ALL COMMERCIAL INTERESTS ARE NOT CLASSED AS PROFITEERS

High Cost of Living Commissioner Says There Are Many in All Lines of Business Who Played Absolutely Fair and Did Not Take Advantage of the War Period to Reap a Harvest.

Ottawa, July 25—"Leading members of some lines of industry and commerce, have, we very well know, reaped harvests since the war began, yet to conclude that all classes in business life have done so is utterly unfair. It is safe to say that not only are there members of every line of business who have played absolutely fair, but there are also great groups whose yearly balance sheets show very little change in profits during these last seven years."

That is the reply given to the question in an interview. "Are there any classes of commercial interests which have not taken advantage of the war to increase their profits at the expense of the consumer?" put to Dr. R. J. McFall, Cost of Living Commissioner.

"To ascertain the answer to such questions and many others of great importance," he continued, "I have required the leading manufacturers and wholesalers of all important products to submit to me sworn statements as to the financial standing and profits of their business for the past seven years. Since to have the series of seven years' statements, it is more difficult for those interests to fool us, but we are taking an additional precaution against deceit by having one of the best firms of chartered accountants in Canada supervise the revision of the reports, and we feel that, when this large task is completed, we, or our successors, the Board of Commerce, will have the basis of fact, not camouflage, to work upon. We only regret that this work is not completed and that retailers' bookoing systems are so inadequate that we cannot now give a complete answer to all that is implied in the question."

KOREAN REFUGEES FROZEN IN FLIGHT, SAY MISSIONARIES

The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook Send Report to Presbyterian Board.

New York, July 23.—That the untold afflictions of the Koreans in Manchuria never will be fully realized here is the burden of a long report just received by the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions No. 156, Fifth avenue, in further corroboration of the atrocities which have recently been reported from that country. It was sent by the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook, now at Manchuria Christian College, Moukden, Manchuria. Dr. Cook went to the Orient from Wyalusing, Pa., and Mrs. Maude Cook, his wife was from Riverton, N. J.

"Presumably you think that our needly started work in Manchuria is not hampered, as that is Chinese soil," says the report. "But arrests are going on here. Surely these are the days when we need grace and patience; for foes must be conquered, and our greatest enemy is our not being able to carry out our well laid plans for working among the Koreans immigrating into Manchuria."

Suffer During Flight.

Dr. Cook related a story of heroic sufferings borne by Koreans fleeing from the rule of the Japanese.

"In the still closeness of a forty-below zero climate in the dead of winter, the silent stream of white-clad figures creeps over the icy mountain passes in groups of tens, twenties and fifties, seeking a new world of subsistence, willing to take the chance of life and death in a hand-to-hand struggle with the stubborn soil of Manchuria's wooded and stony hillsides," he wrote: "Here by indefatigable efforts they seek to extract a living by applying the grub-axe and hand-hoe to the barren mountain sides above the Chinese fields, planting and reaping by hand between the roots the sparse yield that is often insufficient to preserve life.

"Many have died from insufficient food. Not only women and children but young men have been frozen to death. Sickness also claims its toll under these new conditions of exposure. Koreans have been seen standing barefooted on the broken ice of a riverside fording place, rolling up their baggy trousers before wading through the broad stream two feet deep of ice-cold water, then standing on the opposite side while they hastily readjust their clothing and shoes.

Babies' Feet Frozen.

"Women with insufficient clothing and parts of their body exposed, carry little children on their backs, thus creating a mutual warmth in a slight degree. But it is in this way that the little one's feet sticking out from the binding blanket get frozen and afterward festered till the tiny toes stick together. Old men and women with bent backs and wrinkled faces walk the uncomplaining miles until their limbs refuse to carry them further.

"Thus it is by households they come, old and young, weak and strong, big and little. And it is the testimony of more than one witness that babies have been born in wayside inns, thus commencing their conscious struggle on their pilgrimage into a cold and cruel world.

"In this way more than 75,000 Koreans have entered during the past year until the number of Koreans now living in both the north and western portions of Manchuria totals nearly half a million.

"When we read of the wonderful responses many of our churches are making to the call of the New Era Movement we feel sure that the Church is going to vindicate the charge against her that she has been a failure, or the awful war which we have just closed would never have occurred.

"In the fall we felt that our work was terribly impeded by the scourge of influenza. But since the 1st of May we have again had our hands tied, and this time it has been caused by political conditions."

WILSON'S FLY PADS

Kill them all, and the germs too. 10c a packet at Druggists, Grocers and General Stores.

