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### THE CLIMB-DOWN

It required just twenty-four hours for the Meighen government to climb down and do what it could to repair the most egregious blunder that has been committed by any administration since Canada became a dominion.

We are now informed that its famous order to compel Canadians to pay for sugar double the prevailing price in the United States is to be suspended for a few days to see if the pill cannot in some way be sugar-coated in the meantime.

The hog-protectionist has always assumed that the general public was composed of about one hundred per cent. of fools. And from the manner in which the aforesaid public apparently enjoyed the process of being bled and flayed, while their attention was directed to such insincere nonsense as the beauties of the home market and the bogus "patriotism" that rampageously advertised itself, the aforesaid profiteers had some reason for their belief. The easy gullibility of the public has been phenomenal and therefore the Meighen government, in its all-starred order to force people to pay twenty-one cents for eleven-cent sugar, was but acting on the old-time theory of the tariff-fed plutocrat that you can fool all the people all of the time.

But unfortunately for the working out of the theory, in this particular instance, sugar was a commodity that the wayfaring man or woman could understand perfectly well. The manipulations that have led up to increases of 400 to 500 per cent. in sugar prices have been pretty generally recognized and universally felt.

On clothing, boots and shoes, machinery, lumber, hardware and a hundred and one different articles or classes, the manipulation has been almost as brazen but the public has not noticed or comprehended the situation as they have in the case of sugar.

Therefore the government made a bad choice in its attempt to hand over a few more millions to its friends who own the four sugar refineries in Canada. But the attempt showed that the will of the Meighen divine-righters was good. It was only the instant and violent storm of indignation that caused them to hesitate and suspend their edict.

### WE WANT IT NOW

The opinion has been expressed, by reliable authority, to The Ontario that Mr. Holgate, the engineer sent to examine Trent river conditions by the Department of Railways and Canals, will not be likely to make out his report in any less than a month. The report is more likely to be delivered later than sooner than a month hence.

By that time, if the present shortage continues, there may be a few manufacturers and power users of exceptional financial strength who will then remain solvent but even they will probably find their working forces demoralized from erratic employment and the demand for their goods seriously imperilled because of the uncertainty of delivery.

What power users want at the present moment is not a minute and exhaustive report of all the conditions surrounding the Trent waterway. Such a report would have its value in determining future permanent policies. But when a man is starving he doesn't want to stop to listen to a course of lectures on dietetics before he receives any food. At such a time he would prefer having some one point out to him the direction to the cupboard than to the lecture hall.

If, as has been stated by Hydro officials and not contradicted by canal men, the water is being held back and stored in three of the largest lake expansions along the Trent, if these lakes are now much higher than they were a month ago, those facts or allegations could be proved or disproved in a single day.

If this immense surplus of water is now in storage there what the manufacturers would like to see is a loosening up. They need that water right now and they are willing to take their chances on a February famine.

The trouble is that these departmental officials get so tangled up in statistics and regulations that they cannot see present necessities or adopt practical commonsense means to relieve them.

And, further, it is manifestly absurd that the infinitesimally small interest of navigation along the Trent should dominate and control the highly important hydro-electric power development. If there is to be any domination at all it should be the other way about.

But there is no need for domination or of all the disputation that has taken place because of divided jurisdiction. What is needed, as has already been pointed out in The Ontario, is an independent body to govern and direct both interests.

The Waterways Branch of the Department of the Interior supplies just such an impartial administrative body. They already have taken over a number of streams in Canada similar to the Trent and with marked advantage to all. The same should be done here.

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Mr. Arthur Wallbridge, of the firm of Wallbridge & Clarke, grocers of this city, in discussing the subject of cheese with The Ontario, gave us the interesting information that there is an important and increasing demand for old cheese in this city. This demand is so important that his firm has stopped handling new cheese altogether. By careful selection of high grade cheese and keeping it for several months in storage where there is a moderate temperature, he informs us that cheese can be supplied to the customer that is almost absolutely uniform and excellent in quality. This grade has proved so popular that it has crowded the other entirely off the list.

