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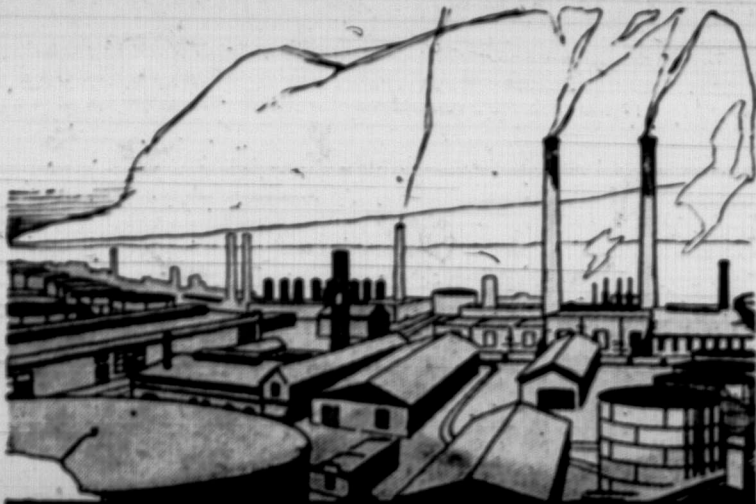
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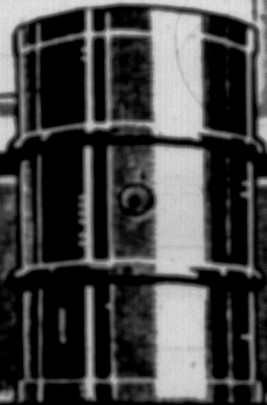
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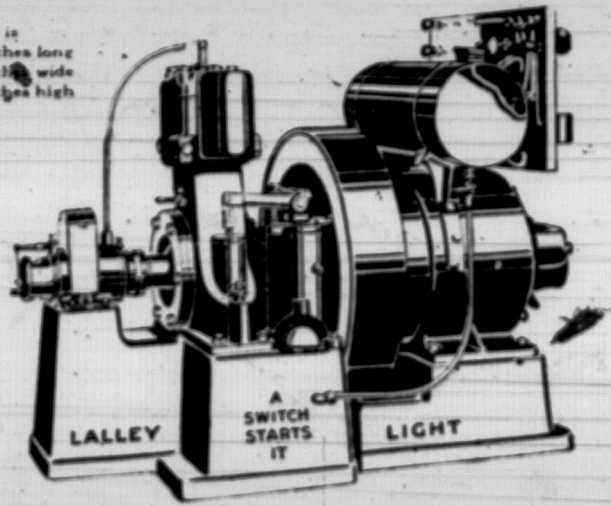
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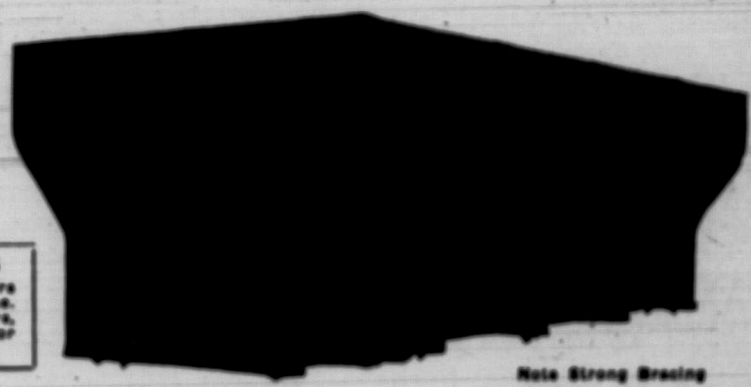
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Conscription Enforced—Closure Invoked on C.N.R. Bill—Union Government Delayed
(By The Guide's Special Correspondent)

This has been another important and interesting week in parliament. Royal assent has been given to the manhood conscription bill and it is now the law of the land. The bill to provide for the purchase by the government of 600,000 shares of the C.N.R. not already in the possession of the Dominion has been put through the house under the application of the closure rule. Closure has been used for the first time since it was devised in the session of 1912 to insure the passage of the naval service bill, subsequently slaughtered by the senate. The military voters' bill has also been given third reading in the house.