HUNGARIANS ASKED TO SETTLE WITH THE CZECHO-SLOVAKS

Want Explanation of Aerial Bombardment of Their Towns, and Compensation for Sacking of Factories.

Prague, Saturday, July 26.—In the name of the Czecho-Slovak government, Premier Vlantimil Tusar sent a strong note of protest, today, to Bela Kun, the Hungarian Communist's Foreign Minister, concerning the aerial bombardment of Czecho-Slovak towns by the Hungarians on Thursday, as well as other violations of the armistice. Premier Tusar, in his note, demanded compensation, likewise, for the sacking of various factories. Furthermore, the Premier demands from Hungary a definite and formal undertaking that there shall be no recurrence of such hostile acts, and that the persistent Bolshevik propaganda of Hungarian inception in Czecho-Slovakia shall cease forthwith.

ITALY TO SEEK FOREIGN LOAN

Eighteen Billion Lire Needed for the Purchase of Raw Materials.

Rome, July 26—(By The Associated Press).—Premier Nittoni, speaking before the Senate today, said that Italy must raise a foreign loan of 18 billion lire for the purchase of raw material.

A favorable issue in the difficulties surrounding Italy's foreign policy is hoped for by Premier Nittoni. "There is no need to say that because one of our national aspirations is unsatisfied we have lost the war, for Italy has won the war and the prestige which she has acquired in the world is worth more than any riches. We have overthrown a century old empire. In spite of treaties which we had made, as a result of which we ought to have been supported in our struggle against the Austro-Hungarian empire, we were alone in the combat. None can say we did not win the war."

The Senate then passed a resolution expressing confidence in the new ministry.

LITVONIA AFFAIR CONSIDERED BY THE PEACE CONFERENCE

Paris, July 26. — (HHavas.) — The Peace Conference Committee on Baltic affairs considered, today, the situation caused in Courtland and Livonia by the attitude of General Von Der Goltz.

Generau Von Der Goltz was reported on July 1 to have proclaimed martial law in Riga and to have set himself up as Governor-General of Litvonia, which includes Courtland and Livonia.

FIRE DAMAGES VICTORIA HOTEL AT FREDERICTON

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, N. B., July 27. — The Victoria Hotel, Queen street west, was considerably damaged by fire on Saturday afternoon. Boys set fire to a bed and the flames spread rapidly in the interior of the hotel.

Rev. Dr. Cutten, of Acadia College, preached at the Brunswick street United Baptist churches today, and Rev. Geo. Steele, Superintendent of Missions, at the Methodist church.

THE BICYCLE.

The pushmobile of today is not unlike the first bicycle, which appeared in 1816, and was invented by a baron. That machine was built with two wheels of equal size connected by a "perch" on which the rider sat now and then, when he could propel with one foot, or, when he made speed enough by running, could lift both feet and let the wheels run themselves. The first pedals and chains appeared on a machine in 1840, and other improvements were added gradually until the modern bicycle has become almost a necessity as a means of getting about.

Until 1878 all bicycles were imported, but at that time their manufacture was started in the United States and the demand for them became so great that in 1900 over one million were made and sold in America.

Presentation To The Missionaries

Last Evening Miss Jennie Robb and Mrs. Alexander Robb Received Gifts at St. David's Church on Eve of Departure to Mission Field.

Miss Jennie Robb, official representative of the St. David's Presbyterian congregation in the Corean misions, and the Rev. AlexanderF and Mrs. Robb, were given a hearty God-speed to their field of labor last night in the Sunday school room of the St. David church.

The Rev. J. A. Mackeigan, B. A., pastor of the church, presided and the auditorium was comfortably crowded with members of the congregation and friends of the missionaries. A purse of gold, gift of the congregation, and a sum of money, gift of the Young Women's Working Circle of the church, were presented to Miss Robb by Mrs. Andrew Malcolm, while Mrs. Alexander Robb was presented with a valuable travelling bag, gift of the congregation. To both presentations, the recipients made suitable acknowledgment.

Following the presentation short addresses were delivered by the pastor, by the Rev. Alexander Robb, a former St. David adherent and by Mrs. Blackwood, Halifax, treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society of the Maritime Provinces. The farewell reception was closed by the singing of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," and the benediction.

The party leaves tonight for Hamheung, Corea, where they have been stationed for a number of years, the present visit being but a short furlough from their missionary activities in the Far East.

