## FLAX INDUSTRY IF DEVELOPED WOULD BE VERY VALUABLE ASSET TO THIS COUNTRY

Great Britain Cannot this Year Call Upon Belgian and Russian Flax-Industry is Badly in Need of Considerable New Life Before it can be a Paying Proposition --- Great Opportunities for Profit

not been altogether oblivious of the great opportunity able fibre on an extensive scale. offered them at the present time in the development of the flax industry, they have not done a great deal No matter how poor flax straw may be or velope such flax crops as could supply these markets, dustrial plants for the express purpose of much to the enrichment of the country.

Although Canadians with money behind them have neglect of studying the production of this more valu-

Flax Straw is Always Valuable.

to help as yet. With practically all the flax-growing much it has been sacrificed, it can be found to concountries of the world involved in the war and their tain fibre and this, if it was only utilized, would find crops tied up or else totally destroyed, the markets many uses in the textile industry. Canada, or rather of Great Britain are very short of supplies. Canada, the Western Provinces, burns over 1,000,000 tons of with the climate and soil in her favor could soon de- this straw annually. In Europe, there are great in- President Western Canada Power, There is an- this straw and it would not be a very great underother branch of the industry in which there are also taking for Canada to come to the fore with similar



### Foreign Industries Endangered by War.

five years has been \$325 per ton, while Belgian flax has averaged \$405 per ton. It is quite obvious that Canada, while possessing the proper climate and soil,

representation, but they have not decided to do anything definite, so far as is known. It is well known,
however, that British industrial powers would do

representation, but they have not decided to do anyseventeen per cent. of her total requirements, which
is easily worth \$3,000,060, even in normal times. With
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THE LEAF BEING FED INTO THE "STRIPPERS."

Another William is of the same opinion, Mr. W. A. Cooper, who claims that among other things he provide there million meals a year to travellers on the Canadian Pacific Railway. Mr. Cooper is not a philprofit could be made here, as in former years, binder twine and cordage to the value of nearly five million, dollars have been imported from the United States, One firm, the Western Canada Cordage Company, and-a-half to three bushels per acre, according to the straw to be produced. Owing to this industry a most profitable one, as far as the fibre successfully carried on. Intense cultivation can make this industry a most profitable one, as far as the fibre of landing and production.

Small Progress so Far in Canada.

Although Canada has never been the proud possessor of a line industry, fax has been grown in small quantities in certain portions of the Province of two here sown on the same secondary for more than two consecuences of the constant of the province of the bushels seemed. The Western Control of the other part of the same opinion, Mr. W. A. Cooper, who claims that among other things he provides the transfer of travellers on the Canadian Pacific Railway. Mr. Cooper to not a philprofit could be made here, as in former years, binder two in the care of the wall of the care of the same send may make a single root.

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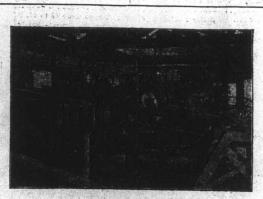
In only a few sections of Ontario, in 1904, some 700 some, hat strange. When the plant is yellow, two is to be some, hat strange. When the plant is yellow, two is to be some, hat strange. When the plant is yellow, two is to purpose, and more particularly so in the plant is purpose, and more particularly so in the plant is purpose, and more particularly so in the plant is purpose, and more particularly so in the plant is purpose, and more particularly so in the plant is purpose, and more particularly so in the plant is purpose, and more particularly so in the plant is purpose, and more particularly so in the plant is purpose.

