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HIGH COST OF LIVING.

The high cost of living problem is daily becoming more and more acute. Prices, instead of lowering, have soared since the war terminated, and to-day cry is heard When and where is cessities of life are dearer than reached the top notch, and other beyond the limit. Making two culty. Salaries, in numerous cas in consequence domestic affairs have to be remodelled to fit the changed conditions. Everything is on the up grade, and the man of limited earning power is hard put to it to arrange his revenue to balance with expenses, on each pay day. And no one appears to be able to even suggest a remedy. Experts have wrestled with the problem other countries, but have been obliged to acknowledge their powerlessness to change the situation one jot or tittle.

Does the only remedy and its application rest with Governpurchasing power of the dollar has consistently declined year after year, until to-day it is worth probably about thirty or more dollars to even up of each other. things. Can Governments regulate this? Is it within their power to determine the amount to be paid labor of all kinds, the duties of the new Minister, the prices of foodstuffs, wear- that there will be no misunderables, house rent, fuel and light standing of the statement. in corresponding value. En- Failing this, several members quiries into the factors that of the Minstry, will, it is said, living have been held, but no mand has been made by some specific solution appears to have other Ministers that the departbeen the outcome. country is suffering: all peoples are groaning and sweating under the burden imposed upon them by the great war. Who will lighten it, and how must the process begin?

A Canadian contemporary discussing the question from a Canadian standpoint, says that the high cost of living is directly traceable to a world shortage of all those things that are considered necessary for comfortable existence, but yet this world condition is not accepted as a sufficient explanation. In Canada, the city people denounce the farmers and charge them with profiteering. The farmer naturally, resents these attacks and is angry with the labor people who, he claims, have forced up wages and shortened hours, thus attracting to the cities the rural laborer and creating a shortage of farm help. The manufacurer, too, is faced with in-

fears, on that account to ex- tive. The creation of the de the time how he is going to sat- command of Mr. Coaker, th wages means a corresponding speedily ensue. advance in prices all round. The banker puts up his discount rates: the lawyer adds to his Evening Telegram fee for legal advice: the doctor tacks on an additional amount his yearly fee: the city increas-

> puts up his rent. living and high rentals and all the other levies made on the aborer, the tradesman and the artisan and the acquiescence to the common demand moves the cost up another peg. Economists are baffled. Experts are all at sea and Governments are helpless. Supply and demand maintain prices both of employment and production, but while supply is short and mand is incessant high prices will inevitably maintain. Increased production then is the only remedy, and to use the words of Lord Leverhulme, "machinery must be sweated and not men." By such a process, output would be doubled and trebled, and the beginning of a visible and welcome decline in the present high cost of living would follow.

Trouble Brewing.

Numerous rumors were current yesterday that serious trouble had arisen in the ranks of the Government, but executive members could not drawn to make a statement. is well known, however, that the Cabinet was in session all day Saturday, wrangling over the Fish Export Regulations the recent appointment of a ments? And will the question Minister of Education. The be taken up and disposed of latter was made by the Prime satisfactorily by the Adminis- Minister, without any definition trations of the countries con- of the duties attached to the fronted with this problem. The position, and it is claimed, not without reason perhaps, that the creation of such a department menaces the present system of DR. education in this dominion, or at cents, compared to its pre-war least foreshadows considerable value. That simply means that and drastic changes in its workunder the changed conditions, a tion others, will be the taking man receiving two dollars per away of the administrative conday years ago should now be in trol now exercised by the varireceipt of a daily wage of six ous denominations independent

A demand has been made on the Prime Minister that he state Every ment be abolished, but this has not met the approval of the

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creased cost everywhere and radical element of the Executend his business, wondering all partment of education was by isfy the demands of his em- Premier de facto, to whom Mr. loyees for extra wages, who Squires was obliged to yield laim that his profits are ex- the former gentleman desiring essive and their share inade- to make a place for Mr. Barnes. uate. He must, therefore, pay It is now up to Mr. Squires, igh wages or close up his plant, with the approval of Mr. Coakand in meeting the increased er, to make a definite and clear rage sheet, his prices for fac- announcement of the duties of ory output are advanced. And the Minister without a departo it goes on. Every advance in ment, otherwise trouble will

As to Fish.