MONTREAL WOULD LIKE TO HEAR IRISH PRESIDENT

"Friends of Irish Freedom" Discuss Propriety of Inviting Him Across the Border

Montreal, Que., July 27.—The question whether Eamonn De Valera, President of the Irish Republic, should be invited to cross the boundary and address a Montreal audience, was discussed at a meeting of the "Friends of Irish freedom" held in St. Ann's Hall this evening. The attendance was not more than one hundred, and there appeared to be two factions, the one prepared to down the Union Jack, and the other to fight for Irish freedom but within constitutional limits. The friends of De Valera recognized that their invitation might be regarded as an invitation to expose himself to the dangers of arrest, and in the end it was resolved that the invitation be sent to the International Commission at New York, which is staging the Irish President, leaving it to that Commission to get De Valera to come.

ASQUITH ALARMED AT PART BRITAIN PLAYS IN RUSSIA

Demands a Clearer Definition of Britain's Commitments, Both Definite and Prospective.

London, July 26.—The former Prime Minister, H. H. Asquith, speaking at Edgeware today, said:

'I regard with bewilderment and apprehension the part this country is playing in Russia. The country wants a clearer definition than has yet been given of what are our commitments, definite and prospective. I sincerely hope that the attempt to commit us further in Russia will be successfully resisted. The future government of Russia is a matter for the Russian people and for no one else.

"The evident convictions of the world and our own country were never more menacing."

Paris, July 27.—The commission of the High Court in the case of Joseph Caillaux, formerly Premier of France who is charged with intrigues to bring about a premature and dishonorable peace with Germany, has closed its inquiry. The final interrogatory of the accused, which was held yesterday ended the formalities previous to the trial, the date of which has not been set.

An electrician throws out a wise hint that merchants and others intent on brightening their places during the two gala days of next month may accomplish their desires by substituting tungsten lamps with nitrogene of greater wattage, thus converting the principal streets and outside lampposts into veritable white ways.

It is an ill wind truly that blows no good to anybody or anything. As a result of the Prince of Wales' coming next month and the business and amusement activities to be consequent upon the re-union of soldiers, many large frontages in business localities are being cleaned and polished and out-of-the-way windows are receiving their first good polishing in years.

A firm of steeple-jacks and lofty workers report that they have become, suddenly, very busy on flag pole repairs and renovations, and cables and telegraphic wires are humming with orders to the big centres of bunting supply and decorative materials.

The suggestion is made, and very wisely too, that the classic ruins of the old court house on King Square should receive special attention at the hands of decorating committees since its expanse offers so good an opportunity for emblematic greetings and also as a tribute to its historic old structure which has stood throughout the reig nof the House of Guelph.

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The St. John Standard $10,000.00 Automobile and Piano Prize Contest

Candidate ....

District No. ....

Bring or send this Vote Ballot, neatly trimmed, to Contest Manager, St. John Standard, St. John, N. B., on or before the expiration date above. Ballots must be received flat, not rolled or folded.

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Though The Standard's $10,000.00 Prize Contest is Now Fully Under Way, Voting Has But Commenced—There is Yet Time for New Candidates to Enroll and Win—There is Much Excellent Territory Which Has No Candidate—If You Are a New Candidate or About to Enroll, Your Chance to Win is as Good as Anybody's.

Prospective Candidates Can Easily Pass Leaders With Few Subscription Votes.

Now that the vote standing of the candidates in The Standard's $10,000 Prize Contest has been published, the Contest from now on will be the most discussed topic in this section.

The Contest has now started in real earnest, but there is one thing apparent from the first vote announcement of Saturday, and that is, that those who are hesitating to enter the Contest for fear others have an insurmountable lead over them, are allowing themselves to miss a golden opportunity.

As "coming events cast their shadows before," it is safe to predict that this Contest will be the most interesting campaign of the kind ever held in the province.

Now is the time to select your favorite in the contest and give your support, both by giving your own subscription and by inducing all the people you can to give subscriptions.

One contestant in making returns Saturday said, "I have never been so enthusiastic over anything in my life."

This remark indicates the rising temperature of the contest as a whole, and you may be certain that if you do not volunteer your support to some one of the contestants, they will be sure to see you—no escape is possible.

The reason for all this enthusiasm is not all obscure—it lies in the quality and value of the prizes which The Standard is giving away.

There are twelve big prizes to be awarded, and to win any one of them is well worth a few weeks' effort.

The contest has only just started, and there remains seven full weeks in which to win.

Prospective candidates are advised to look over the vote standing published below, and then figure out how easy, with a few hours' work, they could get enough votes to place them among the leaders.