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As a consequence of the war, there are grave fears fifteen days before it is put under cover. Threshing will be printed as suggested menus on the regular expressed regarding the safety of the Irish and Scotch is done in such a manner that the straw remains cards and placed as suggestions for breakfast, lunch linen industries. In years past, a great deal of the whole and unbroken. An acre produces from 1½ to and supper at the disposal of the travellers on the raw material has come from Belgium, France and 2 tons of straw. The average cost of working an Canadian Pacific this summer. In some ways Russia, and while these sources of supply are unavoidably closed, Canadian farmers and manufactur- sulting is something like \$7.33. These statistics are do not encourage the rich and sometimes costly eners could easily step in and establish a very firm based upon the 1911 Dominion Government Census, trements which gournets ask for, but the average foothold in the foreign market. High prices can be one of the best years the West has ever known for man will be contented, and will be left in a better demanded, as the supply at the present time is very flax. Another benefit from the upbuilding of a large flax short of what is actually needed in linen producting centres.

The average price for Irish flax fibre during the last country—in the West, in fact. This latter would frequent patron of the dining car than of the hospital to demanded, as the supply at the present time is very flax. Another benefit from the upbuilding of a large mood to enjoy the beautiful scenery through which the railway passes. In that way, he will be a booster twine could be successfully manufactured right in the country—in the West, in fact. This latter would the railway passes. In that way, he will be a booster to country—in the West, in fact. This latter would the railway passes. In that way, he will be a more frequent patron of the dining car than of the hospital to demanded, as the supply at the present time is very flax.

### Foreign Crops Are Tied Up.



WASHING FLAX FIBRE BY MACHINERY.

normal market conditions and using modern processes 5,000 tons of flax and 800 tons of tow as compared would yield at least \$45,00 worth of fibre and seed to with 1913. There will be a larger crop there this the value of \$13,00, making a total of \$58,00. This year but nothing official has been heard of it as yet. is about three times the usual export value of an acre of wheat. It will be three years at least before the stoppage of Belgian and Russian flax reality is:—
normal conditions can again be expected to prevail
Belgian total loss, flax and tow . . . . . 18,000 tons
and during the interim, higher prices are most likely
Russian market loss, flax and tow . . . 81,000 tons

This shows a decided decrease and it also reflects the Minimum (Belgian shortage) ...... 17 P.C. premium.

The following official table will show how greatly



MR. C. H. CAHAN, port appears to-day.

### MOST MEN OF FORTY INDIGATE VICTIMS OF CAPELESS- MEALS active, while Italian silks are held high and firm. The sales of silk piece goods for future delivery

called Osler won a knighthood by calling the man of fuller operations. Other carpet agencies also report forty too old. It should have been too dyspeptic. a much better advance fall business than they were changed from a week ago, but beans, burlaps, and forty too old. It should have been too dyspeptic. a much better advance tail business that the looking for. The prices received were not altogether sugar are higher, while hops, rubber, turpentine and numerous vegetables trend downward. weather, the money market, the trusts or Teddy for what is really due to Little Mary. Your middle-aged

Satisfactory but the volume of business put define a satisfactory but the volume of business put defined man is at his worst when on his travels—his only facturers of staple dress goods not to hurry out in exercise a sad procession to and from the dining search of fall orders. This is due to two causes, One

### NEW POSTAL REGULATIONS.

Canada, while possessing the proper climate and soil, and by adopting modern methods, could easily produce on an extensive scale and help fill in the future needs of Europe.

British Investors Are Interested.

There have recently been in this country several respondence of of flax. This is merely one instance of proper grade. There has also been an American proper grade. There has also been an American representation, but they have not decided to do any
Enquiries having been received in regard to poet age stamps being used for the prepayment of war duties on bank cheques, bills of exchange, promissory and the properties of the prope

### MONTREAL FLOATS \$6,100,000 LOAN.

Four bids were received by the City of Montreal

That of a syndicate, composed of Messrs. N. W. Harris and Company, and the C. Meredith Company, Limited, both of Montreal, and Messrs. Wood, Gundy and Company, of Toronto, was accepted at 98.83, on general administration. These three latter items and Company, of Toronto, was accepted at 98.83, on general administration. for the money borrowed.

The other bids submitted were as follows:

Company, M. W. Halsey and Company, and F. Kountz toll earnings of \$2,894,300.20, and reduce the loss to

er than the rate secured for a previous loan \$6,900,-000 floated last December. .