A critcal situation has de reloped resulting from the new Export Regulations now being W. J. HERDER, - - - Proprietor es its taxes and the landlord issued by the Government, at the instance of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries. The s.s Buchanan, fish laden from port, is at Gibraltar. en route to Italy, and, reports allege, the ship is being held at that port, bers would not agree that the Prof. Truman writes. cargo should be handled solely by Messrs. Hawes & Co., Newfoundland agents. The price per quintal was not objected to by the Italian dealers, but they do strongly object to paying commission to an outside concern, being thoroughly competent to transact their own busi ness. An American concern reported to have been refused an export license, because would not agree to sell through Hawes, and upon complaint to the United States Government, an enquiry was ordered to be made by the Consul here, and a complete report to be forwarded Washington. There will, obviously, be something doing, er

Schooner Ashore.

TWO MEN DROWNED

A telegram from Capt. Bowers, Messrs. T. H. Carter & Co., informed them that the Lunenbury schoone Verna D. Adams had gone ashore at Ship Harbor Point, Placentia Bay The vessel was on her way to Placentia with a load of coal from Sydney and had withstood the storm of Wed nesday and Thursday. A later message was received saying that the vesse ran ashore in the fog Saturday morn ing and that two of the crew ha

Thanksgiving at Cochrane St. Church. sion for hours at a time.

BOND PREACHES ELOQUENT SERMON.

Special Thanksgiving services were in order at Cochrane St. Centennial in order to live equally the same ings; one of which, not to men- to raise as much funds for the paying Church yesterday. The purpose was off of the debt on the church as pos sible. Last year the amount received was \$12,000, and it was hoped tha yesterday's amount would be even greater. In the evening Rev. Dr. Bond was the preacher, and, taking as his text the first verse of 107th Psalm: "Oh give thanks unto the Lord for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever," the paster, for a period of half skilled or unskilled, and to fix and to state them so specifically to finish. "Thanks," he said, "is the spontaneous outburst of hearts that feel indebtedness. If a man does another man a favor he naturally expects gratitude and thanks. Not only make for the increased and tender their resignations. It is tude but that he express it also. It ever-increasing high cost of also reported to-day that a de- is the same with God. He expects us tude by more than mere words. Words are cheap but actions often costly There are many ways by which we may express the gratitude that is in our hearts for the blessings received from Him. Singing songs of praisework in His service—financial help to his church. You cannot actually pu God under obligation to you," said the preacher. "Everything you give Him -and a lot you do not-is His and you are but giving Him his own. Whether we value them or not we owe for God's love and care—that love which cost Him Calvary. Know ing this, the question resolves itself: To what extent will we give?" Applying the argument to the local aspect, Dr. Bond referred to the church debt and the desirability of having it removed. This was his last year as pastor of Cochrane St. Church and he wished to leave with the load lightened. If the congregation gave in the same proportion as that in which God gave, the debt would be wiped out to-night. "You are not now dealing with the "church," he said, in conclusion.

> Christ and you deal with Him!" The sermon was very masterly and will long be remembered by those who MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES GAR-GET IN COWS.

> "It is not the "church" which you

help. You are face to face with Jesus

In No Danger.

No Evidence of Predicted Cataclysm---Prof. Truman Gives the Other Side.

Plainview, Tex., Nov. 29.—According to Prof. O. H. Truman of the Lowell Observatory at Flagstaff, Ariz., no such dire calamity will befall the people of the earth next month as was recently predicted in a widely published statement by a popular meteorological scientist. The basis of this prediction was that several large planets will all occusy a position in the same direction from the sun.

In resnance to an inmirer has a citizen of Plainview.

