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EDITORIAL

FOOD PRODUCTION

What is Newcastle going to do to increase the production of foodstuffs? The Town Council and the Town Improvement League have both considered the question—and neither has decided to do anything. It may be just as well that this is so. The real work in production must be done by the citizens individually, and without their interest no civic body could accomplish anything; while if the citizens themselves earnestly desire to increase production they can do so without being directed by the Town Council or the Town Improvement League. Organized and concerted effort on the part of the people could achieve better aggregate results than will come from independent individual effort, but there is apparently not sufficient general interest to make an organized effort successful.

The question of increased food production in its practical aspects therefore seems to be one which the individual must decide upon for himself. It is a very practical question, as anyone who pays grocers' bills these days realizes. A piece of vacant land, plus a little seed, and some hours of cultivation within the next few months will return a certain quantity of food product, the cost of which can be deducted from the ordinary grocer's bill.

There is no need to worry one's self about taking business away from the grocer. That gentleman will be able to sell all the food-stuffs he can get. The truth of the matter is that unless something is done to increase food production the grocer will soon be unable to obtain goods to sell. The meaning of high prices is that the supply of food-stuffs is giving out; and unthinkable as it may be at present, there is grave danger that some people in Newcastle, even, may have to go hungry next winter simply because food may have become so scarce that they can not obtain it.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Anyone who refuses to recognize the fact that food is becoming scarce, is lacking in ordinary common sense. And anyone who assumes that he or she will be sure of having food when other people are forced to go hungry is presumptuous. Money will not buy food that does not exist; and money itself, while highly desirable in many ways, is not particularly edible, nor highly nutritious.

The world's most insistent demand today is for food, and every day the present war continues to divert human effort from food-producing occupations will make that demand more and more emphatic.

The citizen who grows grain, or potatoes and other vegetables, and who also perhaps raises a few chickens and keeps a cow, is doing his bit to solve the world's food problem, even though he produces nothing for the consumption of other people. By supplying his own needs he lessens the demand upon the rest of the food supply, and to the extent of his own production passes on to the use of other people the foods which he and his family would have consumed had he been a non-producer.

The more practical consideration is the case, however, is that the man who produces will have food for himself and family whether or not there is anything to pass on to others. This is a selfish consideration, of course, but if everybody should become selfish enough to produce all they consume the world would not be so badly off, after all.

WHERE THE BLAME LIES

Opposition newspapers and opposition politicians are expending a lot of energy and showing a lot of effort in fighting a straw man when they set up the contention that supporters of the Murray government do the Acadians an injustice in commenting upon the fact that the Acadians showed partiality towards the opposition candidates in the provincial elections.

The Acadians had a right to vote as they pleased, and anyone who desires to do so has a right to comment upon the way they did vote. The Union Advocate falls to see why comment upon the way the Acadians voted is any more a reflection upon the Acadians than is the way they voted, in itself. If the Acadians did themselves no discredit in voting strongly with the opposition, comment alone will not render their acts discreditable.

The truth is, opposition newspapers and opposition politicians know there is no quarrel with the Acadians themselves for the way they voted. If conscription had been an issue in the provincial elections, and the Acadians had voted against conscription, that would have been an entirely different matter. The Acadians were intentionally misled into believing that conscription was an issue, and the feeling that has been aroused by that form of dishonesty is against the men who deceived the Acadians, and not against the Acadians, and not against the

Acadians themselves, whose only fault was their credulity. The only people today, who are harping on the "race cry" are oppositionists who hope to make political capital for themselves by so doing. It is part of a political axiom that "you can't fool all the people all the time," and oppositionists are showing a great deal of presumption in acting as if they think they can fool all the Acadians all the time.

POLITICAL RUMORS

"The Chatham World gives currency to a rumor that the provincial government, instead of resigning, will meet the legislature and if defeated on a vote of confidence motion will ask the lieutenant governor to dissolve the house and order a new election."

"Another political rumor current is that a coalition of some kind may be evolved out of the two parties. Suggestions of this kind are not put forward by the politicians but by those who think they see difficulties in the situation and hope for some business arrangement which will give the province good government. A few days at the outside should disclose whether or not there is truth in either of these suggestions."—St. John Globe.

