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What About the High **Cost Of Living**

(Family Herald and Weekly Star.)

wastage of the War!

Primarily speaking, that is a truism all will assent to. In a secondary 073 tons of sugar made from beets. sense there were, and are, other She has given none since then to the The present wave of high costs, which causes also.

and since the War was to blame to a land together almost as much. None considerable extent.

The misplacing of labor-employing labor elsewhere than on the land, of raw sugar have been discovered. or at other productive work, must

venience of the present high cost of

stoney was misplaced and values lost. all of which has now to be made up Until that money is replaced, and the again. world's actual losses made up, we must expect financial troubles and an- tons of steel ingots and France 5,000,- ists to demonstrate the truth that

How, for instance, can bread be export since 1914. cheap when, even before the war, the

wheat than in 1913? Russia used to export from 224.-400,000 bushels in 1910, to double that in good years. She has exported none since that memorable August in 1914. Hungary, Roumania and Bulgaria, from whence used mainly to come long strings of vessels laden with Danubian wheat, have not even vet been

able to raise enough bread to keep their own people from starvation. Central Europe, Italy and ravished France did not grow much more than one-third of their regular wheat sup-

ply last year. How can bread become cheaper until the world produces enough for everyone to receive a full share, as it certainly did not last year-and, on account of a general shortage of farm

labor, is unlikely to this year? Why Sugar is Dear.

Sugar is tremendously dear and is becoming dearer, to the dismay of canners and of thrifty housewives who lay up fruit for the winter in their jars and bottles. How can we expect

to have it otherwise? It is rather fashionable to blame the refiner for the price, as well as for the shortage, although neither can properly be said to his charges. The shortage is, in all probability due to the abroitness of certain jobbers, who, slipping in ahead of the wholesalers. or in the name of wholesalers, secure stocks, which are stored by in expectation of reaping a big profit out of

According to the unchangeable laws of supply and demand, sugar will be dear until we produce as much raw sugar as we did in 1913, when

Children Grape-Nuts Needs No Sugar Give the youngsters Grape-Nuts at least once each day. There's a Reason"

High prices are a result of the retail prices of fine sugar were down

to five and six cents a pound. That year Germany exported 1,110,world. Russia exported some 1,600,-The lowered production rate during 000 tons,-Belgium, France and Holof these lands have sent us sugar since the war began. And no new sources

Simliar statements may be made realso be reckoned in among the causes. garding iron and steel. Only in these But no one can really doubt that cases the situation is aggravated by the ex-Kaiser who made the War is the fact that during the war no reresponsible for the worry and incon- pairs to speak of were made upon the railroads, leaving immense arrearage this or any other country. The cost to be made up aftwerwards, and that The one fact that the Wan actually tremendous quantities of metal were st £120,000,000,000 shows how sent to the bottom of the sea, about

nations never had eight month's supply prices of iron and steel, from locomotives to horsenails, until we get back lions upon milions less bushels of to the productive stage of early in

> Cattle were killed off in prodigious as by the fighters. To-day in Canada war was worth say \$40 to \$60, brings them has risen from \$10 to \$25 or labor is bringing rather more than three times its pre-war price when it can be had. Cans and pails are four times the old prices. And people wonder why milk and butter prices have advanced, and when they will go

down! Raw wool brings 35 cents, and over a pound, instead of fifteen to twenty-

Raw cotton used to sell at from cents up, and has been selling up to over twenty, with the worst crop prospects ever, this spring, to make

And wages have to be high to enable families to live at all.

What is to Be Done About It? Can anything at all be done to bring down prices?

Just two things we can do to help! We can all help to produce more useul things. Grow something or every inch of ground there is. Make speculators cultivate the land they hold for building lots. Compel landowners to do something worth while with all they own. But can you do that without raising something like a civil war over the question of individual rights to do as one pleases? Whether or no we shall have to grow more if we are to reduce prices!