Coincident with final action in regard to these important measures, what may or may not be a final stage of the protracted negotiations looking to the formation of a union government, has been reached. The development, which promises to leave matters "as they were" at least until the session is over came on Tuesday, when the Conservatives held a caucus to consider the situation. At this caucus, according to an official statement, subsequently issued, Sir Robert Borden told his followers that the spokesman of the western Liberals and representatives of the agricultural interests, Hon. A. I. Sifton, had informed him that they were willing to enter a union government under other leadership than his own. They had suggested four possible leaders, one of whom was Sir George Foster, minister of trade and commerce. Sir Robert thereupon offered to retire in favor of Sir George, but the latter had no desire to replace his chief. Sir George expressed the opinion that Sir

Robert and none other should be at the head of any government which might be formed. The caucus thereupon gave its unanimous support to the prime minister and passed a resolution endorsing the leadership of Sir Robert Borden and expressing its approval in advance of any further efforts he might make to form a union government.

That is the official version of the doings at the caucus. Unofficial reports state, however, that some decided opinions were expressed by a number of Conservative members who were opposed to union government and that Sir Robert Borden made a reply which satisfied these members that there will be no further serious negotiations for a coalition government. If such is eventually formed it will be due to some fresh impetus originating in the country. While there are many at the capital who believe that Sir Robert will continue in his efforts, it is well within the mark to say that at the present moment the Doubting Thomases are largely in the majority.

There is every indication that the government proposes to proceed with the enforcement of the conscription legislation. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has been asked to nominate 12 of the 24 members of the board of selection to be appointed by a joint resolution of the two houses. This board will nominate one member on each tribunal. The other to be named by the county court judges. While again expressing his disapproval of the bill, the Liberal leader acceded to the request to nominate half the board saying that as the act had become law, it was the duty of all citizens to see that it is enforced

as harmoniously as possible. The justice department is busily engaged in the work of selecting the local tribunals. It is expected that they will number about 1,200 for the whole of the Dominion. When they are all appointed the first call for men will be issued. It is believed that the process of selection will be a long one and it will be some months before reinforcements are actually provided under the bill.

C.N.R. Bill to Senate

The application of the closure rule on the C.N.R. bill was not unwelcomed by the opposition although the clamp was put on a little sooner than they expected. As a matter of fact the rule was applied a little earlier than was generally expected by the house. Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux probably correctly expressed the Liberal view when he said that the opposition welcomed the closure because it would draw the attention of the public to the matter. In this connection he quoted the statement of Parnell made when closure was introduced in the Imperial parliament to prevent continuous obstruction by Irish Nationalists. Parnell on that occasion declared that closure was welcomed by the Nationalists because it would make the world at large aware of the grievances of Ireland.

On this occasion the opposition invited closure because the main purpose of their opposition to the details of the bill rather than to its principles has been to endeavor to demonstrate that the government plans to pay Mackenzie and Mann and the pledges of Canadian Northern stock a lot more than the stock is worth and they figured out that the more public attention that could be attracted the better politically for them. Incidentally there came from the opposition benches some straight declarations against the principle of public ownership, although the majority supported that doctrine. For instance, J. A. Robb of Huntington stated that his firm conviction was that public ownership and operation of railways is a

delusion and a snare. He said that it would be better for the railways to be allowed a sufficient increase in freight rates so as to enable them to pay their way. Then the people would pay their taxes in that way and not as the result of taxation by parliament.

The bill was closed both in committee and on the third reading, which was finally adopted on Wednesday morning at two o'clock when the "guillotine" fell by a government majority of 16. Four western Liberal members, Dr. Michael Clark, J. G. Turriff, A. Champagne and Levi Thompson, gave general support to the measure, although Mr. Thompson supported the final Liberal amendment, providing that the award of the board of arbitrators which will fix the value of C.N.R. stock be approved by parliament.

R. B. Bennett, Conservative member for Calgary, made a vigorous attack on the bill on third reading, but refrained from voting. An exceedingly interesting situation is expected to develop in the senate when the bill is considered next week. The opinion is expressed in some quarters that it will be radically amended and possibly defeated.

THE COAL SITUATION

It is altogether likely that both Canada and the United States will be put on rations in regard to coal supplies. Such was the announcement made in the commons recently by Hon. Geo. E. Foster.

The use of coal might have to be in some measure restricted to the indispensable industries while the railways would be asked to so co-ordinate their services as to use a minimum amount of coal. An appeal would also be made to the general public to exercise economy. Sir George said that Canada's production of bituminous coal last year was 13,000,000 tons, while our importations were about the same. Canada also imported 4,500,000 tons of anthracite coal. Anthracite stocks are low and this year one million additional tons would be required.