If there are, as the Globe suggests, people in New Brunswick who "hope for some business arrangement which will give the province good government," it is evident that there are some people in New Brunswick who are ignorant of the means by which good government may be secured. If the people of New Brunswick are not sick of "business arrangements" and coalition governments, they do not deserve good government. Let us have no more sickening "business arrangements." If one political party is too weak to conduct the affairs of the province let it give over the reins to its opponents. Straight party opposition will give the people better government than all the business arrangements ever conceived.

A HORROR OF PEACE

A terrible indictment of the ignorance and negligence of the nation is contained in the following paragraph from a published statement by Lord Shaughnessy:

"As many Canadians have been killed at home by tuberculosis since the war began as have been killed by the war itself. Yet it is an entirely preventable disease. If we stop its ravages, we shall more than make up for the ravages of the war. If we stay in the rut, and let this enemy go on killing our people at home as fast as the Germans can kill them at the front, then the less we talk about our national intelligence and enterprise, the better." The "intelligence and enterprise" which permits such a condition as Lord Shaughnessy refers to, is nothing to be proud of. If it be true that peace hath her victories no less than war, it is also true that peace hath her horrors no less than war. Can anything be more horrible than the thousands of deaths that occur annually from tuberculosis—an absolutely preventable disease? Is it allowed to stalk abroad for no other reason than the ignorance and inefficiency of the people of Canada? As many people have been killed at home by tuberculosis since the war began, as have been killed by the war itself! Yet it is an entirely preventable disease! Verily, have we little reason to talk of our national intelligence and enterprise.

WHAT ABOUT THE PEOPLE'S RIGHTS?

Ald. Stuart's efforts to get action on his taxation views at the last meeting of the town council deserved more success than they met with. Inasmuch as he only asked that the people be allowed an opportunity to vote for or against a reduction of taxation on improvements to real estate it is difficult to understand why his fellow councillors should have failed to support his motion. If the other members of the town council are not opposed to a reduction in the taxation of improvements, their attitude towards Ald. Stuart's motion indicates that they are not in favor of any such change anyway. But that is no reason why they should decline to allow the voters to express their attitude towards the question. Are the members of the town council, with the exception of Ald. Stuart, of the opinion that the people have no right to give effect to their views on this very important question? Ald. Stuart's motion, and his arguments in favor of it, are reprinted in the report of the town council proceedings in this issue of The Union Advocate. Whether or not Mr. Stuart is on the right track is a matter which each voter will have to decide for himself, but careful consideration of his views will do no one any harm in any event.

The Lure of the Game



He: "Well, my dear, what did that little bug do to you?"
She: "Well, when he looked in my mouth he said: 'Tooth a bit stumpy, properly bunkered. It'll be a grand nibbler to get out of there in a sec.'"

Postmaster General Blondin To Fight for Canada

Gives up Cabinet Position and will Enlist for Overseas Service

Ottawa, March 20.—P. E. Blondin, postmaster general, has tendered his resignation. Sir George Foster has called it to Sir Robert Borden. Mr. Blondin has resigned for the purpose of enlisting in the overseas forces. He has written a letter to the Minister of Militia and Defence in the following terms:

Ottawa, March 19, 1917.
Dear Sir Edward:
I must inform you that I have put my resignation as P. G. M. in the hands of the acting Premier in order to offer my services in the overseas forces. I am willing to put myself at your orders and consequent-

SPIRIT OF UNITY PREVAILS IN THE UNITED STATES

Christianity is certainly making progress in these days. Brotherhood is well to the front in a practical demonstration of brotherly love among religious folk. At a recent meeting of the pastors here it was agreed that the Congregationalists, Unitarians, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Universalists, Baptists, and Methodist Episcopalians hold union services during the last week in Lent beginning with Palm Sunday evening. The program as arranged provides that all the people meet together in some one church each evening and that the services be conducted according to the manner customary in the particular church where the meeting is held. A Unitarian clergyman will preach in the Congregational Church. A Universalist will be the speaker at the Presbyterian church. The pastor of St. Mark's Methodist Episcopal Church is to deliver the sermon at All Saints' Protestant Episcopal Church. On Holy Thursday the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be commemorated at St. Mark's Church and the pastor is especially requested to use the ritual of his own denomination, when the representatives of the churches above named agree to come to the altar and partake of the bread and wine as would the members of their own parish. The final service will be at the Baptist Church, where a Congregationalist will bring the message. All the clergymen will at different times have part in the opening and closing exercises. The offerings are all to be given to philanthropic causes which present an appeal of common human interest.