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The conditions of the agreement reached by Russia and Poland in the armistice pact signed on Tuesday, make it clear than Russia has been soundly whipped by the Poles. The boundaries demanded by Poland have been agreed upon, and they make Poland comparatively safe from attack. Lenine, too, has promised to halt all attempts at spreading Bolshevist propaganda in any part of Poland or other parts occupied by the Polish troops. As well, Poland can, if she so desires, cancel the armistice agreement within thirty-six hours' time, which, when the powerful strategic situation of her armies is considered, is a great concession by the Red leaders. At the same time, the Russian Bolshevist armies are being curbed and broken. General Wrangel is moving steadily north from the Crimea, consolidating the country behind them into a powerful anti-Soviet force. Falling apart from within and hard hit from without, it begins to appear as if the rule of the infamous Lenine and Trotzsky is about to end. And the collapse of Russian Sovietism means that a real peace will settle over the world.

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The baseball players are now between the devil and the deep blue sea. If they won, they bought the game; if they lost, they sold it.

### WHEN THE MINISTER CALLS

My Paw says that it used to be
Whenever the minister came for tea
'At they sat up straight in their chairs at night,
An' put all their common things out o' sight,
An' nobody cracked a joke or grinned,
But they talked o' the way that people sinned,
An' the burnin' fires that would cook you sure
'Twas a gloomy affair that used to be
Whenever the minister came for tea.

But now, when the minister comes to call
I get him out for a game of ball,
And you'd never know if you'd see him bat
Without any coat or vest or hat,
That he is a minister, no siree!
He looks like a regular man to me.
An' he knows how to go into the dirt
For the grounders hot without getting hurt—
An' when supper's ready both him and me
Have to git washed up again for tea.

He's played all the games that the fellers play
When he was in college. An' one big day
He came to bat with the score a tie,
An' the pitcher slipped him one, shoulder high
An' he walloped it over the fence for fair
An' won that ball game right then and there!
An' my Pa knows that it's true, coz he
Wuz up in the grandstand where he could see.
Once in a football game he played,
An' the winnin' touchdown alone he made—
My Paw says whenever he got the ball
He could run so fast that he'd beat 'em all.

He says that the feller who'll just play fair
Is fit for heaven or anywhere,
An' fun's all right if your hands are clean
An' you never cheat an' you don't get mean.
He says that he never has understood
Why a feller can't play an' still be good,
An' my Paw says that he's just the kind
Of a minister that he likes to find—
So I'm always tickled as I can be
Whenever our minister comes for tea.

—Edgar A. Guest.

## OTHER EDITORS' OPINIONS

### SUGAR AND WHEAT

Consumers do not begrudge the farmers of Canada getting a good price for their wheat; but they have little sympathy for the Canadian refiners asking twenty cents for sugar that is eleven cents in the States. By the same token our farmers ought to get four dollars for their wheat as against two dollars for Kansas wheat. They won't. Neither ought the Canadian sugar men get double of the American sugar price.—Toronto World.

### THE MOTOR CAR INDUSTRY

Everyone in Oshawa will sympathize with the position in which the General Motors of Canada finds itself placed at the present time, due to various causes, which were enumerated in a very clear manner by a prominent executive official of the company in an interview with The Reformer, published in this issue.

One of the chief causes of the slowing down of the motor car industry in Canada appears to be the enormous amount in taxes now being assessed against motor cars by the Dominion Government in one way and another, and all of which of course the customer has to pay either directly or indirectly. The official interviewed points out that prior to the adoption of the new schedule of taxes in May of this year the local companies paid into the Dominion treasury in taxes, not including business profits tax, the enormous sum of $2,500,000. Nor does this take into account the sales tax which is collected from the customer by the dealer when each car is sold. Since May the taxes have been higher.

Altogether it looks as though some revision in the Government's schedule of taxation will have to be made unless it is going to defeat its own purpose, that of providing revenue. There is some talk, much of it quite unwarranted, about reaching the point of "saturation" in the motor car industry. One thing is sure, we have reached the point of "saturation" in taxing that industry in Canada. Saturation is a polite word for soaking, and the Government has certainly soaked the automobile business in both eyes. And chiefly under the specious plea that automobiles should be classed as luxuries. This position is unworthy of intelligent men or intelligent governments. The motor car today is no more a luxury than the telegraph, telephone, electric railway, etc. True, mankind could exist without any of these things, but they have become so useful as to be rightly classed as necessities, and the automobile is properly entitled to rank along with them.

