

Editorial Brevities.

A bread line 500 miles long, with 1,500,000 people absolutely destitute, and 5,000,000 more fast drawing to ward the end of their resources, is the description given by the Vice President of the Commission for Relief in Belgium of conditions in that unhappy country.

Parliamentary institutions are running to seed in the Provinces of Canada for lack of men strong enough to work them. Legislatures everywhere are becoming one man affairs, like a board of directors in the average company.

The War Taxes.

Few people in Canada will be able to escape the special war taxes, and yet so carefully are these taxes being applied that we will be surprised if they become a burden, except perhaps in very rare cases.

It will cost a cent more to send a letter or a postal card than formerly, but it is not so very long ago that we paid three cents to send all our letters in Canada or to the U. S. and thought nothing of it.

To travel on trains will be a little more expensive than formerly because of these special taxes, but even in this instance the average man or woman will hardly feel the effect of the tax unless the distance he or she is travelling be very great.

These articles, so very generally in use all over the country, will pay no higher duties than at present, and the price should therefore not advance. As a result of this advance of the tariff the finance minister hopes to realize \$25,000,000.

Speaking of these special taxes the Toronto Mail and Empire says:— "To the increase in all but a few of the existing customs duties there will be no popular objection. The weight of these additions will not be felt by the great body of the consumers, and they will not detract materially from any dealer's profits.

Similarly the special taxes will fall lightly on those who have to pay them. We feel assured that there will be really loyal acceptance of the new taxes, and that everyone who is to contribute will do so with patriotic goodwill.

It is in such a spirit the new taxes should be received. The country can do wonders if it acts in that spirit throughout the war. It can be depended on to answer this and every other call to duty in the present crisis of the Empire.

Words Worth Heeding.

The writer of this war summary would like to impress upon readers of service age that the war is far from over—that so far as the participation of the British Empire is concerned it can scarcely be said to have begun. There are not less than eleven million men today engaged actively in war.

Not one in twenty is British. Of native born Canadians in the regular army and in the Princess Patricia's regiment—the only one yet at the front—there are about 500 men who have been under fire. The entire first contingent has not in its ranks 30 per cent of native born Canadians.

The proportion is a good deal better in the second, now in training, but it is disappointing to learn that in rural Ontario the recruiting for the third contingent has been a failure. In the cities and larger towns the response has been excellent, but nearly one in four of the number required from smaller places has come forward. Do the young men of rural Canada understand that Belgium, France, Russia and Serbia are fighting not only for the security of their own lands, but for the maintenance of Canadian Liberty? We shall not do very much to destroy Germany until we have stopped 'Tipperary' at home by stopping it here.

Ministry of Labour for sale everywhere.

A Hostile Holland.

There is little doubt that, but for prostrate Belgium on its door, Holland would long since have been fighting with the allies against the Kaiser. For years the Dutch have feared German aggression. They have regarded the network of strategic railways built up to the frontier line with suspicion, and they have resisted the persistent efforts of Berlin to secure control of the Dutch ports, waterways and banking organizations.

The army of Holland, 112,000 strong, has been kept fully mobilized ever since the war broke out, and it will be sent against the Kaiser's legions in case of any overt breach of neutrality.

The people of Holland know that if the Germans were to succeed in permanently annexing Belgium their own country would be swallowed up next. Hence it is that, while the Dutch are 'very neutral,' their whispered slogan is 'Down with the Kaiser.'

The London Chronicle says that Dutch men and their wives and families have gone Tipperary mad. Go where you will, from crowded cities to remote villages, you hear the tune sung, whistled, played, in crashing chorus in the music halls, in the tinkling notes of the street organ, in the shrill insistence of the schoolboys' whistle, the compelling quick step finds new and fearful life. The Dutch sentry hums it at his frontier post, the Dutch boatman swings his oar to its rhythm, and in the night watches the Dutch policeman murmurs the melody to the dripping rain.

