

The one lesson in all this is that public opinion is an element in fixing prices. I do not go so far as to say that the public can have whatever it wants at whatever price it chooses to pay. But I do say that, when we have, by our mere command, a newspaper—that embodiment of a world of miracles—for a cent, the prices of many other things are not merely an outrage on the part of those who charge them, but a disgrace to us who pay them.

The Journal of the Royal Agricultural Society of England contains an exhaustive and valuable article on "State aid to agriculture in Canada" by Mr. Ernest H. Godfrey of the Census Office.

CIVIL SERVANTS IN FRANCE MUST BE FAMILY MEN.

The depopulation of France is forcing the government to more and more serious measures. A bill dealing with the matter has just been passed by the Senate. According to this bill, the state will in future accept only married men. Young men who apply for an official position have to sign a contract that they will get married before the age of 25. Officials who have three or more children will be specially favoured as regards increments and promotions. Unmarried men will have to serve a double term in the army, and may be called upon for army service as long as they are unmarried, no matter what their age may be.

Efficiency in the Militia and Defence Department.

A Demonstration in Sanitation Offered to the Community by Petawawa Camp.

A visit to Petawawa Camp during the past summer would have shown what can be done to organize and maintain cleanliness in every detail in a community.

If cleanliness is maintained, then healthiness is assured.

Petawawa Camp is now a town with macadamized streets, water supply, and sewerage system. While neighbouring towns are infested with flies during the summer months, hardly one of these living evidences of dirt is to be seen at Petawawa.

How is this result obtained?—Simply by the destruction of any material likely to furnish a breeding place for either variety of fly, the house fly or the stable fly.

All garbage is immediately destroyed in incinerators, of which there are many varieties in the camp.

All manure is removed from the stables each day to a considerable distance from camp, being used af-

terwards to fertilize the sandy soil to make a sod for the recreation grounds.

All kitchens and other places where the flies might breed are sprayed each day with a solution of chloro-naphtholeum, which has proved most satisfactory to every one, except the fly himself.

The Bacteriological Laboratory is kept busy examining the water daily, and also the water of all creeks, springs, etc., near the camp, from which the troops might drink on manoeuvres.

All milk is pasteurised at the milk depot and none other is allowed in camp.

The sewage disposal is up to date, all sewage being treated in a septic tank before it is discharged into the Ottawa.

The result of all these precautions is, that amongst the thousands of men who have been at Petawawa this summer, not one case of disease attributable to the camp has occurred.