There are other reasons for the present temporary slackness in the auto industry—unsettled conditions in all lines, tightening of credit, unfavorable export conditions, etc.—all of which will in time right themselves. Indeed it was necessary that some of these things should occur in order that the world should get back to a sane and stable condition. They are therefore to be welcomed as the fore-runner of better times rather than the omen of evil days.

Oshawa has no reason to be alarmed over temporary slackness such as is being experienced just now. The causes are not local, but altogether of a general nature, and some other places will suffer far more than Oshawa, which everyone will admit has enjoyed wonderful growth and prosperity during the past few years. The location of the town, its unsurpassed shipping facilities and above all, the indomitable spirit of its citizens, these are the things that guarantee the future of Oshawa as a great industrial centre. This fact should be kept in mind and talked of more than ever during a time of slackness and depression.—Oshawa Reformer.

## How to Ripen Green Tomatoes Inside

A method of ripening green tomatoes that has been found successful is to wrap each tomato in paper and place them in a closed box or drawer in a warm room. Another method is to pull the vine before there is any sign of injury from frost and suspend it from the ceiling of a warm room or the cellar. In some cases if the conditions are favorable the fruit will go on ripening until Christmas. A dark place is preferable and a temperature of 50 to 65 degrees suitable.

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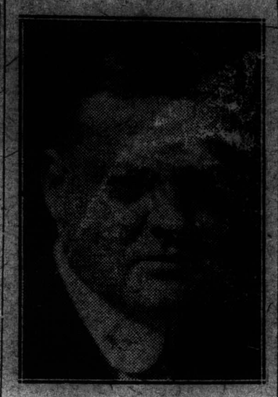
A Chicago diamond importer believes the African mines are approaching exhaustion.



HERBERT HOOVER,

who spoke at the Canadian Red Cross Dinner at Toronto, October 16th, on behalf of the British Empire War Relief Fund to combat disease and distress in the war-stricken areas of Europe. Mr. Hoover was American Food Administrator during the war, and was Director-General of Relief in Europe for the Allies and Associated Governments after the Armistice. It was Mr. Hoover's discerning genius which organized the saving meal a day of fat, sugar and milk for Belgian children during the occupation. After the Armistice Mr. Hoover organized the European Children's Relief Administration, whereby at its maximum, about 3,500,000 children in some twelve of the liberated countries received one supplementary meal a day to bring them through into normal growth and health.

Mr. Hoover commended very earnestly the Canadian Red Cross Appeal for funds to fight disease and to save the children in the war-stricken poorer countries of Europe. He said that the American Children's Relief Administration in Europe would cooperate in every possible way to aid in the distribution of supplies for the children through approved national and local agencies in the name of the Canadian Red Cross.

## LAID TO REST

### LATE MRS. KATHERINE COOPER

The funeral of the late Mrs. Katherine S. Cooper took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of Mr. L. B. Cooper, Moira Street, to Christ Church where Rural Dean Swayne conducted an impressive service. The bearers were immediate relatives. The interment was in the family plot in Belleville cemetery.

### LATE MRS. E. LIVINGSTONE

The funeral of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Livingstone took place this morning from her home, Front of Sidney, to Belleville cemetery, Rev Mr. Mutton officiating. The bearers were Messrs F. Denyes, F. Reid, F. Helm, A. Clapp, B. Palmer and O. Calnan. Of the three brothers of deceased, R J. Smith of Belleville, and Fred Smith of Picton, were able to attend the funeral, Mr. Charles Smith of Calgary was unable to be present.

### GETTING IN TOUCH WITH THE BEST

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Eight torpedo seaplanes, with a cruising radius of 400 miles, the association announces, will be stationed at San Diego, Cal., where they will co-operate with the United States Pacific fleet and coast defences. These planes, brought from Cleveland aboard 22 cars, comprised the largest shipment of fighting aircraft in the United States since the armistice.

Each of the torpedo planes has a total gross weight of 11,910 pounds including load of 4,950 pounds. In addition to pilot, navigator and gunner, each machine will carry a 1,650 pound torpedo, 450 pounds of bombs, two machine guns, various instruments and accessories, and fuel for four hours operation.

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In a Kansas City court a man told the judge he didn't like paying fines, not even $2 ones, and threatened to appeal. "Two dollars isn't enough to bother appealing," said the judge. "I'll change your fine to $25."