### AMERICAN DRY GOODS SHOWED GENERAL IMPROVEMENT IN WEEK

(Exclusive Leased Wire to the Journal of Commerce.) in the dry goods trade during the week. There was a better demand for several lines of cotton goods, inbetter demand for several lines of occasions.

The market for dairy products desprayed a good cluding sheetings used for bagging and for suitings.

deal of irregularity, moderate receipts resulting in really a scarcity of certain good staple cottons, and the better grades of cottons available for print cloth yarn fabrics command a premium over the quotations movement, and oats, rye and barley are moderately many of them are at the place where they must buy cotton for every new contract booked.

well as for the account of the syndicate appointed provisions. well as for the account of the symmetric to protect the Japan markets against further drastic ed in additional improvement in the value of cer-

of some large buyers who are willing to look ahead tion to accept forward contracts at current prices, it

Another William is of the same opinion, Mr. W. A. will not be abundant when the fall distributing sea.



HON JAS. DUFF.

# S261,000 MORE THAN RECEIPTS assented to by extraordinary resolution or resolutions at such meeting or any adjournment thereof, and in the terms of a draft supplemental geed to be submitted to the meeting. The Trustee, for the purpose of enabling Bondholders to be present and vote at this Meeting of Bondholders, or at any adjournment thereof, without pro-

or post office money orders, the only stamps allowed March 1, 1915, a period of eight months, the total Sec. on these being ordinary postage stamps or postage expenditure attributed to operation and maintenance stamps upon which the words "War Tax" have been week the stamps upon which the words "War Tax" have been week the stamps upon which the words "War Tax" have been week to be a stamp of the s stamps upon which the words "War Tax" have been was \$2,595,613.33. The total earnings of tolls in the period were \$2,334,515.24. In other words, a business requiring the expenditure of \$2,695,613.33, the Govern-

for its offering of \$6,100,000 three-year five per cent. include all the diversified expenditures necessary for keeping the canal open and in order, and the work of These three latter items June, 1915. which basis the city pays approximately 5.4 per cent have amounted to \$574,570.82 during the period. Over a third of the total overhead expense of the Panama Canal is assigned to operation and maintenance.

The other bids submitted were as follows.

William A. Read and Company, of New York:

Lee, Higginson and Company, Boston, \$98.533.

Kissel, Kinnicutt and Company, of New York not been summarized, but it is estimated that it will of hold not been summarized.

### DIVIDENDS WILL BE RESUMED.

POWER COMPANY'S BONDS SOLD.

Los Angeles, Calif., May 1.— Union Oil Co. of California, announces that dividends will be resumcomporation, has sold, to E. H. Polling of California, announces that dividends will be resumcomporation, has sold, to E. H. Polling of California, announces that dividends will be resumcomporation, has sold, to E. H. Polling of California, announces that dividends will be resumcomporation. and during the interim, higher prices are most likely to rule.

Total flax and tow ... 99,000 tons

The area in flax (mainly for seed) in Canada in

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Maximum war—caused shortage ... 83 P.C. en to place the company on a firm financial position.

## FEWER CHANGES NOTED IN

New York, May 1.—The movements of co prices were considerably less in number this week than for some time past, with fluctuations general. ly within a narrow range, there being only 50 al-New York, May 1.—Further improvement was noted terations in the 621 quotations received by Dun's Review, of which 30 advances compared with 20 de-

cluding sheetings used for bagging and to such a control of the first purposes have also become more active and there was a much better inquiry at the mills for fancies in print cloth, yarns. There is while excessive supplies caused a weakening in the

feature that makes manufacturers slow sellers, as higher, but no change from a week ago appears in corn, Flour is strong, with slight advances asked for some grades. In live meats, beef remains at its for-Raw silk markets are firmer. The Yokohoma mar- mer level, while easier conditions in sheep contrast ket is being held up by purchases made for mills as with decided firmness in hogs and some increase i

to protect the Japan markets against turties the declines. Canton silks are much firmer and more tain varieties. In leather, however, the sentiment is The sales of silk piece goods for future delivery made at low prices for the sake of giving occupation to some mills appear to have stimulated the interest of some large buyers who are willing to look ahead of Courses That Are Perfect Blending of Some large buyers who are whiling to low and Liquids.

