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plan of doubling the issued capital stock has come out within the last few days, and announcement of a re-arrangement of capital by Price Brothers is expected shortly. The course of Wayagamack shares on the local Exchange suggests that a similar operation is in prospect for that company. Outside the pulp and paper group the influence of tight money is paramount on the local Exchange, and there is very little doing, although it is obvious that a number of standard stocks, and some others, which if not standard, are of a very fair secondary type, are selling at absolutely bargain prices.

It was hardly to be expected that an immense deal like that involving the creation of the British Empire Steel Corporation would be carried through without friction of some kind. None the less, the developments of the last few days, are regrettable. The minority directors of Dominion Steel, who have been removed from the board, men of the highest standing in the business community, and the interests they represent, are very considerable, and not lightly to be antagonized. The recent friction is not likely to make the successful promotion of the new undertaking any the easier, although it must be confessed those in charge of it have shown by their previous records a remarkable capacity for getting things done. Frankly, however, the promoters of the new undertaking would have made a better impression upon the business community and the investing public if they had talked less, and particularly if they had refrained from hoisting the patriotic banner. Nobody is deceived thereby, and everybody is well aware that the promoters are not carrying through their present plans, merely for the good of their health, as a result of purely patriotic motives. There is nothing to be ashamed of in that fact, but in the opinion of many business men, it would have been much better tactics on the part of the promoters not to have suggested otherwise. In financial matters, flag waving very justly arouses suspicion.

With regard to conditions in the United States, the immediate future of commodity prices is still a subject of dispute, and it is left for the next six

months to show whether curtailment of production will counter-balance the American public's manifest unwillingness to pay the very high prices prevailing for many goods. No one, it is pointed out, can surely predict as yet the influence of high rates for money and restricted credit, in determining how far concessions in prices will be offered by producers, middlemen, and retail merchants. The mercantile reviews, it may be noted, appear to foreshadow lower prices. All of them speak of increased conservatism in buying. So far the same cannot fairly be said of conditions in Canada, except possibly in some special lines like men's shoes, and to some extent, it appears, women's clothing.

On the New York Stock Exchange, trading is extremely inactive. There is a good deal of uncertainty regarding the course of the money market. The fact that abnormally high rates prevailed in the first six months of the year is a natural reason for expecting tension in the fall. The liquidation which has already occurred on the Stock Exchange and in some lines of trade should help in reducing the prospective demand. But it is noted as a warning against too great optimism on this point that the recent statements of the Federal Reserve banks show only negligible recovery from the lowest ratio of reserve to liabilities yet reported.

CANADA'S NEED

"What is the need of Canada at the present time? We have a great debt in this country. How are we going to meet it? We are told to produce. We can produce in the factories, on the land, and in the mines of this country. We have great natural resources that only need to be developed in order to enrich this country; and if we could only develop those resources to the extent of one-fourth of their value at the present time we would have no trouble in meeting our obligations as a nation. There is no cause for any person in this country to be discouraged about the future of Canada. All we need to do is to move around this Dominion to realize the great resources we possess; and we cannot help but become prouder of our country and cannot help but glory in the fact that, in Canada, we have as great wealth and as great opportunities as are to be found in any land in the world to-day. What is requisite is to encourage the development of those resources and, given an opportunity to the people to take advantage of the wealth that is in the country, there will be no need for the Government to worry about the future of Canada and no need for the honest, capable and ambitious citizen of Canada to worry about it either."—W. A. Buchanan, M.P., in *House of Commons*