

The Evening Times and Star

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THE TRADE SITUATION

The Bank of Commerce circular for October says the results of the western harvest will be satisfactory. While wages for harvesters were \$4 per day at the outset, they rose to \$7 and \$8 before the season ended. It is estimated the wheat crop will be about 295,000,000 bushels, or nearly 30,000,000 greater than in 1920.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Of the loss by fire in the United States the president of the National Fire Protection Association, says: "The 1920 fire loss figures of twenty states have now been completed by the Actuarial Bureau of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, and are found to be sixty per cent greater than those of 1919."

SHIPPING

ALMANAC FOR ST. JOHN, OCT. 10. Arrived October 10. Stmr. Chandler, 2500, Shilliton, from Bermuda and the West Indies. Schrs. Susan B., 844, Coveri, from New York.

BRITISH PORTS. Avonmouth, Oct 7-8, str Bothwell, Montreal. Liverpool, Oct 7-8, str Merican, Montreal. London, Oct 7-8, str Tanquam, Montreal.

FOREIGN PORTS. New York, Oct 7-8, str Celtic, Liverpool. Duisin, Oct 5-8, str Minnehaha, New York.

MARINE NOTES. Stmr. Canadian Forester sailed from St. John for Montreal on October 7. Canadian Hunter arrived at Messina from Patras on October 6. Canadian Settler arrived at Cardiff from Montreal on September 21. Canadian Seigneur sailed from Hamburg for Montreal on October 7. Canadian Victor arrived at Montreal from Glasgow and Liverpool on October 6.

Word was received yesterday from Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, minister of customs and excise, that county court judges in the various counties would sit as registrars, for the purpose of adding names to the voters' lists, from October 31 to November 4, both dates inclusive.

Yesterday was the regular monthly communion Sunday for the members of the Holy Name Society at all the Catholic churches of the city. The members of the society in the Cathedral parish attended the seven o'clock mass in a great assemblage as we have seen during the last eighteen months. It is quite possible, indeed it is highly probable, that there will be occasional advances sustained for a few months, but on the whole, the trend will be gently downward until pre-war prices, or if not actually pre-war prices, at least prices not very far in advance of them, are reached in most, if not all, commodities.

ON THE RIGHT ROAD.

Spite of all the growlers say: "World is runnin' right!" Sunshine silverin' the day, Hope an' heaven in sight! Winters never come in stay, Blossoms redden every May, Hallelujah on the way— World is runnin' right! —Frank L. Stanton.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

"What makes you think there's no sense in our proverb, Count?" "For example, I ask one Englishman his favorite maxim, and he says: 'Don't let trouble trouble you till trouble trouble you.' And another, he says: 'He who laughs, laughs, laughs, laughs!'" —Frank L. Stanton.

Setting an Average.

"Why do you set a 'copy two score' asked the straphanger. "To even things up," answered the grumpy man. "I don't know what you mean by that." "I don't get any seat at all," Toledo Blade.

A railway director rebuked a ticket collector who allowed him to go through the gate without producing his pass.

"No matter if you do know who I am," he said, in reply to the collector's excuse, "I am entitled to ride free only when I am travelling on my own business. I don't know whether I have it or not." The collector, nettled into action, demanded to see the pass.

"That's right," exclaimed the director. "Here—why—where—well, I declare! I must have left it at the office." "You'll have to pay your fare," responded the collector grimly. And he did.

An ardent philanthropist called a meeting in connection with some good deed and a particularly fat reporter. The philanthropist said he would dictate the report, and the reporter opened his notebook and the other looked interestedly.

S. S. ANNIVERSARY.

Man Who Started School Took Part in Exercises at Pleasant Point.

The Pleasant Point Sunday school celebrated the twenty-third anniversary yesterday morning in the hall, Pleasant Point. A very appropriate programme was carried out. The exercises were opened with a hymn and then prayer was offered by Harvey Arbo. Carey Black, who started the school some twenty-three years ago, and has been its superintendent since that date, mentioned the school's history and the best in its history.

The following programme was carried out: Chorus—"Golden Rule" north. Recitation—"Blanche Northrup." Duet—"Mrs. Ernest Arbo and Harry Straight." Hymn—"Choir." Solo—"Mrs. Ernest Arbo." Recitation—"Cecil Henderson." Chorus—"By 'Willing Workers'." Solo—"Mrs. Ernest Arbo and Helen Kinnear." Quartette—"Dorothy Spina, Annie Small, Blanche Northrup and Helen Kinnear." Duet—"Mrs. E. Arbo and Nellie Urquhart." Solo—"Harry Straight." Recitation—"Vera Knaives." Solo—"Inez Irvine." Duet—"Mrs. Spina and Mrs. Knaives." Hymn—"By the school." Chorus—"Lovers and Sisters of Love." Solo—"Sylvia Hamm." Recitation—"Helen Knaives." Solo—"Inez Irvine." Duet—"Sylvia Hamm and Harry Straight." Recitation—"James Northrup." Instrumental Trio—"Mrs. Arbo, Sylvia Hamm and W. Paris." Recitation—"Ruby Spina." Solo—"Ruby Spina." Recitation—"James Wright." Recitation—"Opal Gray." Recitation—"Hazel Earle." The exercises were brought to a very successful close by the singing of "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again."

