

SHOULD EXTEND LOANS TO FARMERS

Secretary Webber of Food Production and Conservation Committee of Public Safety Committee Talks of Farmers' Problems

(Bangor Commercial)

Two conclusions vital to Maine have been reached by George C. Webber, of Auburn, secretary of the food production and conservation committee of the public safety committee work for this state. One is that the state should immediately extend loans to the farmers who need them, in sums from \$200 to \$500. The other is that, if this is not done, and perhaps if it is done, that the state should fix a minimum price for staple crops.

"My opinion," said Mr. Webber to a Lewiston Journal reporter, Thursday, "is based on two weeks' work continuously, day by day, in charge of the farm and crop survey for Androscoggin county. Of the two methods of procedure, I believe that the loans up to \$500 is the better."

"I also may add in this connection," he went on to say, "that it would seem only just for the state to make these farm loans to reliable citizens, without interest charges, unless, perhaps, there was a bumper crop. My reason for this viewpoint is due to manifest injustice worked to the farmer, in asking him to launch out in excess acreage, with risks which exceed those which most business men are incurring today and against which they are guarding by conservatism in investment."

"Moreover, it cannot be put too strongly before the whole state that if either arrangement is adopted by the state officials some very definite announcement of the people of Maine should be authorized at once. If this is not done by the day of this week, or Monday of next week, all the farm and labor and gratuitous services of the men making the county surveys will be of comparatively little value."

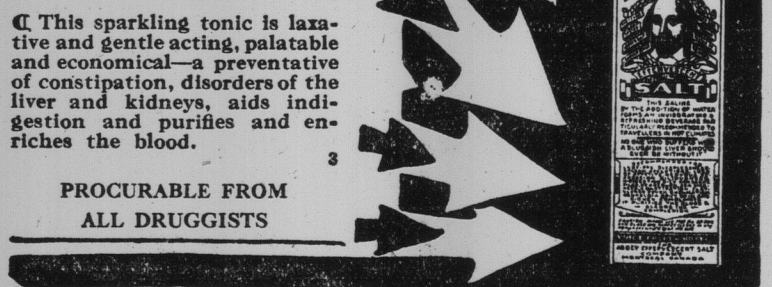
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Mr. Webber, "The state will suffer incalculably. The need of prompt definite public statements on this question by the state is of the utmost importance."

survey, who would do much more than they will do if the state does either of these two things, make loans up to \$500, or else guarantee a minimum price for products next fall.

"To cite one case, a man told me he would plant considerable more acreage if he only had a horse, but can't figure out to buy one at this time. Now if the state would loan him, preferably free of interest, \$200, he could buy his horse and the state would not what would result from his increased acreage."

"In another instance, a farmer has a son old enough to work on the farm and also one hired man in his employ. He has a large farm and if he could obtain \$250 to carry him along through June and July he could make this big farm of real service to the state. But he is tied up without some such financing."

"For three years the farmers have been hit hard, with bad luck for crops and high prices. I know what I am talking about, too," he added, "for I have operated a farm of my own and I realize some of the real difficulties these citizens have encountered through this recent period."

"I can cite one of the best farmers in Androscoggin county today who wants \$250 to time him over a hard place this spring and if he had this money, he would make it tell for crop production."

"Not unlike the last man, is another case I recall to mind, right here near home, where the farmer told me that he was anxious to stay on his place and work his own farm. But he said that he had suffered a series of reverses—he had lost a horse, there had been illness in his family, and a fire had burned some of his buildings—and he needed \$150 to fix him up so he could stay at home and not go out to work for somebody else, as seems necessary if without financing."

CALLS ON BULGARS TO RISE AGAINST CZAR FERDINAND

The Agency Balkanique with headquarters in Geneva has sent out through its secret channels in Bulgaria a manifesto written by a French senator, Baron d'Estournelles de Constant. The baron is well known for his attachment to both the freedom of the Balkans and to



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The Great Importance of Prohibition!



Hon. Nicholas Isorguine
Inspector of State Savings Banks of Russian Empire states, in regard to effect of Prohibition:
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Former Atty.-Gen. Baxter
in introducing the Prohibition Act said: "I do not think that I need discuss the question of whether Prohibition prohibits. That depends upon you and me. If those in the community who hold the moral forces under their particular care—if they do their duty—if they let petty things go and if they stand back of the men who live under the law and persistently and insistently urge these men to respect the law—for without respect the law becomes of no value whatever—in respect to this law as they would any other law, if the moral and social leaders of our country will but rise to the occasion and do their duty, there is no fear but that a prohibitory law, like any other law, can be enforced within the Province of New Brunswick."