Bituminous coal prices were fixed by President Wilson on August 21 for every mine in the United States. The next step in coal control, a White House announcement said, will be to fix prices to be charged by middlemen and retailers. Prices were set on cost of production estimates furnished by the federal trade commission after months of exhaustive investigation. The country is divided into 29 districts, and every producer in a district will market his output at the same price. On August 23 President Wilson named Dr. H. A. Garfield, president of Williams' college, fuel administrator, fixed anthracite prices for producers and jobbers and set a limit on profits to be made by bituminous wholesalers. The last and final step will be to make regulations for coal distribution and to fix anthracite and bituminous retail prices. This will be done when a distribution program is perfected and when the federal trade commission has completed a plan under which retail profits may be fixed. The jobbers' profit on bituminous is limited to 15 cents per ton of 2,000 pounds, wherever delivered.

The prices set by President Wilson, it would appear, will have little effect upon the rates in Winnipeg and the west.

When it was pointed out that it was hardly credible that anthracite coal, purchased by the dealers at the pit head for from \$4 to \$5 a ton, should retail here for \$12, one of the leading coal merchants of Winnipeg said: "It is easy to understand. We have to pay \$1.75 to get it to Buffalo, 50c from Buffalo to Fort William, with 20c extra for dock handling, and then another \$2.50 for the haul from Fort William to Winnipeg. Then there is the local handling expenses, which, estimated at the lowest, amount to \$1.50. You will see this brings the total up to approximately \$12, the price the Winnipeg consumer is paying today."

Congressional leaders at Washington have been informed that it will be necessary for them to authorize at this and the winter session an additional \$5,000,000,000 for war expenditures, including further loans to the Allies to June 30, 1918. Five billion in bonds already have been authorized, and a \$2,000,000,000 war tax bill is pending now in the senate.

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Thousands of wounded and old French peasants are trekking their way back to their former homes in the recaptured portions of France only to find them laid waste in the wake of the ruthless Hun. They are penniless, dejected and destitute. They are calling to their Central Western Canada Allies and to YOU for immediate help. Will their voices be unheard?



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HELP FOR THE FRENCH FARMERS

On no class of people has the devastating hand of war fallen more heavily than upon the farmers in the French territory now being wrested back from the Germans. On the first outbreak of the war able-bodied peasants of military age were, of course, called to the colors. When the German hosts broke through and swept over northern and western France those who remained were forced to submit to the heartless conqueror. When the invaders were hurled back from the Marne and took up the line which has since been designated as the western front, the devastation began in earnest. The industries of the great industrial countries of the world have been strained to capacity in producing shells, in the use of which farms and villages have been literally blown to atoms. In addition the energies of millions of troops were absorbed in building vast and intricate systems of trenches in what were once fertile, well tilled fields. Wherever the Germans have been pressed back they have exhausted their ingenuity in destroying what little had been spared from the devastation of war. Towns and villages have been sacked and leveled, orchards ruthlessly cut down and every semblance of agricultural improvement heartlessly obliterated. Back to the utter ruin of what was once their homes have flocked the French peasants. So near have they kept to the allied armies that the work of reconstruction is being carried on in districts where the enemies shells are still falling. The handicaps under which they are working are appalling. Previous to the war their condition was far from enviable. Now rendered destitute by its ravages, it is hard to realize the conditions under which they labor. To help these people to again establish themselves in their homes and on their land is one of the objects of the French Wounded Emergency Fund. Through it the farmers of the Canadian West have an opportunity of assisting their fellow farmers of France to re-establish themselves in the devastated and shell torn districts. The calls upon the farmers of the West for war funds have been varied and urgent. We venture to say, however, that there has been no fund established for a more worthy cause than the French Wounded Emergency Fund. Contributions to this fund will be received by The Guide and forwarded to the proper authorities. Let us do what we can to assist our fellow farmers in France to again establish their homes on the land.

