

has ceased. Each has a National Government interested only in the prosecution of the war to a successful issue. In all of these countries the war is looked upon as a real national danger and not as a recreation. Politicians are not seeking the spoils of office and everybody is being forced to contribute to the cost of the war by heavy taxation of the most effective kind. In Canada we are still playing party politics; we are still raising our revenues by the most inefficient methods. While there is considerable opinion in support of a National Government in the East, the official voice of the two parties is opposed to it. The Tory party wants to hold the honor and the spoils of office, while the Grit party is anxious chiefly to replace the government. The life of parliament expires in a few months and unless extended an election must be held before harvest. It is not to our national credit that Canada is the only part of the British Empire still conducting the war on a political basis. The present parliament of Canada does not represent the people. It is almost six years since it was elected. The three Prairie Provinces have today only 21 members at Ottawa. They have been entitled to 43 members for six years. The West has no adequate voice in our federal parliament. If the federal government refuses to become nationalized and really representative of the people, the West is fully entitled to demand a general election. But we believe the overwhelming Western feeling would be in favor of a National Government and no election until the war is over. Must it continue to be said of Canada that we have not big enough men in our two great political parties to conduct the war on the same business like basis as it is being conducted by every other part of the Empire?

Get your farm machinery ready for spring work and lay in an extra supply of the most necessary repairs. That is the way to further

your work this spring. An hour saved is an hour gained.

EVERYTHING GOING UP

Among housewives who are purchasing the daily requirements for their families it is a common expression that "everything is going up." Almost every article required in the ordinary household has advanced in price and the advances of the past year have been enormous. Undoubtedly there is justification for a considerable advance in the price in many articles. It is impossible, however, to avoid the conclusion that a very large number of manufacturers are simply using the war as an excuse to gouge the public. In hundreds of cases there seems no reason whatever for the enormous increase in cost. In normal times competition to a considerable extent regulated prices, but it appears to be a very small factor at the present time. In every other country engaged in the war, so far as we are aware the governments are exercising very wide powers in the control of food prices. In Great Britain practically everything is controlled and no person is permitted to corner the food of the people or to line their pockets at the expense of the public. The same applies in France, Germany, Austria, Russia and the other great nations. Excepting Russia, Canada has a larger food supply than any of these countries and Canada has no real regulation of prices of anything, except the regulation provided by those who have it to sell. Government supervision of the high cost of living in Canada is a myth. We are producing millionaires in Canada today probably faster than any time in our history. A few enquiries are being made into the high cost of living, but they seem to be conducted more as a pastime than as a serious attempt to bring relief.

The banks owe it to the country to help every farmer in every possible way to secure

the best of seed and other assistance this spring. They are one of the most vital factors in larger production and there should be a full and sympathetic shouldering of their responsibility.

TITLES FOR EVERYBODY

The farmers of Ontario evidently feel very much the same as the Western farmers in regard to the tin pot titles that have been scattered around Canada so carelessly in recent years. At the convention attended by more than four hundred delegates two weeks ago, at Toronto the following sarcastic resolution was passed:—

That whereas there has been of late years a growing number of Canadians who have had titles conferred upon them, and whereas, all Canadians have not as yet been so distinguished, and whereas, we regard this discrimination as undemocratic; therefore be it resolved, that Parliament be asked to enact that all Canadian citizens who shall reach the age of thirty years without having served a term in jail for chicken stealing, shall be knighted, and that all married women of the same age shall be styled "Lady."

The way titles are being bestowed in Canada, with no regard whatever to merit, they are rapidly becoming the subject of ridicule. If it continues the result cannot be very pleasant for those who are honored by one of these tin pot appendages.

The American Congress has passed the "bone dry" prohibition bill. This new enactment makes it a crime to ship or carry any liquor into a State that has passed a prohibitive law. Henceforth any State in the Union which declares for prohibition will have full power to prohibit absolutely the liquor traffic within its borders. If the Parliament of Canada does its duty to the provinces it will pass similar legislation and enable each province to shut out liquor, which it has not the power now to do.



THERE'S MORE IN IT THAN SOME THINK

Wilfrid: What's that on the road, Robert? Robert: Open her up, it's only a heap of snow.