Brookline has long been noted for her fine houses, beautiful streets, and stately churches. This latest move is an evidence that in ecclesiastical matters we in this town are rapidly approaching the day of universal good will. Ipsley, Mass., which is the seat of

the largest Ladies College in the world. Since the Congregational church has been down, the worshippers have been freely offered other churches for Divine Worship. One service a week is being held in the Episcopal church. Rev. John Squires who last summer supplied the Methodist Church at Tabusintac, and who is now with his son at the Wachen Hotel, spoke twice with much acceptance at the Congregational Church at Welleley Hills and also in St. Andrew's Church, Welleley last Friday night. The president of Boston University takes the service next Friday.

Rev. Mr. Squires who expects to visit his son at Newcastle during the coming summer says that the spirit of ecclesiastical union in the United States today is something remarkable. It has become even more insistent since the people have begun to think seriously about entering the war.

Allies Continue to Pursue Germans

Paris, March 21.—French troops, pushing hard on the heels of the retreating Germans are today within striking distance of the "Hindenburg Line," the supposed goal of their retreating foe. The mile-stones on this line are the historic towns of Lille, Cambrai, St. Quentin, Laon and La Fere. The troops of Gen. Nivelle were rushing towards St. Quentin yesterday at a rate almost unprecedented in the present world war and reached a point within five miles of the city. Unless some unhealed factor has entered into the situation the French have by this time either entered St. Quentin or the German retreat has halted.

In the meantime to the north the British are doggedly pushing onward toward Cambrai and are apparently within striking distance of that

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Our Dollar Day Bargains will last for Three Days

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Velvet Boots for \$2.45.
Plain Gun Metal Lace Boots \$2.85
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Some of these lines we will sell at cost. See our prices and be convinced.

Sale of Hosiery

Children's Stockings reg.	25c pr 5 pr.	for 1.00
Ladies' Stockings	30c pr 4 pr.	" 1.00
"	50c pr 3 pr.	" 1.00
"	65c pr 2 pr.	" 1.00
Men's Half Hose	25c pr 5 pr.	" 1.00
"	50c pr 3 pr.	" 1.00

Saturday—Monday—Tuesday

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Men's Hats

Men's Hats Worth from \$1.75 to \$2.25 each. All colors, styles and shapes.

Tuesday 1.00

Men's Shirts

Men's \$1.25 fancy and negligee shirts and work shirts. All sizes.

Tuesday 1.00

Nainsooks

Nainsooks 40 inches wide worth 18c yd. fine soft quality.

Tuesday 12c a yard
8 yds. for \$1.00

White Sheetting

White Sheetting, 72 inches wide, worth 35c a yd.

Tuesday 25c a yard
4 yds. for \$1.00

Fancy Crepes

Fancy Crepes, Muslins and Linens, worth 18c and 20c yd, for 15c yd.

7 yds for \$1.00

Towels

Towels marked at special prices.

10c, 15c, 20c ea.

Velvet Cords

Velvet Cords in all colors, heavy cord worth 65c to 75c yd, for 50c yd or

2 yds for \$1.00

Corsets

Corsets in Crompton C-c a la Grace make, newest models reg. \$1.25

Tuesday 1.00

Boys' Hose

Boys' School Hose in heavy ribbed double knee, cotton Extra good wearing quality, worth 40c each, sizes 8½ to 10.

Tuesday 25c each
4 Pcs for \$1.00

Ladies' Hose

Cashmere Hose for ladies all sizes 8½ to 10 Fast black and easy worth 50c.

3 pcs. for 1.00

Flannellettes

Flannellettes in extra wide qualities, worth 16c a yard

8 yds. \$1.00

Voile

New Voile and lawn waists in chic styles, worth \$1.25 each

Tuesday 1.00

Men's Underwear

Mens' Underwear Nova Scotia make, regular \$1.25 to \$1.35 quality

Tuesday 1.00

Table Oilcloth

Wide table oilcloth in white only, 54 inch width, reg. 40c yard for 29c or

3½ yds. for \$1.00

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English Prints and a few fine quality Canadian makes worth 15 to 17c yard, for 13c or

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Olds: "The person says all men are nearly dumb. But I don't understand him putting this notice up. Surely a little bit of dumb wouldn't hurt his old brain!"