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GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED.

If the high cost of living were a local problem, local remedies could be applied. It is, however, a problem that is country-wide; and after any local case of injustice or extortion may have been dealt with, there still remain the numerous other additions to the burden, making up the general increase in the cost of living. The cause lies deeper than the desire of a few individuals here or there to exploit their neighbors.

In theory, all the people in this country of great wealth in natural resources should be able to get a comfortable living, and should not be called upon to pay extravagant prices for what may be termed the necessities of life. As it stands today, however, there is a very considerable portion of the population so situated that any increase in the cost of these necessities becomes a burden, which, unless it is checked, must eventually become intolerable. If employers are compelled to increase wages, that increase is added to the cost of the product, and makes further hardship for those who must buy, but whose wages have not been increased.

To what extent are high prices artificial, and to what extent are they due to world conditions? What effect would a downward revision of the tariff have upon the cost of many lines of goods to Canadian consumers? What is the relation of watered stock and of combines to the level of prices?

So many elements enter into the question that it is folly to assume that local remedies will effect the desired change. This is a testing time for the statesmanship of Canada. A government that is afraid to face the situation and endeavor to provide a remedy is not a competent government in these trying times. No mere shifting of responsibility—no makeshift policy—will meet the needs of the time. There are men of great ability—not in politics—whose services could aid the government in applying a remedy to present conditions. Without government action, no permanent results of benefit will be secured.

A LESSON FROM ENGLAND.

The high cost of living in England is made the cause of vigorous attacks upon the government, despite the fact that it has shown a much deeper interest in the welfare of the people than has been shown thus far in Canada. It is charged that the British government delayed action too long. An illustration is given in connection with the potato market. Writing from Lincolnshire to the Weekly Dispatch, Mr. H. R. Stannard says: "Before the war the cost of producing an acre of potatoes was from £12 to £16; now it is £15 to £20. But even if you put it as high as £20—a most generous estimate—what justification is there for prices ranging from £40 to £80 to the merchant?"

"Some weeks ago one of the biggest farmers in the county thought he had made a very smart deal by selling more than 1,000 acres of growing potatoes at £40 an acre (£5 a ton), a profit of £20,000. Those potatoes today have not been moved, and the purchaser can sell at £10 a ton—£20,000—making a profit of £20,000, which means a total profit on the two deals of £20,000. What will the price be by the time the merchant has put those potatoes on the market and made his profit? Fortunes are being made almost every day; farmers and merchants are dazzled by the great gold deposits in potato-land.

"Everywhere I went I heard of wonderful deals. There was the case the other day of a small holder who sold his 18 acres of potatoes for £1,400, a clear profit of at least £1,000. The little man is sharing the proceeds as well as the big man.

"I heard of one farmer who sold 200 acres of potatoes for £10,000; profit £2,000. The merchant will probably make quite as much, if not more. I am told it is quite a common thing for a merchant to make £4,000 without any trouble.

"But it is too late—the mischief has been done. That is what the people of Lincolnshire think—and they know."

We have had a somewhat similar experience in New Brunswick. The price of potatoes advanced very rapidly until it touched \$4 per barrel. There was a man in Carleton county who declared during the reciprocity campaign that he did not want any more potatoes, as he had not heard of any farmer who failed to take advantage of the recent advances, although subsequently there was a decline until last week potatoes were sold by the Moncton Times to be selling in that town at 60 cents per bushel.

That is to say, the farmer loses no opportunity to sell at the highest price obtainable, and the larger dealer takes quite as quick advantage of any chance to increase his profits.

In England there is a demand from working people that the government assume full control of food and fix the retail prices, although it is contended by many that state control would come too late to do what should have been done. A national labor food conference is to be held in Central Hall, Westminster, on Dec. 7, and trade unions, trade councils, co-operative societies and local labor organizations will be represented.

Sir Leo Money, M.P., in an article denouncing the government for its failure to act more vigorously in the earlier period of the war, says in conclusion: "Without further delay our ships should be used to fetch necessities and necessities only. Add that to control of home food output and of prices, and to urgent care of home production, and all is done which now remains to do."

Will the Canadian government take a lesson from British experience—or will it continue to go on waiting for something to happen?

BENNETT AND RECRUITING
Mr. R. B. Bennett, M.P., Director General of National Service, does not give much hope that the activities of the board will stimulate recruiting to any great extent. In an interview on Monday he said: "The regulations outlining the responsibilities of the National Service Board provide that the chief duty imposed upon our organization is to make investigations and formulate plans that will enable the agricultural and other essential industries to be maintained at the highest state of efficiency without impairing the public services of the country. This would necessarily imply that the non-essential industries must be prevented from absorbing an undue proportion of the man-power of the country. Our board must determine the manner in which men can better serve the nation at this time, whether in a military or industrial capacity, also the extent to which it may be possible to provide for the substitution of women for men to efficiently maintain the industrial life of Canada."

