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AN OBJECT LESSON

The price of bread is to no raised in London, Eng., a farthing per loaf, and an expert places the causes las

The wheat corner in America. The Far East conflict.

A short supply from Canaca. It is pointed out that the three chief sources of wheat sapply for Britain are the United States, Russia and Canada. The war will likely out off the Russian supply as that country will need most of her own product if the war lasts any length of time. The corner in the American market has been strengthened by the romised shortage and that source is practically tied up for the present. There is in the world at present a surplus of 200 million bushels which will last until harvest, but prices are likely to remain high for a couple of months at least until the crop prospects for 1904 are known. This situation should emphasize to the British public the desirability of encouraging the increased production of wheat in Canada, which is ione of the objects aimed at by the Chamberlain policy. When the comparatively obscure cause represented by a large wheat exporting country entering upon a war in the far east with a rice-eating nation can at the very outset raise the price of ithe British loaf half a cent, what would occur if there was a general European war involving large wheat importing nations? It looks very much if under such conditions the Americans could establish a corner and squeeze aimost any price out for the European nations, including Great Britain. The only check on such a corner would be Canada's wheat supply, and it cannot become a dominant factor in favor of Great Britain until the output of our northwest is at least trebled. If the British people imagine that the United States would not take advantage of her necessities to exact the pound of flesh in case of a war they are living in a fool's paradise. As is shown at the present time, the most elaborate system exists in that country for cornering the market and, no matter how friendly the American Government might be to Britain, these influences would at once be put in force to take advantage of the situation and wring the last dollar from Britain's necessities. The moral is that Britain will not be safe until she has her own food supply under her lown

THE SAULT SCANDAL.

The Huron Expositor (Lib.) is a paper with political convictions and does not hesitate to state them. There is many another Liberal paper where the opinion prevails that the Ross Government has reached the end of its tether, but not all are so frank as the Expositor. The action of the Government in paying the officials of the Clergue Works at Sault Ste. Marie the balances due them on their salaries, was discussed by the Legislature last week and was the subject of a condemnatory motion by the Opposition, of which the Expositor says: "These officials were in receipt of salfrom \$2,000 to \$30,000 a year and it was held by the Opposition, and we think correctly so, that they could not be in needy circumstances and their claims should not have been recognized and paid by the Government. The payment was fended by the Attorney-General." The Expositor goes on to quote the Attorney-General's address; also Mr. Whitney's reply, which the Toronto World reports as follows:

"His complaint concerning the payment of the salary of President Shields and other high salaried officials of the Soo company, was that it was a high handed proceeding and that it was taken for the purpose of influencing the bye-election which was then in progress at the Soo. He would have drawn the line where public opinion and the statutes would define it. The statutes provided for the payment of arrears of wages to foremen, mechanics, workmen and laborers, and he asserted that there could be no doubt that the government should have confined its bounty to those people who were actually in need owing to the sudden stoppage of the works. The Government have not security to the amount of \$1.00 for the bounty paid to the Soo workmen. The Algoma Central Railway was entitled to 60,000 acres of land on certain conditions being complied with by the Consolidated Lake Superior Company, but these conditions were not complied with, consequently the company was not entitled to the land, and it is now the property of the people of the Province. Some

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of the conditions could not be ful-As the Province owns the property it could not be security to

the Province for the debt owed. "We think," says the Expositor, "that most people will agree that Mr. Whitney has the best of the argument. It is a very exceptional proceeding, the payment of these worknen, and it can only be justified on the grounds of humanity, and in the interests of the public peace. But this justification does not and cannot apply to men who receive salaries ranging from two to thirty thousand dollars a year, as in this instance. Hence the Government would have peen quite justified in drawing the line at them. Indeed it was their duty to have done so. No just or tenable reason can be given for the payment by the government of these extraordinarily high-priced men. It will not do to say that the Government did not pay them and that it will not cost the province a cent. Before any payment was made the government had to stand good to the panks to the amount, and if the company is not able to repay the banks for the advances, the government will have to do it. The strong probabilities are that the brunt of the burden, if not the whole of it, will fall on the province. The security held by the government also, is of a very doubtful nature, and no person needs be much surprised, if, in the end, the end the entire amount will have to be taken from the Provincial treasury. The Soo works have been of great advantage to the Province and even did the province have to bear the whole burden of paying the needy workmen the arrears of pay due them, and without which they might have been in want, no person would have complained much. But when it comes to using either the money or the credit of the province to reimburse thirty thousand dollar a year officials, the people have a right to kick and we are pleased to see that there is a good deal of kicking being done."

The Seaforth paper does not spare Premier Ross along other lines. It acknowledges his defence of corporate interests as against the interests of the people in the following candid way: "The budget debate was closed by an amendment proposed by Mr. Foy on behalf of the Opposition, condemnatory of the government for paying the high salaried Soo officials. This amendment was voted down by a straight party vote, the government maintaining ther majorityof three. Since then good progress has been made with the estimates and discussed. Among these latter was Mr. Pettypiece's bill providing for the taxing of Tailways, through a commission, for the benefit of the municipalities. The Premier is him to the first of the municipalities. The Premier is him to the first of the municipalities. The Premier is him to the first of the municipalities. The Premier is him to the first of the municipalities. The Premier is him to the first of the municipalities. The Premier is him to the first of the municipalities. The Premier is him to the first of the municipalities. The Premier is him to the first of the municipalities. The Premier is him to the first of the municipalities. cipalities. The Premier, in his sauvest manner stroked down Mr. Pettypiece very racely, announcing that he Q. W. Fitsgibbons, Cornwall, Ont. intended introducing a bill this session providing for the taxation of railways and moved the adjournment W. G. Fraser, Prescott, Ont. of the debate. This is the last that will be heard of the bill this session.

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Miss Mary O'Leary, of Pt. Lambton is the guest of Mrs. W. D. O'Leary, Miss Ruby Gordon gave an after-noon tea to a friends on Tuesday in

honor of her guest, Miss Trude Lendon, of Leamington.

Messrs. Hinnegan & Downs have sold the billiard parlors to Mr. Yos. Collinge.

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