THE FARMERS' PLATFORM

The new pamphlet issued by the Canadian Council of Agriculture on the Farmers' Platform will be of great value not only to members of farmers' organizations, but to progressives in general during the coming fall and winter. The 60 pages of the pamphlet are replete with valuable information to any person interested in the important national problems dealt with in the platform. It really amounts to a study hand book on the farmers' platform. Contrary to the ordinary platform hand book put out by the political parties, this one contains nothing of a partisan nature. It is devoted entirely to authoritative information which will help people to study the platform more intelligently. The subject of the tariff is treated at considerable length, as well as the taxation of land values, income tax, corporation tax and inheritance tax. Another section is devoted to the nationalization of railways, telegraphs and express companies, while further sections deal with the control of natural resources, direct legislation, publicity of campaign funds, the patronage system, prohibition and woman suffrage. Undoubtedly this pam-

phlet will be a subject of study in each of the two thousand local associations in the three prairie provinces as well as to thousands of others who are not yet affiliated with the farmers' organizations.

AGRICULTURISTS EXEMPT

The military service bill has become law and the drafting of the regulations under which the act will be administered is under way. These have not yet been announced, but it is expected that they will be given out some time this week. It is understood that they make provision for the exemption of men working in certain essential industries, including agriculture. It is a wise provision that the conscription law will be applied so as not to still further reduce the number of men engaged in agriculture. The soldiers must be fed. The allied nations are working too close to the hunger line. Agriculture has been heavily drained of its men to supply the fighting forces. In Russia, France and the British dominions millions of men have been withdrawn from food production with the result that the world's food supply has been reduced until a slight mishap might cause disaster. The work of providing food is devolving more and more upon Canada and the United States. The shipping losses have been so great that it has been found necessary in order to utilize what remains to the best advantage, to divert most of it from the long routes to the shorter voyages between this continent and Europe. There is no telling when the war will end and there is little possibility that the shipping situation will soon be relieved. Upon the agriculture of North America the pressure of production will remain until after peace is declared. It is essential, therefore, to leave the men on the land. The effect of the voluntary system of enlistment in Canada has been to drain agriculture of its men. Large numbers responded to the call for volunteers, and high wages paid in the flourishing war industries attracted still further numbers away from the land. With agriculture exempted under the conscription act this movement will be checked. There is not likely to be a movement from the exempted industries to the non-exempted. The application of the law may be expected to have the opposite effect and should assist in bringing up the man power of agriculture to a point where it will be efficient in producing the required amount of food stuffs for the allies.

AMERICAN WHEAT PRICES FIXED

The American Wheat Price Committee has fixed prices for the 1917 crop on the basis of \$2.20 per bushel for No. 1 Northern spring wheat at Chicago, which will mean \$2.17 at Minneapolis. The despatch from Washington containing the news as it appeared in press reports is as follows:

Washington, Aug. 30. The price of No. 1 Northern spring wheat was fixed at \$2.20 a bushel at Chicago for the 1917 crop today by the Wheat Price Committee, headed by H. A. Garfield, whose findings, reached after three days deliberation, were submitted to and approved by the President.

Labor representatives on the committee voted first for \$1.84 and the farmers for \$2.50. After long discussion the compromise at \$2.20 was approved unanimously.

The price differentials worked out by the food administration tonight are:

No. 1 dark hard winter, \$2.24; hard winter basic, \$2.20; red winter basic, \$2.20; yellow hard winter, \$2.16; soft red winter, \$2.18; dark northern spring, \$2.24; red spring, \$2.18; hump-back, \$2.10; amber durum, \$2.24; durum basic, \$2.20; red durum, \$2.15; red walls, \$2.13; hard white basic, \$2.20; soft white, \$2.18; white club, \$2.16. No. 2 of each grade is 3 cents less; No. 3, 6 cents less; No. 4, 10 cents less.

Relative market bases—Chicago, Galveston, New Orleans, basic; Kansas City and Omaha, 5 cents less than basic; Duluth and Minneapolis, 3 cents less; St. Louis, 2 cents less; New York, 10 cents more than basic; Baltimore and Philadelphia, 9 cents more; Buffalo, 5 cents more.

The basic grades are No. 1 hard winter, red winter and northern spring.

These prices will prevail during the sale of the 1917 crop. It will now be possible for the Canadian Board of Grain Supervisors to fix prices for the Canadian wheat crop immediately. These prices will, undoubtedly be announced within a few days. The price of \$2.17 for No. 1 Northern at Minneapolis as fixed for the United States would compare favorably with the same price on the same quality of wheat at Winnipeg. Owing to differences in the cost of production the Canadian prices will no doubt be somewhat higher than the American.