In Holland 'Tipperary' is more than a song; it is a symphony in sympathy; a popular means of expressing a popular sentiment.

The Chronicle's correspondent in Rotterdam writes: During the last two or three months I have watched the growing favour of the Dutch for the cause of the allies; and the stronger that feeling grows the more the Dutch sing 'Tipperary.'

Already the German press, ever sensitive to independent thought, has glimpsed the growing friendliness of the Dutch people for hated England and articles, first reproachful, then bitter have appeared in Berlin and provincial papers complaining that the official neutrality of the Dutch government has no response among the Dutch people.

Two weeks ago I heard a German hiss when Tipperary was played in a public dancing room. I can still recall his expression of angry amazement when he was roughly hustled down the stairs. It is a significant fact that the revealing of Dutch sympathy with the allies coincides with a pronounced desire for peace among the German community here.

Like other nations antagonized by German perfidy and brutality Prussian militarism has earned the growing hostility of an awakened world—a world which cannot rest again until the great Disturber of its Peace has been finally crushed.

Alberta Notes.

DEAR ACADIAN.—A few items of the news of this Northland may interest your readers.

Up to the present we have had an ideal winter; not a blizzard, not a thaw, just steady fine weather for the most part, with occasionally a snow fall sufficient to keep the sleighing in excellent condition.

Like all other parts of our Dominion there is a scarcity of work for those who depend on lumbering, logging or work about the woods; and a dearth of money for industrial prospects. The consequent holding up of business in the making, and in course of expansion, has wrought great hardship to both masters and men, for in many cases business has not yet had time to get on a solid basis in this new country.

However, there is a spirit of optimism that seems ready to cope with the situation. Better times will no doubt follow.

FARM PRODUCTS.

During the winter there has been an abundance of farm products of all kinds offering at very cheap rates, for the purchasing power of the city consumer has been curtailed. In my locality, 50 miles north of Edmonton, dressed pork has sold at 8c. per lb., live chickens 10 to 12c. hens 9c., turkey 16c., oats 35c., hay, wild, \$4 per ton, timothy \$7, with about \$5 higher for pressed. Prices are now stiffening and farmers are having a better outlook. A very large acre will be seeded to grain this spring, and seeding should commence early as the ground has been well covered with snow since the middle of December.

Many farmers are adding to their dairy herds, the feed in this section being most luxuriant throughout the summer with considerable open ranges.

SETTLEMENT OF NEW COUNTRY.

Homesteads have been pretty well taken up near the railway line and away westward across the Pembina and Red rivers as far as the upper reaches of the Athabasca, where a broken country and lack of roads has halted, for the time being, the onward march of settlement in that direction. But every north, 100 miles and more, another big agricultural country is filling up, the Grand Prairie, Spirit and Peace River districts, said to be equal to the best in Alberta.

Already the Edmonton Dunsmuir and B. C. Railway runs to within 50 miles to the Peace, with its present terminus at McEwan, 260 miles north of Edmonton. From there about a track of 75 miles west to the Spirit River country, and 50 miles beyond to the Grand Prairie, while the Peace River country extends northward anywhere from 100 miles to as far as your imagination will

OUR WAR ON THE WAR PRICES

Last week our price on G. Sugar was 9.85 per 100 lbs. This week the very best we can do would be 7.50. We are expecting still another advance.

Table listing various goods and their prices, including Onions, Del Monte Peaches, Dates, Macaroni, Libby's Pineapple, Bee Jelly, Preserved Ginger, Prunes, Richard's Soap, Fowls and Chickens, Fish, and Fresh Beef and Pork.

R. E. HARRIS & SONS

PHONE 16-11. THE "REGAL FLOUR" HAS ARRIVED.

The Real Traitors.

More despicable and much more dangerous than the alien enemy who slips past the police and crosses the border into the United States is the real traitor who hangs out the flag and sings 'God Save the King' in a loud voice, but whose mills turn out light weight cloth, or whose factories produce shoddy shoes, or whose excess profit on government orders are taken from the war taxes paid by the common people, whose daily bread the war has imperiled.

