genuine Catarrh-zone. Large size, two months' treatment, cost \$1.00; small size, 5¢; sample size, 25¢; all dealers or The Catarrh-zone Co., Kingston, Canada.

## The Sunday School Lesson

THE WISE AND THE FOOLISH  
VIRGINS.

Lesson—Matt. 25: 1-13.

Golden Text—"Watch therefore, for ye know not the day nor the hour" (Matt. 25: 13).

Historical Setting.

Time—April, A. D. 30. Place—Mount of Olives.

The Lesson Text.

- 1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, who took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.
- 2 And five of them were foolish, and five were wise.
- 3 For the foolish, when they took their lamps, took no oil with them:
- 4 but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.
- 5 Now while the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.
- 6 But at midnight there is a cry, Behold, the bridegroom!! Come ye forth to meet him.
- 7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.
- 8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.
- 9 But the wise answered, saying, Peradventure there will not be enough for us and you; go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.
- 10 And while they went away to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage feast; and the door was shut.
- 11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.
- 12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.
- 13 Watch therefore, for ye know not the day nor the hour.

### Comments.

Verse 1. In most of the kingdom parables the present tense is used because dealing with the after life. There is no especial significance attached to the number 10. Asiatic cities were utterly dark on dark nights. One who went forth was required to carry a light. Processions such as this are still features of eastern weddings.

Verse 2. That which made the difference between the two was the prudence forethought on the part of the wise and the lack of preparation on the part of the foolish.

Verse 3. The foolish had oil in their lamps when they started, but their oil failed and their light went out, and they did not renew it. Many impulsive Christians are like this.

Verse 4. The wise seemed to have considered as uncertain the time when the bridegroom would make his appearance. The main point was to be ready for all possible contingencies. We know not when the Lord may come, but it makes little difference if we are prepared for His coming.

Verse 5. Both wise and foolish, they all "slumbered and slept." This indicates our ignorance as to the time of the coming of Christ.

Verse 6. Figuratively, midnight represents the time of the second coming and the resurrection of the dead.

Verse 7. Of course, the lamps had been burning all the time the virgins had been waiting, in order that they might be ready at the interesting moment.

Verse 8. In the presence of judgment and the final test comes the revelation of preparedness and unpreparedness. Hasty and delayed efforts toward adjustment are not encouraged by this parable.

Verse 9. The wise gave the best possible advice, but it was too late for the foolish to comply with it.

Verse 10. The foolish waited in unpreparedness.

Verse 11. It is probable that the foolish came without oil, hoping for admission and looking for mercy. Their plight was their own fault.

Verse 12. Christ knows those who are worthy to be known.

Verse 13. In every important sense the Son of man is coming to us every hour of the day. But the time of His final coming nobody knows. Every true Christian lives ready to be ready at any time.

### Illustrated Truth.

The most valuable message in the

## Uncle John's Ash

SAY JACK, DID YOU  
EVER SEE A DOLLAR  
BILL THAT HAD NO  
FRIENDS.



world are the intangible ones which can not be borrowed or loaned (v. 9).

Illustration.—At the beginning of the college year, young Singleton attached himself to one of the best students in his class and claimed him for a roommate. "What did you do that for?" one of his friends asked. "Jordan isn't one of your sort. You can't count on him for any larks." "No," Singleton rejoined, with a wink, "but he's the kind that always has full notes of the lectures, and they are easy to read." Singleton had his larks, and he copied his roommate's notes, but he couldn't borrow Jordan's well-trained brain. When it came to a practical test, he was a failure.

### Topics for Research and Discussion.

1. The Wise and Foolish Virgins (vs. 1-4). 1. Where was Jesus when he taught this parable? 2. How did ancient Asiatic cities contrast with our cities as to lighting? 3. Can you describe an Oriental wedding procession? 4. What was the chief difference between the wise virgins and the foolish? 5. How do the foolish virgins compare with excitable, impulsive Christians? 6. How did the wise virgins show their wisdom? 7. Preparation and Neglect (vs. 5-9). 7. What is the bearing of this parable upon the time of Christ's coming? 8. What great day will reveal preparedness or the lack of it? 9. If men knew that next week would come the final judgment, how would they act, meanwhile? 10. Why should knowledge of an immediate judgment make any difference in conduct?

11. Reward and Punishment (vs. 10, 12). 11. Which is the greater incentive to right living, desire for reward or fear of punishment? 12. What bearing has this parable upon waiting till death approaches before repenting? 13. How should all Christians live?

### WOOL MARKET REPORT.

While Canadian mills are still buying for immediate needs, there is evidence of a broadening of their demand. There also seems to be more action to the wool market in general, in sympathy with the better ton to other business. Quotations for Canadian wools are unchanged, as follows:

Fine Western, 27c; fine medium Western, 25c; medium Western, 25c and 26c; low medium, 21c and 23c; low quarter Western, 17c and 18c; clothing wools, 20c and 23c; Eastern, 28c; Eastern, 28c.

Football exacted a toll of twelve deaths during the 1920 season. Seven of the victims were members of high school elevens.

Lena Von M. Zesch, of San Francisco, is the first woman to practice dentistry in Alaska.

Virginia has more than 225,000 wage-earning women.

### Those Having Sick Animals SHOULD USE



Good for all throat and chest diseases, Distemper, Garget, Sprains, Bruises, Colic, Mange, Spavins, Running Sores, etc., etc. Should always be in the stable.—SOLD EVERYWHERE.