HELP FROM THE CITIES

An honest endeavor is being made by many city people to help the farmers with their harvest. Several thousand men, it is reported, have been booked from the cities and towns of the West to country points. A large number of these are from non-agricultural employments and are destined for the harvest fields. In addition, the majority of cities and towns have been doing something toward assisting the farmers in their immediate localities. Stooking parties have been organized and taken out to the farms in automobiles, in the evenings and on Saturday afternoons. A dozen or more men working with energy can account for a considerable acreage of stooking in a few hours. This form of help, though not well distributed over the country, is going a long way toward helping the farmers situated near the centres of population in getting their crops off. The meeting of city and country in the harvest field cannot fail of having good results aside from the immediate one of helping to overcome a serious labor shortage. It will result in a better understanding between the men on the farms and the urban dwellers. It will give the men from the stores and offices a keener appreciation of some of the difficulties under which the farmers labor, and the timely assistance will do much to remove any antagonism which the farmer has cherished regarding the men from the city. A better understanding all around will be not the least of the good results arising from this timely endeavor on the part of urban people to assist the farmer in his time of need.

CONSERVING CANNED VEGETABLES

In order to conserve the supply of canned vegetables in Canada and encourage the use of the green crop, Food Controller Hon. W. J. Hanna on August 24 issued an order prohibiting the sale to consumers of canned peas, beans, tomatoes, beets, celery, corn, spinach, rhubarb and pumpkin. The reason announced for this order is that there is a considerable shortage of canned vegetables and that the supply for the coming winter is not likely to equal the demand. This order has the same force of an act of parliament and penalties are provided for any violation of the order. Any retail merchant who sells any of these canned goods, or has sold them since the 24th day of August, is liable to be heavily fined. The order makes an exemption in the case of such canned vegetables where they are to be consumed in lumber camps, mining camps and dining cars. It is realized that the necessary supply of green vegetables for such camps and dining cars could not be secured and hence they are permitted to buy the canned goods. The food controller under the order also has power to issue special licenses per-

mitting the sale and consumption of these canned vegetables in such cases as he deems necessary or expedient. One such case has already come to light in the threshing gangs throughout the West. It is not possible in a great many cases to secure green vegetables in quantities sufficient for the threshing gangs. The matter was brought to the food controller's attention by the Regina food control committee, and Mr. Hanna wired them as follows:

"On receipt of telegram from bona fide thresher will wire license to him authorizing necessary purchase of canned vegetables."

This means that any bona fide thresherman who finds it necessary to purchase any of the above mentioned vegetables should send a telegram, with charges collect, at once, addressed to "Food Controller, Ottawa, Ont.," asking permission to purchase these canned vegetables. The food controller will immediately wire back the necessary license.

THE BACON SITUATION

Following the announcement that the British food controller had notified the packers that no more Canadian bacon or hogs would be bought by the British government comes the further announcement that the importation of bacon, hams, lard and tallow into Great Britain except under license has been prohibited. Beginning operations on the third of September a single buying agency is established by the British food controller in the United States. The supplies purchased through this agency will be distributed through the ordinary channels of trade in Britain at fixed terms as to commission and profits. Consignments of Canadian bacon will come under the same restrictions as American goods. Everyone seems to be very much up in the air as to what eventual effect the new ruling will have on Canadian export bacon trade. The first result was a sensational slump in

