

HAVOC CREATED BY WAR ON THE PRICE OF FOOD STUFFS

Fervish Situation Broke on Monday and Tuesday into Many Advances and a Few Declines—Sugar, Flour, Rice, Beans, Nuts, Prunes, Cream of Tartar and Canned Meats Go Up—Shipping Curtailment Brings Down Provisions in Chicago—The Outlook For the Future.

Canadian Grocer deals with the effect of the European war on food stuff prices in this week's issue as follows:

Breaking of war clouds over the Continent of Europe has upset entirely calculations in so far as food-stuff prices are concerned. Two weeks ago one could look ahead with some degree of assurance that certain things would happen under certain eventualities; but the general outbreak of war and the roaring of the cannon has completely changed the aspect of things. With Great Britain, Germany, France, Russia, Austria, Serbia, Belgium and Holland in the melee, we can see nothing but a general advance in food-stuffs should the conflict continue any length of time. If the war does not actually interfere with the production of certain foods, the advance in others will cause such a sympathy feeling that at least a great many of them will also be affected similarly.

Foodstuffs may be divided into two parts for the purpose of analysis here—imports and exports. While it is undoubtedly true that all foodstuffs coming from the Mediterranean will advance to a certain extent, the advance will be measured by the possibilities of getting the stuff to this country and the length of the war. Apart from that altogether, the increase in rate of exchange, the rise in war risks and freight rates will have a tendency to advance prices all along the line. This advance alone equals 8 or 10 per cent. Should, however, the ocean routes be kept continually open, prices of products from countries not actually engaged in the struggle may not go very high, and especially those foods not actually required for the maintenance of life.

Where Advances Are Certain.

But all foods that come to us from within the war zone will go up, the prices being contingent upon the duration of the mammoth disturbance. Among those will be found sugar, beans, nuts, cream of tartar, prunes and French peas. Already sugar has taken the plunge. An advance of ten cents a hundred went into effect here on Monday. The cause of this is the fact that laborers have been withdrawn from the fields in the European sugar belt districts to fight for their respective countries, thus becoming a burden to the nations instead of producers. Coupled with the fact that the United Kingdom, which purchases the bulk of her supplies from the continent, is now competing with us for West India raws, the supply of which, so far as this year's crop is concerned, is gradually drawing to a close. At the same time, inquiry is being made in New York for American refined from Great Britain. In face of all these conditions, it would be difficult to see sugar pursue any other course.

During recent years Canada has been a heavy purchaser of Austrian beans. One does not have to look far to see the tendency of the bean market, as we are now placed upon our own resources. As a direct result of this situation beans advanced 40 cents a bushel on Tuesday.

Many Prices Being Withdrawn. Prices of nuts have been withdrawn in view of the fact that it is impossible to say at the present time whether shipments can be made.

Price Change Summary.

As a direct result of the European war, the following advances have occurred on the Canadian wholesale market:

- Sugar—10 cents per cwt.
- Flour—30 cents per bbl.
- Rice—20c.
- Oats—About 25c per cwt.
- Beans—50 cents per cwt.
- Peas—40 cents per cwt.

Advances have also occurred in cream of tartar, prunes, nuts, cream of tartar, and others are possible in Mediterranean foodstuffs. English goods generally are up some 20 per cent., and French goods practically doubled. If safe transportation is guaranteed vessels bound for Canada products of countries not actually engaged in the war may recede.

At time of writing cessation of transportation is having tendency to hold prices on this continent down and to cause prices in the East to be withdrawn or to advance.

or not. No prices can be secured on cream of tartar. As this comes from the residue of the wine tanks of France, the reason is plain. Markets have apparently been turned inside out. Future prunes have advanced a quarter of a cent, as shipments of the Bosnia fruit have been abandoned, and French peas are on the up-grade.

So much for foods directly affected by the war. Many other markets have been thrown in a panicky condition by the participation of Great Britain in the struggle. Tuesday was a feverish day on the markets. Not only did beans, prunes, cream of tartar, nuts, etc., present themselves on the stage, but rice took a sudden ascent of 50 cents a hundred and canned meats shot upwards. A large Montreal firm withdrew prices on canned meats entirely.

Just what will happen to Old Country jams and biscuits remains to be seen. Undoubtedly if flour continues to soar as well as other ingredients of the biscuit, this article will surely advance. It is pointed out that the war risk is 5 per cent. in addition to the usual marine risk, and shipments will all be subject to 10 per cent. at least in the atmosphere. Much the same applies to jams, which in the event of a protracted war, mean high prices, or may be withdrawn from this market altogether. In fact, just at present it can be taken for granted that everything imported from Europe can be counted on going up while the present uncertain situation exists. One of the chief difficulties to shipping Old Country goods to this market is the uncertainty as to whether shipments can be made within a reasonable time.