Mr. Bennett, it is true, goes on to say that it will also be the duty of the board to co-operate with the military authorities in recruiting, but he lays the chief emphasis upon that form of national service which relates to agriculture and the "essential industries." No doubt the information gathered by the board will be valuable, but what will the government do with it when it has been secured? Upon government action will depend the whole result, so far as recruiting is concerned.

Premier Norris of Manitoba has promised an investigation into price advances in that province, and it has been taken for by the Winnipeg city council, the retail merchants and the Trades and Labor Council. Prices of flour, bread, meat, milk and milk products will be investigated first. Later other food product prices may also be scrutinized to learn if excessive profits are being made.

The increasing cost of living gives a new significance to the plea for greater economy on the part of the people of the country. It will be a case of economy or debt with many of them who have not shared in any increase of income, and have no savings account.

One of the tallest telephone poles in the world is where the wires of the Pacific States Telephone Company cross the Chehalis River, near Aberdeen, Wash. For some time a pole 90 feet high was sufficient to keep the wires clear of the river craft, but the increasing passage of ocean steamers making a higher pole necessary, a new one 120 feet high was set up. The pole is one single stick of Washington fir, eighteen inches at the butt and weighs 6,000 pounds.

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The Belgian Consul-General at Ottawa announces the delay for registration with the nearest Belgian Consul under the provisions of the decree of July 21 has been prolonged up to December 15. Those who join the Canadian Overseas Forces before that date are exempted from registration.

DANIEL MULLIN,
Belgian Consul.
12-4.

CONTINUITY

(From the London Westminster Gazette)
Long after we have ceased to be
The sun will light in bush and tree
And shine unchanged; the high turf
hill
Shall stand up in beauty still;
And all the valleys that we knew
Put on again the summer's hue,
When we are gone, when we are gone
And are what green things feed upon.
EDWARD SHANKS.

LIGHTER VEIN.

No Sugar Needed.
Mrs. Newby—"John, dear, is it you or I who takes cream in our coffee?"

Behind The Times.
"I hear that all of the clever writers are deserting the magazines to write for the movies."

"You were misinformed; the clever writers haven't been in the magazines for some time now."

A Difference.
Hewitt—"Don't you think I stand a good chance of making a fortune out of that mine?"
Jewett—"Out of it, yes. In it, no."

In Court.
Lawyer—"Do you drink?"
Witness (quite huffy)—"That's my business."

Lawyer—"Have you any other business?"

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Acid Stomachs Are Dangerous

Nine Tenths of All Stomach Troubles Due to Acid Stomach Says New York Physician

A well-known New York physician who has made a special study of stomach and intestinal diseases recently made the startling statement that nearly all intestinal trouble as well as many diseases of the vital organs, are directly traceable to excessive stomach acidity commonly termed sour stomach or heartburn which not only irritates and inflames the delicate lining of the stomach but may often cause gastritis and dangerous stomach ulcers.

Neglect he says easily leads to a chronic super-acidity, commonly mistaken for indigestion and is the principal cause for the indiscriminate swallowing of the various so-called patent digestive aids which bring only temporary and false relief.

In an acid condition of the stomach no artificial digestants whatever should be employed as these are likely to merely pass the sour, burning acid on into the intestines, causing serious trouble there. Instead he recommends the use of some simple, harmless and inexpensive substance such as a teaspoonful of bisulphate of magnesia, taken with a little hot or cold water right after meals or whenever distress is felt.

This simple remedy in just a few seconds from its entering the stomach neutralizes or sweetens all its sour contents. Dissolve the dangerous acidity and there will be no need for medicine as all symptoms of indigestion will promptly cease. Sufferers from acidity, sour stomach or indigestion should get a few ounces of the pure bisulphate of magnesia from their druggists and give this treatment a trial. In view, however, of the many varieties of magnesia used for various purposes, stomach sufferers should be careful to get it only in the bisulphate form (either powder or tablets) and in a sealed package to insure its purity.

not an organization, but is a movement for the purpose of getting into the army, during the war, as their motto—prayer, purity and temperance.

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Mrs. W. G. Bowdler, Greensburg, N. B., writes: "I suffered with eczema on my hands, and for eighteen months was so bad that I could not use a needle to sew or do anything. I could scarcely dress myself. Though I had lots of salves from doctors, I never got much benefit from them. Then I sent for a sample of Dr. Chase's Ointment, and found it very different in action. It was not long before my hands began to heal, and after 40c. boxes made them well. I cannot praise Dr. Chase's Ointment too highly, and frequently give some to others to get them using it, for I know that it will cure."

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