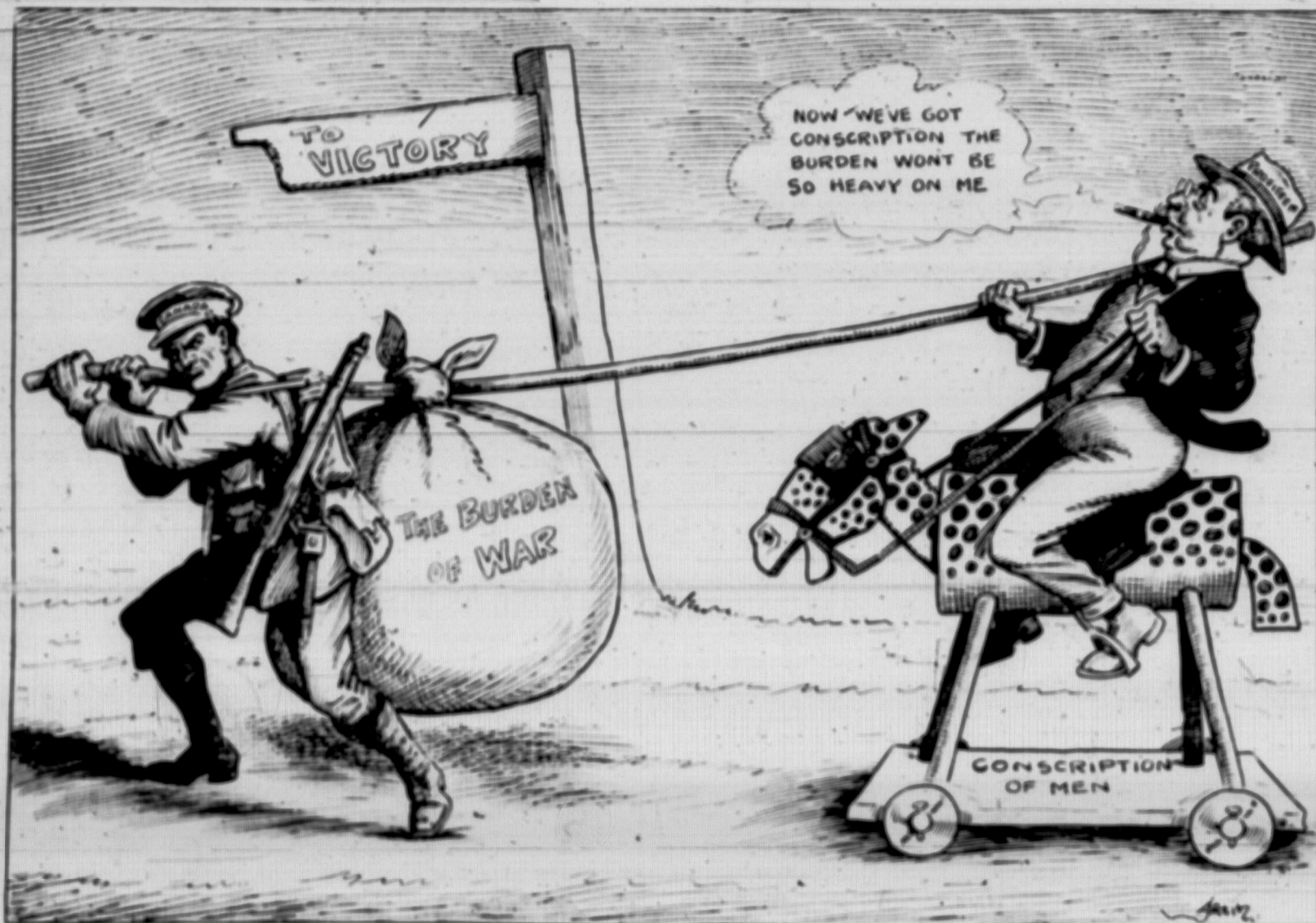
hog prices, which receded \$3.00 per hundred-weight on the day following the announcement. There may be still further reductions in price, and some dealers are talking of \$12.00 and \$14.00 pork. Last year Canada exported 200,000,000 pounds of bacon. The urgency of the demand for food stuffs in Great Britain would indicate that the authorities will not be long clearing the air by stating definitely what their aims are with regard to the bacon trade. The latest announcement seems to indicate that there has been some bungling in the situation and that Canadian bacon is still needed across the water in large quantities.

THE CLOSURE

The closure has again been resorted to in the Canadian parliament. Last week the C.N.R. bill was given its third reading under the closure rule and sent on to the senate. The circumstances showed that some provision for putting a stop to otherwise interminable discussions is essential to getting along with the country's business. All that could be said on the subject had been reiterated and the members had made up their minds as to how they were going to vote. There was therefore no need of wasting more time on the matter. The government would have eventually carried its bill through in any case. No object except the satisfaction that comes to politicians in the indulging in mutual recriminations could have been served in prolonging the debate. The bill is now before the senate where no recourse to closure proceedings can be had. It has been hinted that although the government has now a small majority in the upper house the measure will be talked out. The time is coming when there will be a time limit set not only to debates, but to individual speeches and that in both houses. The affairs of the country would not suffer for want of discussion if the

time taken up by parliamentary talkfests was cut in half.