That type of traitor waxed fat in Britain during the South African war. This time he is given short shift. But in Canada his ilk is said, by those high in authority in government circles, to thrive mightily. Members of Parliament will manifest real patriotism, Government and Opposition alike, if they keep the party truce on political fluff, but vixen with the other in the merciless exposure and ruthless punishment of this worst and meanest of all traitors.

The man will play an insignificant part in the life of lovers during the month of February. In short, the 'sweetest of the skies' will under go the seldom precedented humiliation of not being full during the whole month.

Advertisement for The Real Traitors, mentioning the man who plays an insignificant part in the life of lovers during the month of February.

Rich and Mellow KING COLE TEA. You'll Like the Flavor 35c., 40c., 45c., 50c. per pound.

Advertisement for King Cole Tea, highlighting its rich and mellow flavor.

PATRIOTISM and PRODUCTION The Empire's Call to Farmers

"Approximately twenty million men have been mobilized in Europe. A large proportion of these have been withdrawn from the farms of the countries at war. Even in neutral countries large numbers of food producers have been called from the land to be ready for emergencies. It is difficult for us to realize what will be the effect on food production through the withdrawal of several million men from all the great agricultural countries of Europe.

Britain must have food—food this year, and food next year. Britain is looking to Canada to supply most of that food. We are sending our surplus now, but we must prepare for a larger surplus this year and next year.

Because of this need of the Empire for more food, and the call to Canada in that need, the Canadian Department of Agriculture has arranged for a series of Conferences throughout the Dominion with the object of giving suggestions as to the best ways of increasing production of the various products needed at this time.

At these conferences agricultural specialists, who have studied agricultural conditions and production throughout the world, and the best means of increasing agricultural production in Canada, will give valuable information and suggestions to the farmers, live-stock men, dairymen, poultrymen, and vegetable growers, and other producers of this country.

Put Energy into Production of Staple Foods. The Government does not ask farmers to work harder, so much as it urges them to make their work more productive, and to produce those staple foods that the Empire most needs and that can be most easily stored and transported.

Wheat, oats, corn, beans, peas, hay, clover, alfalfa and horse and cattle feed.

Form for attending the conference, including fields for Name, P.O. Address, and County.

LADIES' TAILORING!

The first of our SPRING STYLES have now arrived and Ladies desiring to have the latest in Tailored Garments, are invited to leave their order at their earliest possible convenience, so as to avoid the delay occasionally experienced during the height of the season.

All our materials are of superior quality and the Style, Fit and Workmanship of our Garments are unequalled.

H. E. BORN THE LADIES' TAILOR Sealy's Block, Cornwallis St., Kentville.

LARGE DISCOUNTS on all our Materials MADE UP OR PER YARD, during the present quiet season.

OPERA HOUSE W. M. BLACK, MANAGER. WOLFVILLE

MOTION PICTURES Every Night 7:30 to 9:30 (Except Sunday) Adm. 10c.

Advertisement for Opera House, listing motion pictures and showtimes.

Evangeline Rink Don't Forget THE GREAT BIG CARNIVAL TO-NIGHT!

Advertisement for Evangeline Rink Carnival, mentioning Great-West Life Assurance Co. and R. W. Tufts.

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Made in Canada

THE SLOGAN FOR 1915

Do you know that over half of our goods are now made in Canada. New industries are being opened up on account of the war, and soon we will be able to supply nearly all our requirements in Manufactured Goods.

Made in Canada Cottons are equal to any. Our New Spring Stock is now quite complete in Materials and Ready-to-Wears.

Special values in White Cottons for Spring Sewing. Our Leader is a yard wide fine Long Cloth at 10c. yd. 10 yds. for 95c.

Printed Cottons at 12c. and 14c. yd. Gingham, Vollés, Honey Comb Cloth, Piques, all new and fresh.

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