"It is a fact that on December 17, and for some days before and after that date, six of the planets, Neptune, Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Mercury and Venus, will be roughly in the same direction from the sun, Uranus in the opposite direction, and the earth somewhere near at right meetings alone, would benefit angles. This is doubtless a very unusual grouping, though nothing but a calculation which it would take too long to the speakers make, would tell how often it occurs. I should think, however, that this grouping or others equally remarkable must have happened several times in the course of recorded history.

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM.

"However, no bad results are to be feared from it There is no evidence of any influence of the planets either upon the sun or the earth; no evidence that they produce sun spots, for example; and it is highly improbable that they do. And sun spots have no influence on the weather of the earth of which any one knows. Great spots have often happened without any bad effects.

"St.n spots occur most frequently at times averaging about eleven years apart; at these times there is a general increased activity in the sun, of which the spots are only and Concert at 8 p.m. a symptom; there is a slightly greater emission of heat; northern lights on the earth are frequent; 'magnetic storms'-by which is meant not thunderstorms but unusual variations in the magnetism of the earth-are common; and occasionally the electric currents set up in the earth are such as to put the wire telegraph out of commis-

TO BE DEPRECATED.

"I remember one case, for example, where the east and west wires in Eastern Canada could not be worked at all for several hours, while the north and south lines were not affected. Then as the solar maximum passes, all these activities slowly die down and in due time build themselves up again for the next maximum. But nothing dangerous or destructive happens.

"I think it is too bad that such stories as that you read gain wide circulation. People believe them-they have no reason to do anything else, and if no other harm results when these terrifying predictions fail to materialize, science as a whole is discredited. There are as many disreputable men in proportion in the scientific world, or at least posing as scientists, as there are any place elseand no more.

"I AM GLAD YOU GAVE ME A CHANCE TO IN SOME DEGREE REMOVE THE BAD EFFECTS OF SUCH AN ARTICLE."

Those Dope Cases.

ed by the City papers on Tuesday. One, a man from Grand Falls, was brought up by the police from there to the Asylum for the Insane. He became ons and first tried to drown himself in the Exploits. The other was that of a young unmarried woman who was found suffocated in a pool of water on the South Side, St. John's. A small bottle of some liquid was found on her and another was way of handling this new and merciless menace. To habitual drunkards less, but there seems to be no hope for those who take up the use of the modern agents of intoxication. Essences and compounds, even shoe polish and undreamt of concoctions are said to be used by those whose cravings seek to be satisfied. How

hibition became the law of the land?

—Hr. Grace Standard.

"Ferm" Judgment Delivered.

On Saturday afternoon judgement in the now famous Ferm enquiry case was handed down by Magistrate Frank Morris. Summarised, the judge

"Considering all the facts disclosed in relation to the departure of S. S. Ferm from her proper course at Cape at Knight's Cove Point, Bonavista Bay the Captain's certificate is hereby suspended for a period of twelve

months from this date." The counsel in the case were-H A. Winter for the Crown; Hon. M. P. Gibbs, for the captain; W. R. Howley, K.C., for the underwriters and L. E. Emerson for the owners.

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Susu Had Hard Time.

The plucky little coastal boat Sust which arrived Saturday night, receivd a hard drubbing on her last run China and American Xmas down the coast, the seas running elties __dec13,2i mountain high. The captain and crew said that the experience was the worst of their lives, for the ship had to be put to sea as the huge waves drifting on the shore prevented run-

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hanking you for space, Mr. Editor Yours sincerely,

ONE OF THEM.

Rod and Gun

le Dale the well-known naturalist contributes interesting articles December issue of ROD AND IN CANADA tells the interesting ns and varied water life of the of Georgia. Other interesting es and articles included in this skilled writer of Nature storie ge Gilbert; "In the Basin," by H. John W. Tifcomb. In addition to splendid features ROD AND N IN CANADA for December conns the usual high class Fishing, ns and Trap Line Departments. W. aylor, Limited, Woodstock, Pub-

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