

stockholders are receiving their dividends as usual. The crash of the stock market in the latter months of 1929 started the flow of the country's money into the coffers of the rich, and, though the current is decreasing in volume, it still has the same direction. Profits have had to be slightly ~~increased~~ decreased, influential salaried men endure slight cuts, professional people do with a little smaller income as the source of all funds has been depleted from year to year. There are many who still have a little savings which the hungry profit seekers are gradually extracting. Beggary is bound to increase as the financial sponges soak up the fruit of many thrifty years on the part of farmers and labourers. Personally, I have a little money which it took me a good while to save, but in a year or two more it will have vanished. No doubt there are thousands like me in this country. The butcher, the baker, and the candlestick maker will have received all we have. These in turn will have passed it on to others, and where it will eventually settle is a matter of speculation.

Fine after-dinner speeches, and even assurances of such able financiers as Holt, Aird, Logan, etc have failed to better conditions. People who are not actually suffering can afford to wait on prosperity. Those pestered by privation naturally wonder at the callous, selfish attitude of men who have pushed themselves into the position of leaders. Why have we made it a condition, that selling to foreign countries is a requisite to using the natural resources of our own country? We have food, we have the materials for most of our clothing, we have build-