Premier Foster
as leader of the Opposition, in speaking of Prohibition said: "That in his opinion the Temperance question is not a question of party politics. Prohibition, after all, affects everyone directly or indirectly and is therefore too big and broad a matter to be dealt with politically. The law is to-day on the Statute Books, and if we are returned to power when May 1st comes the Prohibition bill will be put into effect, and we will enforce it as far as it lies in our power to do so."

In these critical days when governing bodies the world over are imploring everyone to increase production of food, when our armies are crying for men, munitions, ships—when every resource, however small, is a vital asset—waste is intolerable.

New Brunswick stands second to none in her loyalty to the vital cause of the Empire. Of her sacrifices of precious boys, her wealth and resources she is justly proud. With effective Prohibition laws in force throughout the province, she will tolerate no waste due to lax enforcement of Prohibition. Her resolve, however, demands a united public opinion in favor of strictest enforcement.

Help to Enforce Prohibition

The "PIONEER" (published in Toronto) is authority for the statement that in Canada the total value of foodstuffs destroyed by the liquor traffic in 1916 was approximately \$4,244,090.22. Add to this the immense loss of transportation facilities, clogged and hindered by carrying the grain to destruction, and again conveying the product of the breweries and distilleries to make precious men less efficient in this solemn hour!

Russia—

Some idea of the enormous effect of Prohibition is afforded by the wonderful example of Russia. The whole country is "bone dry." The people declare they never will backslide to vodka. In spite of the fact that millions of producers have been in the army the savings of the people enormously increased. In 1912 and 1913 they were saving, per year, about \$20,000,000. In the first five months under Prohibition they saved \$60,000,000. In 1915 the banks took in \$265,000,000. For the first half of 1916, the Russian people saved \$300,000,000!

The shortage of revenue from the tax on vodka is gradually being made up by increase in other revenue, due to the savings and greater efficiency of the people. In spite of the ravages of war there is less begging and misery. "With vodka on her back, she could never

have held the Germans back, Russia has helped to save Europe."

On May 1st 1917, the putting into effect of the Prohibition Act in New Brunswick placed in our hands a powerful instrument. The success of Prohibition depends upon our use of the instrument, just the same as success in battle depends upon the general's intelligent, vigorous use of his forces.

No matter where you live, whether your district is under the Canada Temperance Act or under the new Prohibition Act, you are urged to use every legitimate means within your power of support and aid the officers of the law in their sworn duty of enforcement.

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the Hague tribunal. The manifesto, which is said to have been written at the request of a group of prominent Bulgars, reads as follows:

"Without distinction of political parties, my French friends and I have organized in Paris enthusiastic manifestations in favor of the oppressed peoples of the Ottoman empire."

"For the last thirty years, together with our English friends, Gladstone at their head, we have protested against the massacres perpetrated by Turkey in Europe and Asia. We have supported with all our strength, both in parliament and before the public opinion of our countries, the miserable martyred Armenians, Greeks, Serbians, and Roumanian peoples. In 1912 we applauded the union of these nations against the despotism of the Turks. We even pleaded extenuating circumstances for Bulgaria when, the victim and the dupe of a most infamous military coup d'etat, she violated the Balkan pact and treacherously attacked her own allies."

"Bulgaria has been well punished for this treason. The second Balkan war was for her the most disastrous chastisement. At that time we understood that the unhappy Bulgarians were only the tools of the Bulgarian military caste, without scruples, and of the alien monarch associated with this group. While the Bulgarian people, evaluated by two wars, tried to effect its own renaissance by work, Czar Ferdinand thought of nothing but of achieving his own personal ambitions. For him the youth of Bulgaria lived for no other purpose than to sacrifice itself against the despotism of the Turks. We

"In the past I devoted myself to the cause of the Bulgarian nation, and I will devote myself to it today, but this time to defend it against its czar, Czar Ferdinand, half German, half French, having no Bulgarian blood at all in his veins, a false Christian, neither Roman Catholic nor Orthodox nor Protestant, a veritable Judas, a traitor to all countries and to all religions, the assassin of his own people, cursed by millions of mothers, wives and children—all the world desires that at last he shall pay the penalty of his crimes. What remains of the Bulgarians can believe me when I declare that they have been shamefully deceived and that there is nothing left for them to do but to rise in rebellion against the unspeakable Czar Ferdinand."



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