Advances in Canadian Products.

The war has touched some vital spots in the market for home products. The flour market, which has been quite placid up to two weeks ago, went up on Monday 30 cents a barrel, and advancing wheat portlands still further ascensions. Oatmeal and rolled oats and other cereals have also been drawn into the vortex, and gone upwards. Fish has shown signs of advance and if our routes to the Old Country are made thoroughly safe, we may expect still further rises not only in the above lines, but in provisions. The effect that curtailment of shipping has had on provision markets was reflected in sensational declines in lard and pork on the Chicago market Monday. But just as soon as the shipping avenues are clear there is every possibility of advances in butter, bacon, eggs and meat.

We in Canada are fortunate, when our fellow creatures in Europe are considered. With a resourceful soil and a good, if not abundant harvest being garnered, we have great cause to be thankful. There is little necessity of worrying. We must wait the outcome with patience and bright hopes. The essential foods for the sustenance of life are plenty and beyond a temporary rise in prices, which it is anticipated will not last very long, there is nothing in the present situation to cause undue worry.

CHEESE MARKETS

Thirteen and one eighth was the high price at Belleville Cheese Board at noon today, the buyers being Messrs. M. Sprague and T. Watkins. W. H. Morton bought the product of eleven factories at 131 1/8. One factory refused 131 1/8 and two refused 131 1/8. The boarding was as follows—

- Shannonville 40; Bronk 60; York Road 50; Silver Springs 30; Union 30; Bellpe 30; Hyland 30; Sidney 30; Aene 40; Wooler 50; Sidney Town Hall 40; Rosebud 50; West Hunt 40; Mountain 30; Moira Valley 30; Priester 25; Enterprise 35; King 25; Mountain View 50c; Pine Grove 25; Kingston 25; Victoria 30; Roblin 30; Stocco 40; Otter Creek 25.

Mr. Allan and Miss Ruby Desilet of Toronto, formerly of Belleville, are visiting their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Desilet at "Rose Lawn Cottage" of this city.

SERVIAN WANTS TO ENLIST

Watches Military Drill at Armouries With Much Interest.

A Servian who has been in the city for some time has exemplified in no uncertain manner how brightly the fire of patriotism burns in the breast of the Serb. This Servian desires to go to the front and serve against the common enemy of Europe and to make sure that he would see the front, he expressed a willingness to go with the Fifteenth volunteers and serve in the Canadian contingent. Unfortunately not being a native of Canada nor a British subject, he cannot be sworn in. He is to be seen around the armouries every evening watching with interest the training of the volunteers.

There is a Belgian in the city who feels at home at the Fifteenth Armouries and the only reason he has for his glowing remarks of his compatriots in their determined stand against the German invaders. He has allowed his nationality to become known.

ADVOCATES FORMATION OF HOME GUARD

My Dear Sir,

Canada is probably one of the prizes the Germans hope to win. Should there be not formed at once in every city and hamlet a home guard I see that Germany was not only her reservists, but her troops of landwehr. I understand that the latter term embraces more of an age who cannot be accepted as volunteers, but who may be called upon to fight in defence of their homes and native land, and who are regularly drilled. We are at war. We have many gentlemen who have been officers in our battalions, who could drill the home guard. We know very little what this war may eventuate in. We can not tell how soon our land may be attacked, and our homes be endangered. Shall we not move in this matter at once.

I am yours,

John J. B. Flint.

C.P.R. TO SAFEGUARD THEIR PROPERTY

260 Men Throughout Province Will Patrol Lines.

In Vicinity of Toronto Nearly 100 Will be Guarding Bridges and Other Property—Men Will be Armed With Rifles.

That the many attempts to wreck trains, bridges and roadbeds throughout the country are looked upon as much more serious than the mere ventures of irresponsible persons, is evidenced by the precautionary measures which the Canadian Pacific Railway is taking to defend and safeguard the lives of their passengers and the property of those who transport their goods by that company. By the end of this week there will be some 260 men throughout the Province of Ontario patrolling the Canadian Pacific lines. These men will be armed with rifles and act in conjunction with the authorities at Ottawa. In the vicinity of Toronto one there will be nearly one hundred of these men, the great majority of whom are old soldiers, guarding bridges and other railway property. At all the bridges during the night there will be one man constantly on watch, and he has the power to use his weapon if the response to his challenge is not satisfactory. The men in the vicinity of Toronto will be under the control of Sergeant Hirst, and the applications for the position of patrol are sufficient to meet the demand many times over.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR ELECT OFFICERS

