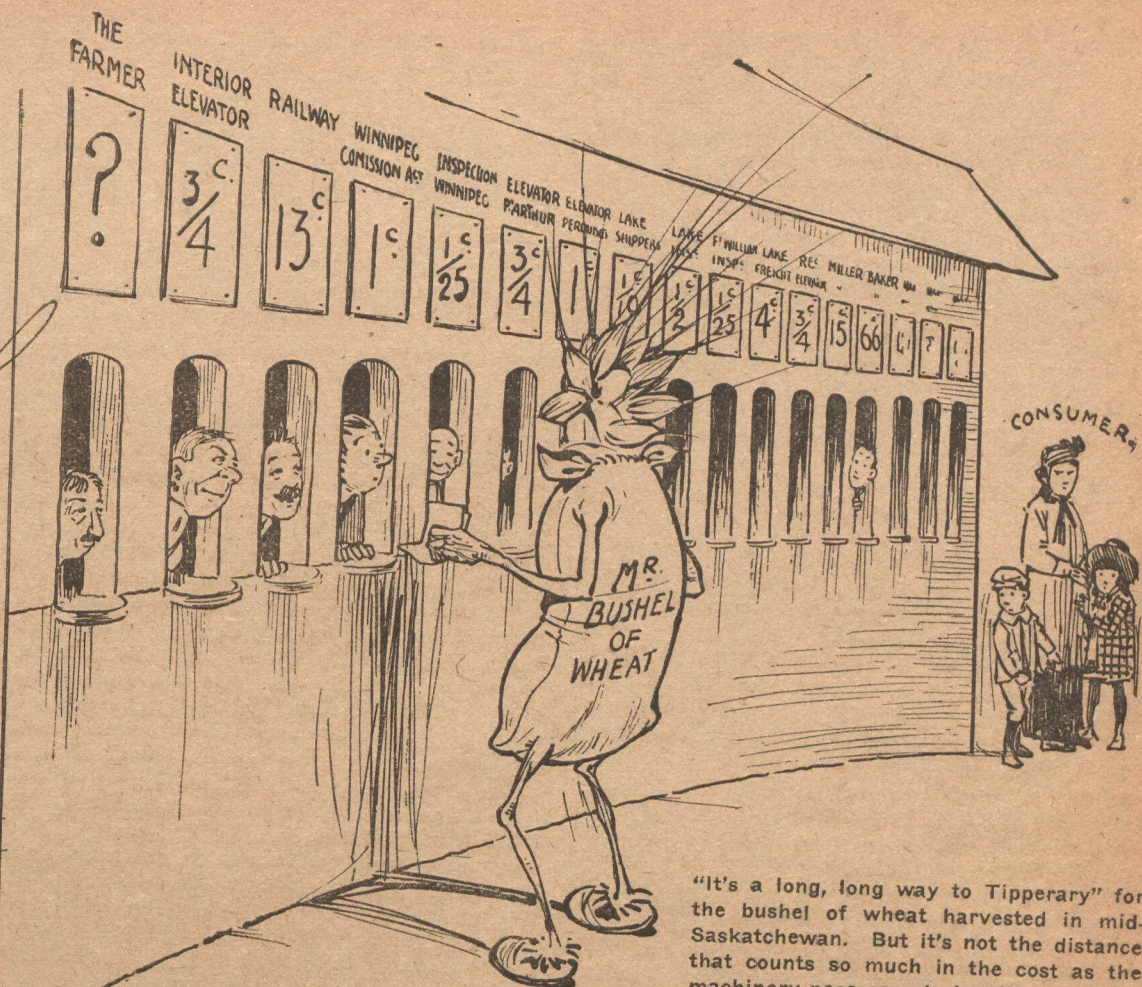


THE FARMER.



War, of course, has had a great deal to do with putting wheat prices up. But from the Canadian point of view, the most interesting factor is the "hold your wheat" movement among the Canadian farmers. Mr. Sanford Evans, Chairman of the Georgian Bay Canal Commission, worked out the chart referred to in the course of his study of the canal problem. He told his fellow westerners and gave strength to the "hold your wheat" campaign. The result is that the Canadian wheat farmer is NOT dumping his wheat. He is feeding it out slowly and evenly. He is getting top prices. And we city people are paying top prices for our bread.



"It's a long, long way to Tipperary" for the bushel of wheat harvested in mid-Saskatchewan. But it's not the distance that counts so much in the cost as the machinery necessary to handle the wheat from producer to consumer.

Of course you know the answer to that. We all want to have public ownership of a concern that seems to be charging us too much for what we need. So with the modern farm. We overlook the fact that the farmer is only now getting his innings. Should we agitate against him? Or accept the high price of bread (and wheat) and be "good sports"?

It isn't necessary to quote the rest, though it is equally refreshing in metre. The point is this: which frame of mind will the world prize most when the war is over? The imagist's or the soldier's.