

**FULLEST PRODUCTION AND GENERAL THRIFT**

**Sir Henry Drayton Tells Life Insurance Presidents They Are Essential to Reconstruction.**

New York, Dec. 4.—Addressing the thirteenth annual convention of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents, Sir Henry Drayton, minister of finance for Canada, spoke of reconstruction problems. "The great underlying principle of reconstruction as it appears to us generally," he said, "is that reconstruction which will make for a better and improved state of society as such a reconstruction which, while preserving the right of initiative and proper incentive for effort, will at the same time to the fullest extent possible afford equality of opportunity for everybody."

Sir Henry urged the fullest production, the greatest amount of useful work and the practice of economy and thrift everywhere. Referring to trade between Canada and the United States Sir Henry said that during the fiscal year ending March 31, 1913, Canadian imports from the United States amounted to 55.55 per cent. of the whole. But during the fiscal year ending March 31, 1919, the percentage had grown to 81.50. On the other hand, the percentage of purchases made by the United States in Canada, in comparison with total Canadian exports, not only has not increased in a like ratio, but had declined, as the percentage of Canadian exports to the United States in comparison with total Canadian exports for the year ending March 31, 1913, was 39.07, and for the year ending March 31, 1919, only amounted to 27.65.

"The problems of the North American continent," Sir Henry concluded, "will have to be worked out by our respective countries and to an ever-increasing degree the problems of the world will be solved by your great republic and the confederated nations of the British Empire. With a history, with love, interests, traditions and aspirations so largely common, the essential combined efforts for civilization and humanity ought to be, and I am confident will be, harmonious and effective."

**No Apprehension by Ottawa Over Alberta Coal Situation**

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—There is no apprehension felt in the labor department here as to the coal situation in Alberta. Senator Robertson, minister of labor, stated that the department was in constant touch with conditions in district 16, and that the reports re-

ceived were satisfactory. Production in this area is greater than during the same period a year ago and there is no reason to fear labor troubles. The minister appeared to think that any requests for government action to make strikes in the district impossible were premature, in view of the satisfactory situation at present prevailing.

**Meeting of Galt Citizens Decides Y.W.C.A. is Needed**  
Galt, Ont., Dec. 4.—(Special)—At an enthusiastic meeting held tonight at the city hall of prominent men and women it was decided to conduct a campaign to raise funds to provide Galt with a Y. W. C. A., it being con-

sidered that such an institution was necessary in view of the large number of women help employed here. Committees were appointed to make a canvass and a meeting will be held later to take further action.

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