The carrettande a better tone is evident following the auction sales. The two concerns whose products are still possible on desirable business for prompt delivery.

In the carrettande a better tone is evident following the auction sales. The two concerns whose products in minor metals, lead is steady and tin weak, but copper, spelter, and antimony continue to advance.

Other carried agencies also report

Cotton, wool, silk and coffee are practically un-

### LIMITED

sessor of a linen industry, flax has been grown in small quantities in certain portions of the Province of Quebec and Western Ontario, for the use of the in-baltants in the home making of linen. Western Canada has not been altogether devoid of flax production, for some time, flax being grown, but the demand never amounted to anything. In a short time the effort to establish the industry was forgotten. In only a few sections of Ontario, in 1994, some 700 to first of the plant is judged by its color, which is first own of fibre were produced, which sold for \$200 per ton. This fibre was of a poor commercial strade, own of the antiquated methods or preparation for spinning. A shipment to Belfast produced by slightly improved methods solf for \$240 per ton.

Foreign Industries Endangered by War. including shares of stock or mortgage bonds as may be provided) to or about the Company's plants or property, properly chargeable to capital account, and made after the date when the first issue of \$3,000,000 of bonds have been actually soid or otherwise disposed of by the Company, and only provided the net earnings of the Company (including a pro rata proportion of the net earnings of all corporations, a majority of whose capital stock is owned by the Company) in excess of operating expenses (including therein expenses for the reasonable and proper repairs, renewals and maintenance of their respective plants and properties, taxes and insurance) for twelve consecutive calendar months ending not more than sixty (60) days prior to application for such further issues of bonds, shall be in the aggregate not less than one and one-half times the interest charge for a like period upon all bonds already outstanding and those then proposed to be issued, and or upon such other or further terms, conditions and restrictions of the contract of the con including shares of stock or mortgage bonds as ma and those then proposed to be issued, and or upon such other or further terms, conditions and restrictions as may be included in and provided for by such extraordinary resolution or resolutions as may be submitted to and passed at such meeting; and to authorize and direct the Trustee to concur in and execute a deed supplemental to the Deed of Trust and mortgage, embodying any such modifications, variations, additions and omissions which may be executed to be browned in the property of the assented to by extraordinary resolution or re

May ... requiring the expenditure of \$2,695,613.33, the Government has lost approximately 10 per cent.

It was explained that the operation and maintenance include all the diversified expenditures necessary for keeping the canal open and in order, and the work of keeping the canal open and in order, and the work of the canal open and in order and the canal open and the canal o

(Signature of Bank or Trust Company)

not been summarized, but it is estimated that it will be approximately \$425,000. This would carry the total for nine months to about \$3,020,000, as against toll earnings of \$2,894,300.20, and reduce the loss to approximately \$125,000 or \$130,000, about four per this loan is sixteen cents per hundred dollars high-ance. my proxy to represent and vote for me at the Meet-ing of Bondholders of the said Company, to be held on the seventeenth day of May, 1915, and at any ad-journment thereof.

(Signed). 

Dated at Montreal, P.Q., April 28th, 1915.

April 28th, 1915.

SOUTHERN CANADA POWER COMPANY.
LIMITED.

By L. C. Haskell.