The securing of a few subscriptions would do in most cases.

Get into this good natured contest of ballots is what common sense cries out to the people of New Brunswick.

It costs nothing to enter—your chance to win one of the principal prizes is as good as anyone's on the list. Remember, it is not only the people who get an automobile, a piano or a phonograph who will win; Exeryone who enters and remains active until the close of the contest will win a prize.

Some of the candidates have secured subscriptions which they have not sent in up to the present time. It would be well for those who have not made a vote showing up to the present time to send their subscriptions in promptly so that the vote may show opposite their names. A revised vote count will be shown in The Standard in a few days and every candidate who has made progress since the last count of votes, or who has been holding subscriptions, should send their subscriptions in promptly so that their friends may know that they are really trying for one of the big prizes—that they are in, and "in to win."

No candidate has an insurmountable start, which can easily be seen from the vote below. If you are a new candidate, or if you contemplate entering this contest, a few subscriptions will give you an excellent start. Much excellent territory is as yet untouched which will eventually yield somebody a big harvest of votes. Someone is going to get them, and you have as good a chance as anybody to be the one who does get them.

LIST OF CANDIDATES.

District 1.

Includes City of St. John.

	Votes.
Mr. Kenneth C. Storey, 48 Kings Square	17,875
Mr. R. C. Baskin, 43 Celebration street	17,525
Mr. Edwin F. Crowley, 142 Victoria street	13,738
Mrs. Louis LeLacheur, 24 Pitt street	12,975
Mrs. Clement P. Murphy, 4 Bryden street	3,075
Mr. Hazen B. Fairweather, 190 Winslow street, West St. John	1,350
Mr. George S. White, 474 Main street	1
Mr. George A. Margetts, 364 Main street.	
Mr. Roland W. Folkins, 73 Pitt street.	
Miss Elizabeth L. Morrissy, 33 Queen street, West St. John.	
Mr. L. W. Nickerson, 118 Main street.	
Mr. Gordon S. Stevens, 290 Rockland Road.	
Mr. John U. Seely, 101 Pitt street.	
Mr. Robert D. Magee, 24 Queen street.	
Mr. Robert I. Cunningham, 64 Adelaide street.	
Mr. Howard J. Cotter, 176 Duke street.	
Mr. Frank T. Doherty, 43 Clarendon street.	

District 2.

Includes Kings, Albert, Westmorland and St. John Counties (City of St. John excluded) and Nova Scotia.

Mrs. Harry H. Morton, Sussex Corner, N. B.	20,125
Mr. Clarence M. McCully, Petitcodiac, N. B.	18,650
Miss Carrie B. Hall, Sussex, N. B.	15,196
Mr. Roy H. Keith, Anagance, N. B.	9,462
Mr. R. D. Morehouse, Moncton, N. B.	7,189
Miss Fora O. DeLong, Hampton, N.B.	3,125
Miss Alice Jordan, Loch Lomond, N. B.	27
Mr. Archibald Beaton, Weymouth, N. S.	
Mr. E. E. Burnham, Digby, N. S.	
Miss Vera Crawford, Sackville, N. B.	
Mr. William L. Harris, Jr., Holtville, N. B.	
Miss Alta MacIssac, Parrsboro, N. S.	
Miss J. C. McIssac, Amherst, N. S.	
Miss Jean B. Percy, Dorchester, N. B.	
Miss M. Louise Scribner, Hampton Village, N. B.	
Mr. Rene C. Steeves, Riverside, N. B.	
Mr. John T. O'Brien, Fairville.	
Mr. J. Leonard McAuley, Lower Millstream, N. B.	
Miss Daisy Young, Moncton, N. B.	

District 3.

Includes Charlotte, Queens, Sunbury, Kent, Northumberland and Gloucester Counties.

Miss A. Kathleen Woods, Welsford, N. B.	12,975
Miss Edna F. Hartin, St. Stephen, N. B.	12,400
Mr. Thomas McMaster, Gregans, N. B.	7,400
Miss Georgie Mears, St. Andrews, N. B.	5,625
Miss Hilda P. Smith, Oromocto, N B.	4,925
Mr. Charles Crawford, Shelba, N. B.	1
Mr. Max Acker, St. Stephen, N. B.	
Mr. G. H. Bagley, Tracey, N. B.	
Miss Elsie A. Crickard, St. George, N. B.	
Mr. J. Claude Jardine, Newcastle, N. B.	
Mr. Fred J. Olsen, Moulies River, N. B.	
Mr. J. B. Riordon, Riordon, N. B.	
Miss Gertrude Wilcox, Mascareno, St. George, N. B.	
Mrs. Leroy A. Maxwell, St. George, N. B.	
Miss Gladys Barnes, Harcourt, N. B.	
Mr. Walter Burke, Chatham, N. B.	
Miss Hilda B. Shirley, Bathurst, N B.	