Ottawa, Aug. 13.—At today's session of the Sovereign Grand Priory of Canada of the Knights Templar the following officers were elected: Supreme Grand Master, Philip A. Gordon, Montreal; Deputy Grand Master, A. W. Chapman, Winnipeg; Grand Chancellor, Will H. Whyte, Montreal; Grand Constable, W. G. Cross, Sherbrooke; Grand Marshal, J. F. Fenton, Ottawa; Grand Treasurer, Charles F. Mansell, Toronto; Grand Registrar, O. P. McGregor, Toronto; Grand Prior, W. G. Gidley, Leamington. A. E. Hamburg, Hamilton, Dr. A. M. Hermiston, Toronto; Dr. C. Spencer, Pictou; J. McMorino, Richmond, Que.; S. B. Willett, Montreal; N. G. A. Hill, Truro, N.S.; C. D. Hancock, Windsor; J. Finley, Cranbrook, B.C.; Dr. D. Darroch, Charlottetown, P.E.I.; H. W. Angus, North Bay; A. West, Edmonton, Alta.; George Will, Prince Albert, Sask.

Grand Council elected: S. A. Luke, Ottawa; C. H. Collins, Toronto; A. Shaw, Kingston; W. J. Hallett, Hall's Bay; Dr. D. A. Clarke, Toronto; Grand Council appointed: J. B. Rankin, Calgary; W. H. Magood, Cochrane; S. S. Lazier, Belleville; W. H. Garrioch, Ottawa; W. Ormston, Uxbridge, Ont.

The next convention will be held in Montreal.

Miss Denmark, of Montreal, daughter of the late George Denmark of Belleville has offered her services as nurse in Europe.

ORDERS ISSUED FOR ARTILLERY FORGES

Commanders Instructed as to Steps to be Taken For the Equipment.

Ottawa, Aug. 14.—Orders were today sent out to officers commanding artillery units which are to form the artillery division of the overseas force to put their men into quarters at once, and take over the horses as soon as they are procured and proceed with the training of the men at local headquarters.

The commanding officers have also been instructed to complete their equipment by requisitions on the ordnance stores. As soon as the units are completed up to war strength and the equipment completed the officers commanding are to make formal application to be sent to Valcartier, where the division will be organized.

It is considered important that all batteries should be equipped up to full war strength before leaving local headquarters.

UNIQUE WAR EXPERIENCES

Of Belleville Tourists in Germany at Outbreak of War.

Rev. A. R. Sanderson and Mrs. Sanderson who were with the Hughes party travelling in Europe had an exciting time in the war zone. Dr. J. L. Hughes had twenty one in his party from Toronto, Belleville, London, Niagara Falls and Picton. Dr. Hughes and some of his party will sail on the Scotian on Sunday, the departure of that vessel having been put forward eleven days. Dr. Hughes says the party reached Ostend on July 23, and visited the battlefield of Waterloo, near where massed French, Belgian and German armies are now meeting. This visit to Waterloo had special interest for Dr. Hughes, because his two grandfathers fought there under Wellington on the British side. One of these grandfathers afterwards married the lady who was his nurse in the French hospital and went to the bank and four brothers fell at Waterloo on the French side. Thus, the Hughes family is directly descended from Waterloo combatants on both French and English sides, James added. Dr. Hughes, laughing, "My brother Sam's fighting nature."

After leaving Waterloo, Dr. Hughes' party proceeded, via Holland, to Liege, where they began their war experiences.

Saw Germans on March.

They saw German troops marching all night. The party went by river to Mayence, where they found the military hospital. Next came Strasbourg. Then they reached the now famous Alsatian town of Mulhausen on August 1st, when Germany declared war on Russia. They were ejected from the train by German military orders. With a German soldier on the track, and the train, too, was within three miles of the border. They met many Americans at Mulhausen, whose ladies, proceeding to Paris, were stopped by German military orders. The Hughes party, after many delays and difficulties, reached Switzerland and Paris. When traveling from Paris to the coast, they met with two escaped Alsatians, who said sixteen hundred Alsatians had deserted.

Magic of Union Jack.

Dr. Hughes says it was the British flag which those two Alsatians stuck out of the carriage window that enabled the Canadian party to get through. Upon leaving, the Alsatians presented this Union Jack to Dr. Hughes. Stopped at Boulogne, the party, absolutely forbidden by the French military to proceed to Toronto lady called out, "Unfair that flag." Directly military officers saw it, they exclaimed: "Why, they're British!" There was no further trouble or delay.

COLLECTED \$702.16.

The ladies of Belleville have collected under the auspices of the Daughters of the Empire for the Canadian Women's Hospital Ship Fund no less a sum than \$702.16.

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- 5. G. Roblin, Rossmore—Oats, Banner, Pts 83 1/2.
- 6. W. H. C. Roblin, Ameliasburg—Banner, Pts 83 1/2.
- Harold Young, Rossmore—Oats, Banner, Pts 81.

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