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Editor's Talk

HIGH prices and an increase in the cost of living have forced themselves into the general conversation of the day. A scientific examination of the subject is necessary before any person can accurately explain the peculiar economic stage through which the world is now passing or suggest a remedy to those who feel the pinch. Such an examination the "Courier" proposes to give.

It is necessary in the first place to prove that prices are high and that this general impression of high prices is not a fancy, a hallucination or an inaccurate impression. Mr. R. H. Coats, editor of the "Labour Gazette," is practically the only Canadian authority on the subject. According to his method of calculation prices have been steadily rising since 1896 and the rise is still going on. Similar authorities in other countries take the same view. Their methods of arriving at this conclusion are much the same as that of Mr. Coats. Yet it is possible that all these persons might be mistaken.

Therefore, in this issue we publish an article by Mr. Gilbert Jackson, lecturer on Political Economy in the University of Toronto. He deals particularly with "Index Numbers," how they are compiled and how they may be interpreted. Other articles will follow. Further, we have had prepared a series of illustrations intended to show that the modern methods of living tend to increase the average household expenditure. The first of these sketches accompanies Mr. Jackson's article.

One of our subscribers, writing from Elm Creek, Manitoba, criticizes the class of fiction published in the "Canadian Courier." Some of the stories are not sufficiently virile to suit him. We admit that this is one of our greatest difficulties. There never was a time when more stories were being written than at the present moment, and it is doubtful if the average quality was ever lower. However, we hope that our stories will continue to show an ever-increasing value and interest. Every effort is being directed towards that end. We have just secured and will shortly publish two excellent stories by Charles G. D. Roberts. The first of these, entitled "The Stuff of Heroes," will appear next week. It deals with the problem of courage through the experiences of a Russian refugee who is wrecked off the coast of Labrador. The other story is equally unusual and is intended to portray the intense experiences which come to all great surgeons at some time in their career. Its title is "The Operation."

We hope every serious-minded reader will give careful attention to the three excellent articles on "The Case of the Working-Girl," by Marjory MacMurchy. This is the first time this subject has ever been handled by a Canadian investigator in a broad and scientific manner. Miss MacMurchy has investigated the subject at first hand and is not speaking theoretically.

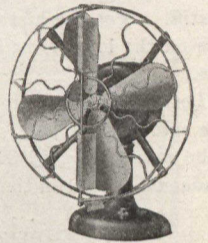
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