STATUS OF BURMA

London, Oct. 10.—(Canadian Press.)—A Reuter cable from Simla says the government of India has issued notification that Burma is to be placed under the government of India as of 1919, but with the modification that the minimum percentage of elected members of the executive council shall be sixty instead of seventy as in the Indian provinces, and that the total strength of the council shall be ninety-two.

Burma was expressly omitted from the operation of the Indian reform act when the act was framed in view of the difference between conditions in Burma and the provinces of India.

LARGEST POTATO FARM

Silver Heights farms, located a short distance west of Winnipeg, are enjoying the glories of the old Silver Heights estate of the late Lord Strathcona. A shoulder now more rapidly forward. A very great deal of this work can be done for the idle or we are in for a winter of deprivation and suffering.

Fortunately, by taking thought and acting promptly, work can be provided for those now idle and the many others who may be released from industry with the coming of the cold season. Public works offer the way out.

As everybody knows, many construction projects have been postponed from year to year for seven years. Much public improvement work, long held up, should now move rapidly forward. A shoulder now more rapidly forward. A very great deal of this work can be done for the idle or we are in for a winter of deprivation and suffering.

This is not only a way out of a bad situation but in the opinion of many it is the only way out. The choice rests between a "do or die" inaction, between public works or public charity. Only a flabby and unwholesome optimism will prevent public officials from making the proper choice. Now is the time for some robust and rational realism. If we don't take care of the coming winter will be one of suffering for the millions of unemployed and their dependents, the wretched and the children, the aged and the infirm.

While it is unpleasant to direct thought to what will surely happen if we go on waiting for providential, or, worse, for governmental, relief, it is pleasant indeed to point out that if public works projects are driven forward, now, useful work

MANY TAXES TO PAY IN FRANCE

Paris, Sept. 20.—(Associated Press by Mail)—The French people are paying many unusual taxes, as a result of the heavy burdens imposed by the war. The ministry of finance states that there are 188 persons in the country who have incomes of 1,000,000 francs or more.

Taxes are collected on all and any paper used in the transaction of current business in France. The little revenue stamp is ever present on checks, invoices, promissory notes, bills receivable, bills of lading, receipts.

If one desires to travel to Nice or any other points in France, besides paying 180 per cent. more for his fare than would be before the war, he will have to pay 10 per cent. for a government tax and a neat little stamp on his berth ticket in the sleeping car will cost him another ten per cent.

At the race track, if he bets 100 francs, he will find that he has wagered only ninety. The government retains ten per cent. against five before the war. The midnette who signs the receipt for the seventy or eighty francs of her weekly wages, has to obliterate a little government stamp of twenty-five centimes with her signature.

The most profitable tax in France is that on tobacco which has been increased about three-fold since 1914 and which brought into the French treasury for the year 1920, 816,000,000 francs, as against the income tax of 812,000,000 francs.

WHEN QUEBEC WAS TORY AND ONTARIO LIBERAL

Ottawa, Oct. 10.—(Canadian Press.)—In past years the Liberal party has been the dominant force in the politics of Quebec and four times in its political history has displaced the Conservatives for the beliefs of the opposite party. Commencing in 1867 Quebec returned forty-five Conservatives as against twenty Liberals, but from then on, and with only one lapse, continued to elect more and more Liberals until at the present time a majority of a Conservative majority in the ancient province is regarded as entirely mythical.

Ontario joined the Liberal ranks on only two occasions. First in 1872 Ontario rolled up 187 Liberal and 113 Conservative representatives, and for the second and last time in 1878 Ontario returned 147 Liberals and 124 Conservatives.

Both parties have come within one vote of winning the province, but on only one occasion in each. In 1874 the Conservatives took thirty-two seats and the Liberals running one better with thirty-three seats. When the Liberals secured power in 1886 the Conservatives held Ontario with forty-four seats, forty-three seats went to the Liberals, while the independents captured five.

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THE FALL Is The Logical Painting Season



There are several excellent reasons why painting should be done now. Don't let it go until Spring.

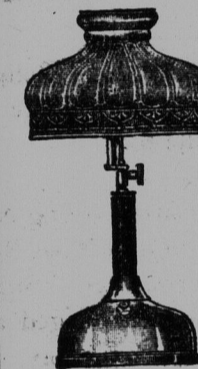
The wood is dry now, after the summer season and in much better condition for painting. The paint or varnish penetrates deeper, and consequently the coat is more lasting.

Fall weather is more settled and besides your property is facing the hardest season of the year.

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