A PEEVISH ORCHARD

(By Peter McArthur

0000000000000000 Ekfrid, April 27th:-Somewhere

hood of Trenton there is a peevish limited though forcible vocabulary week he sent me a letter, unsigned, betrayed it as being from Trenton. not take any notice of anonymous seldom get them anyway—but this o and rash that I cannot let it pass pears that he is aggrieved, mortified an assertion made by an expert and hat properly placed suckers in an a developed into fruit branches by p The experts of the Fruit Branch ass is true, but if there is another side should like to hear it, for I am he know of at least one sucker in a W has been changed into a fruit bearing moved on the farm. Last year it prime fruit. As nearly as I can lea on an apple-tree was really a sucke There is not two kinds of wood in a should really like to have had the ben ton man's experience if he would onl Bob Acres that "Damns have had t would expect original ideas about him if he showed more originality i He began with one oath and repeated tence—using vain repetitions as the ems to hate city men and scientist and mistakenly accuses me of bein afraid my Trenton correspondent is I must confess that the experts have

dering. While they confined their as

eral demonstrations that were inter

ow an orchard should be handled follow them and to write about their fidence, but now that they have settle me what they can really do I have los perhaps that is due to the unusual rus I have not been able to a work adequate attention-because the much going on. Besides the work general farm work, and the need of fethis ravenous typewriter, my orchar scene of unwonted activities. For th Webster, an expert pruner from the Fr been pruning the trees, twig by twig, sel and according to the instructions of the benediction of Mr. Hodgetts. At a number of trees of inferior varieties dergoing top-grafting at the hands of the O. A. C., with Prof. Crow giving t treatment. I should be watching eve heing done and learning both by litrying to do the same kind of work r is manifestly impossible. What little I learn I am afraid to pass along for learned enough, but there is a lot of ti and I shall be able to go into matters the summer is over. I had my cu about Mr. Culham's work by a visitor to look the work over. After exami that it did not look any different from e had ever seen. Then he remarked he had done a lot of grafting in his t never had any luck with it. Nor had grown. This makes me curious Culham's work will turn out for he did such unhesitating ease that it seemed That is the troub anyone to fail at it. expert work. It looks so simple when it that it seems no trouble at all, but I a lot of it is like the work of the acrol cus. It looks very simple until you try

Toronto, April 29th, 1915.-I told y are happening and they are. I found ome to the city, and I have come to a Since August 4th every paper and e Canada has been trying to tell the peop at war,-most horribly at war,-but in t people realize the fact. I do not kno-the country to-day, but in the city, th they are at war. This morning the whom I had to do business stopped me with an air of pride to tell me that he n the firing line in France. Let us s remember being very mad a few mor he Editor of the Farmer's Sun referre sentimental writer." I wanted to hark b days when I frisked on his person, bec agreement between two college classes, ng I was willing to be regarded as sent the man whom I met told me smilingly about his three sons at the front, I free he passed from my sight because my working as they used to. It is a ada to know that those whom we love a with death. This good man, so well o not wish to mention his name withou sion, threw out his chest and joked w war. He is proud that his boys a told me about the telephone ringing in night and how his daughters and his w body in the house got up to see if it w about the boys at the front-Well, being tal writer," all I could do was to shall him and take a walk down street. Th ther appointment, a little matter of be be discussed, with all the savagery that less methods make necessary. When and were lighting our cigars, my oppone deal abruptly changed all subjects of saying: "My boy enlisted yesterday. way I have found things all day in To man I meet has a personal interest in are all proud of what our Canadian boys Oh! but Oh! the price is terrible,

MONTREAL - HEMMINGFORD

or the accommodation of its patron spend the Sunday with their friends in Grand Trunk, commencing May 2n special train which will leave Montreal Sunday only, arriving Hemmingford 10 Massena Springs, N.Y., at 2.05 noon, o St. Isidore Jct. with train leaving Hen 8.10 a.m. These trains will stop at all

Returning, train will leave Massena Sp p.m. Hemmingford at 7.30 p.m. connect Jct. with train arriving Hemmingford and arrive Montreal at 9.35 p.m. Stops and stopping at all intermediate station in addition to the train now leaving Addition to the train now learned to the C short also run a new train leaving Montreal rday only, arriving Fort Covington nd stopping at al lintermediate station