

tion amongst American bulk buyers having shot them up to \$11.70 and in some instances to \$12. Scotch pack foreign buyers are looking askance at these inflated prices and are not doing any large purchasing.

**Provisions**—Flour prices for Standard are \$14.40, wholesale and \$14.80 retail. The substitute question is becoming more acute daily, and there are hopes that the Food Control Board will be able to adjust conditions satisfactory to all, shortly. Mess Pork is now being quoted at \$54 and Ham Butt \$48 per barrel. Best shows no prospect of decline the values to-day being \$47.50 for Bone Flank; \$46.50 for Packet; \$46 to \$48.50 for Boneless and for Plate \$48.50 to \$44. The market is fairly well stocked in sugar, a shipment of white arriving from New York, last week and a consignment of Brown due by S. S. Eagle. There is no change from last week's prices. The molasses market is unchanged so far as new stocks go. The price is now 99 3/4 cents per gallon, wholesale. Local Potatoes are being sold at \$5.50 and P. E. I. \$5.80 per barrel. The homely spud may, at these figures, be classed in the luxury list.

**Xmas Music.**

The music on Christmas Day at 11 a.m. at Cochrane St. Church, will be from Handel's "Messiah," as follows:  
 Recit.—Behold! a Virgin.  
 Solo and Chorus—O thou that tellest.  
 Chorus—For unto us a Child is born.  
 Organ—Pastoral symphony.  
 Recit.—There were Shepherds.  
 Recit.—And the Angel.  
 Recit.—And suddenly there was with the angel.  
 Chorus—Glory to God.  
 Chorus—Hallelujah!  
 The Christmas music will be repeated at the above Church on Sunday evening next, during the regular service.



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**The Duty of the Hour—Not Drift But Advance.**

Under are we as an electorate able to our present position? Are we cognizant of how we stand? Do we stand, with such a stupendous debt against us? Do we know how much the expenditure of the last few years has been? Do we know how much the expenditure of the last few years has been? Do we know how much the expenditure of the last few years has been?

If we then can see the difference we can likewise judge for ourselves which men are more competent of directing our affairs and those of our country properly and honestly. Now, then, having found out whom we think best capable of conducting our government it is surely up to us to vote according to our findings and judgements formed thereby. Are we going to do that? Are we, being fully cognizant of who is the man for the position, going to let time slip by without trying to secure him? Are we blind to our material interests, or has past experience disgusted us beyond the desire to renew the struggle? It is up to us to answer. It is now up to us to give our findings and present opinions fuller publicity in the press.

Are we doing our duty in this respect? Are we possessed of that sense of responsibility which should cause us to publish our decisions and reasons for such, for the enlightenment of our fellowmen, who are still seeking for the truth? There is our duty and the period of time between now and the general election gives us an opportunity to call out our former leader.

Are we, I repeat, going to perform this duty? Are we content to drift in politics and take any kind of politicians, or are we going to have only the very best men as our administrators? Our duty is evident and the next few months will tell how that duty has been done. Don't wait and

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see, but in the interval for action wait and work, and the results of that work will be gratifying to us when our country, under a liberal regime has again resumed a normal incurrence of debt and yet a steady progress towards the most possible development of our resources.

**A "Wavy" Navy.**

(Daily Mail.)

The personnel of the British Fleet is divided into three main branches—namely, the *pukka*, or Navy proper; the Royal Naval Reserve, recruited from the Merchant Service; and the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, otherwise the "wavy" Navy—so called because of the wavy fashion in which gold lace runs round the sleeves of its officers and white piping round the blue collars of its men.

Like other auxiliary "ratings," the "wavy" Navy is of pre-war origin. But it differs from them in being regarded as a kind of "rag-bag" into which everyone may be dropped who cannot be conveniently attached elsewhere.

As a result of this, one finds great diversity of occupation among the wearers of the wavy stripes. Some are employed on "publicity," some act as official photographers, among the latter being a well-known Peer. The Navy's equivalent of official war correspondents are also attached to it. In short, if the Admiralty do not quite know where to put a man, into the "wavy" Navy he goes. And he does not mind that either, for the R.N.V.R. has done so well that one feels it an honor to belong to it.

Most of its members are employed in "sailorising" proper. One finds them right through the Fleet and always doing well. The motor-launches are practically all officered and manned by them. Everyone will recall the high praise which the M.L.'s won by their "smoke-making" and rescue work at Zeebrugge and Ostend; also for the general excellence of their work in the operations off the Belgian coast.

The "Admiral" of this flotilla is a well-known M.P., who "joined up" for the war and had no previous naval experience, though he has since won the D.S.O. and other honors.

In the piping days of peace most of the flotilla's officers were barristers, Journalists, and City men. Quite a number hailed from Canada. Except for a few yachtsmen among them they knew little or naught of the sea. But they made good officers all the same. Barristers and journalists especially seem to have made good in this capacity, though they were regarded doubtfully enough at the beginning of things.

"Are you another dashed lawyer?" asked the C.O. of a certain base of a new-comer "wavy" Navy officer in the early days of the war.

"I am," he replied.

"We shall soon have the whole blanked Temple here!" was the disapproving rejoinder.

Since that day a great part of the whole "blanked Temple" has gone. So have many others from other seemingly unlikely training grounds for sailors. But these recruits were not long viewed with disfavour. Doubt soon changed to welcome as the sea snatched their blood began to show itself. As a consequence the "wavy" Navy, though compounded of apparently incongruous and unpromising elements, has grown until it has become very strong numerically and thoroughly efficient professionally. Those belonging to it have won the respect of their "active list" brethren by solid achievement.

In a word, we all feel a little bit proud of ourselves.—R.N.V.R.

**Mess Mustn'ts.**

**CURIOSITIES OF ETIQUETTE.**

Rigid as the rules of the Medes and Persians are the unwritten laws of mess etiquette. Many of them date back centuries. In certain regiments of infantry that were raised as marksmen originally, notably the East Surrey Regiment, formerly the 31st, it is the custom to drink the King's health sitting, the origin of this being that the low 'tween decks in old times did not admit of standing up.

The wine is always passed the way the hands of the clock move; i.e., from right to left, while treating is considered bad form.

A lady's name should never be mentioned in a mess, nor a bet made, while to drink or give such an occasion, is to invite severe condemnation from senior officers. Dining in mess being a parade, there are various restrictions regarding dress.

A Sam Browne belt is not worn, except by the orderly officer of the day. "Slacks" are the usual rule, and if an officer has to wear breeches for any particular reason, it is customary to apologize to his senior officer present in the ante-room before dining for being improperly dressed.

An officer who is late must also apologize to the president or vice-president before seating himself.

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