District 4.

Includes York, Carleton, Victoria, Madawaska and Restigouche Counties.

Mrs. G. L. Inch, Marysville, N. B.	13,697
Miss Minna B. Parker, Fredericton N. B.	8,750
Mrs. Russell Paget, Coldstream, N B.	2
Mr. Russel Britton, Hartland, N. B.	
Mrs. John R. Broad, Upper Kent, N. B.	
Miss Carrie Demerchant, Piercement, N. B.	
Mrs. George W. Lee, Woodstock, N. B.	
Miss Mary Martin, Martins, N. B.	
Miss Lorne P. Paisley, Fredericton, N. B.	
Mr. John Peterson, McAdam, N. B.	
Mr. C. W. Toner, Fredericton, N. B.	
Miss E. Maisie Grass, Andover, N. B.	
Miss Marion K. McLean, W. Florenceville, N. B.	
Mr. Arthur White, Grand Falls, N. B.	

TWO LOSE LIVES IN TENEMENT HOUSE FIRE

Manchester, N. H., July 25—Two unidentified persons are believed to have lost their lives in a fire which damaged two four-story tenement buildings on Lake Avenue, a congested district, early today. While firemen were engaged in rescuing scores of occupants, who had been driven from their beds by the flames, they saw two persons on the piazza of an upper tenement signalling for help. Smoke immediately concealed the piazza from view and when a ladder was raised to it, no one was found. It was feared that the two despairing of help from the street, reentered the house and were overcome by the flames.

The fire originated apparently in the kitchen of a restaurant which had closed at midnight. An explosion occurred soon after the alarm was given.

STRIKING AIR MAIL PILOTS LOSE THEIR JOBS

U. S. Post Office Dept. Have Dismissed the Fliers Who "Bucked" on Their Work.

Washington, June 25—Air mail pilots, who refused to take the air today because of demands that two discharged pilots be reinstated, have been dismissed from the service, the Post Office Department announced.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Jeremiah J. Ryan took place Saturday morning at 8.45 from his residence, 341 Main street. In St. Peter's church requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. William Hogan, C.SS.R., at nine o'clock, and interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary E. Hill took place Saturday afternoon from her residence, 78 Portland street. The service was conducted by Rev. S. S. Poole and interment was made in Fernhill.

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THE WEATHER

Maritime—Fresh westerly winds; a few scattered showers, but mostly fair and warm.

Washington, July 27—Northern New England: Local showers and thunderstorms, probably Monday and Tuesday; not quite so warm in New Hampshire and Vermont. Fresh southwest and west winds.

Toronto, July 27.—Great heat has prevailed today in Ontario and the extreme western part of Quebec, while elsewhere in Canada the temperature has been moderate. Heavy showers have occurred in lower St. Lawrence. Elsewhere the weather has been fine.

	Min	max.
Prince Rupert	52	54
Victoria	50	68
Vancouver	50	76
Kamloops	52	84
Calgary	42	47
Medicine Hat	46	82
Moosejaw	41	81
Port Arthur	62	78
Parry Sound	68	88
London	74	95
Toronto	72	96
Kingston	66	88
Ottawa	60	72
Montreal	68	86
Halifax	58	78

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THE MAYOR'S Executive Committee and Local Government are pleased to accept the offer of Dr. A. F. Emery, chairman of the Board of School Trustees and also of Dr. H. S. Bridges, superintendent of schools, to have a large choir of public school children sing welcoming numbers to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, upon his arrival on this side of the ocean, Aug. 15th next. The event will be an historic one and an extraordinary occasion for all who will participate. So, all children who have been trained by Miss Robinson, vocal instructress in the schools are asked to assemble in the High School auditorium Tuesday morning next at 10 o'clock for organization and rehearsal. Everything will be fully explained at that gathering. Children living in suburban locations for the holidays are asked to come if possible. The whole city is preparing for this event with wonderful enthusiasm and it is very desirable that our school children be honored with a conspicuous part in the procedings.

Tuesday Morning, 29th—10 O'clock

In The High School Assembly Hall

PLEASE RESPOND PROMPTLY