There is no getting over that! We have to produce more in the fac tories, have less strikes and slack times, and get up a stronger community feeling, which insists upon contracts being filled, and bargains being

kept up to. Labor holds one of the keys to the situation; there can be no substantial reduction in the cost of living without the co-operation of labor. That is as clear as that the farmer nust also be a great factor in solving

If agriculture and labor do not co rate to help us, prices cannot fall. That much is certain! Hon. Mr. Clynes, in England, and Mr. Gompers in the United States, agree upon that. And people must buy less extravaantly, as the single-handed Mr. over reminds us, if they want to arry on an era of lower prices. With

national candy-bill sixty per cent. higher than in 1913, how can we hope to get down sugar prices, with raw supplies short at any rate.

Or how can we hope to make up quickly the shortage of wool and cotton, if people insist upon having new spring suits, summer suits, fall suits and winter suits no matter how scarce and expensive the goods are?

High prices are parts of Nature's machinery for checking automatically the customary use of articles which have become scarce. If we are not deterred from purchasing by these prices, we pay the penalty in their continuance or in still higher prices.

There can be no drop in prices which will be lasting and helpful unless it comes about naturally and in concordance with the laws of demand and supply.

Sane Opinion from U. S. As an important metropolitan news-

paper truly said: "The public is pathetically willing to believe that price-cutting by a few department stores, accompanied by the contraction of loans and a selling movement in stocks and bonds, indicate that the peak of high prices has been passed. These surface symptoms, unhappily, prove nothing of the kind. Beyond doubt, there is a certain slack in prices which can be taken up. Manufacturers, middlemen. and retailers may have been receiving unnecessarily large profits, and the recent rebellion of a part of the buying public may have made it necessary to cut profits in order to sell at all. There has been a slight drop in the wholesale price of clothing. Certain wise merchants have realized that they would gain more on a quick turn over by reducing prices than they would save by keeping prices up with a slower turnover. If all retail merchants cut prices this advantage will disappear, and if price-cutting wars follow, the weaker merchants are likely to be ruined, with no permanent advantage to the consumer.

"Our thinking about prices is constantly befuddled by the necessity of expressing them in terms of currency is world-wide, is due to the loss of material wealth in the war, both directly and through the ordinary wastage which was not made good in wartime. This wastage must be made good before civilization can produce as large an annual income in the necessities of life as it did before the war. Until it is made good there will not be enough of the necessities and luxuries of life to meet the normal needs of of living is not a money problem, it is a production problem."

Our own Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Dr. Tilmie, has said practically the same thing, over and over again. Germany used to turn out 20,000,000 The Canadian Board of Commerce ex-000 tons, but has produced none for along with enlarged production must go an increased and fair economy if What is going to bring down the the desired end of low price is to be helped to advance.

Improvement Bound to Come. For it need not be doubted that in time human industry and nature's re sources will fill up the devastated numbers to feed the fighters, as well corners, and the empty storages of the world. There will be bread enough to a good milch cow which before the feed all cheaply when all the lands are again under full cultivation. Cattle from \$90 to \$125. The hay to feed and sheep, pigs and horses will be bred up to their former numbers after \$30 a ton. Bran is worth \$65 a ton a time. Mines and fisheries will be in instead of from \$18, to \$24. Farm full productivity again beyond a doubt We may have to pay somewhat higher rates than before, for probably wage

> the interests of broader humanitarian But the high cost of living as a tem porary abnormal difficulty, caused by an abnormal, abominable war, for per mitting which to develop the whole world has to pay. We have to guard against the recurrence of such an abomination, by cultivating a finer brand of Christian humanitarianism Lower prices will come again to us,

needed to be raised in some cases i

when they can represent positive standards of values." If we want to hurry them along we can do so by speeding up production in all lines; by avoiding extravagant expenditure and practising economy in all things; by paying honest wages;

and by honestly earning wages But you cannot bring down prices by a conjuring trick, nor by process of law, any more than you can bring

down the stars by throwing stones. 'High prices result from a natural law of supply and demand, which is altogether beyond the reach of our skill or power. The nearer you can get to the equilibrium of these twosupply and demand—the closer you will get to fair prices. If supply is

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