In the Post Office savings banks of Canada there is somewhere about \$40,000,000 of the people's money on deposit bearing interest at three per cent. In the chartered banks of Canada there is on deposit in savings accounts nearly \$900,000,000 bearing interest at three per cent. This money deposited in the banks at three per cent. is being invested by the banks in government war bonds to a considerable extent at five and one-third per cent. Why could not the government secure a much larger volume of deposits through the Post Office savings banks at three per cent. or a little higher rate, and thus save a part of the huge interest bill on the war debt? At present out of about 15,000 post offices in Canada less than 10 per cent. receive deposits for the Post Office savings bank. The post office department makes practically no effort to increase these deposits. Undoubtedly the chartered banks would look with disfavor upon any attempt to develop the Post Office savings bank, but what good reason is there why these should not be developed in the interests of the general public? Why should not the number of post offices receiving deposits be extended and the service be advertised to secure more patronage from the general public? In the olden days the post office savings banks in Canada paid four per cent. interest on deposits, while the chartered banks paid only three per cent. The banks succeeded in getting the ear of the government and had the deposit rate of the postal savings banks reduced to three per cent. When the government is paying five and one-third per cent. for the hundreds of millions of dollars being borrowed, it could well afford to pay three and a half or four per cent. on deposits in the Post Office savings banks. Here is an opportunity for developing public business in the public interest.



SHARING THE WAR BURDEN

NOTE—The producer's idea of sharing up is that he gets the buffy and the wicker dog the work and makes the sacrifice

Vulcanizing the Farmers' Business

Farmers of Vulcan, Alta., have Ensured the Permanence of their Co-operative Enterprise

By R. D. Colquette

Organized in 1912 on a joint stock basis. Re-organized and incorporated six months later on a co-operative basis, with a paid-up capital of \$813. Authorized capital now \$25,000, of which nearly \$14,000 is paid up. Turnover \$97,000 for 1916 and business better than ever this year. Now handling all kinds of building material, several lines of farm implements and machinery, many lines of heavy hardware, and livestock shipments. All commodities classified and profits distributed according to purchases in each class. Owners of 12-lots, plant and equipment, with a permanent staff of four men. Business still growing and plans developing for further extensions. Such is the record of the Vulcan Co-operative Company Limited, Vulcan, Alta., of which G. L. McPherson is president and D. R. Lommatzche the energetic and efficient secretary and manager.

"We first started as the Vulcap Scale Company, operating a scale and dealing in a modest way in lumber, wire and a few other commodities," said Mr. Lommatzche in answer to my question as to how the company was organized. While at Calgary I had made enquiries of some of the U.F.A. officials as to the location of progressive co-operative enterprises in the South. "Drop off at Vulcan and see Lommatzche," was one of the suggestions made. On my arrival I found him a very busy man. A steady stream of customers wanting machinery repairs, lumber, hay and other commodities handled by the company, kept pouring into the office. Lommatzche is first of all manager of the Vulcan Co-operative Company. Attention to the needs of customers is his first consideration. However, at intervals during the course of the afternoon he found time to give information as to how the company had developed and was organized in the hope that it would help others to become established in co-operative trading.

"We continued on this basis until June, 1913, when we organized on a co-operative basis," he continued, on coming back to the office after filling a rush order for repairs. "At that time our capital amounted to \$813 which represented the original capital of the scale company, plus the profits. During the four years our business has expanded until now the paid-up capital is around \$14,000. Our surplus has grown to over \$1,400, while our turnover and profits for the current year will be by far the largest in the history of the company."

The Vulcan Co-operative Company does not confine its business to U.F.A. members, as is the case with some companies operating in the province. It also retains the profits of its business for its shareholders. Some lines are handled on small margins, and those buying such commodities reap the benefit, of course, when they are making their purchases. For the most part, however, a fair margin of profit is charged. The company has been criticized for not keeping closer to the U.F.A. Mr. Lommatzche, however, believes that the directors are working according to sound business principles. "The difficulty while doing business as a joint stock company," he explained, "was that notwithstanding the fact that there were certain men financing the institution and assuming all responsibility, we made prices at a less figure to any and all U.F.A. members, whether belonging to our locals or to others, than to non-U.F.A. members. We also would not permit anyone to become a shareholder unless he was a U.F.A. member, and by that we lost some good financial support. We were compelled to secure stock subscriptions from non-U.F.A. members as well as U.F.A. members if we were to make the institution a success. As soon as we saw this we acted accordingly. We also saw that a U.F.A.

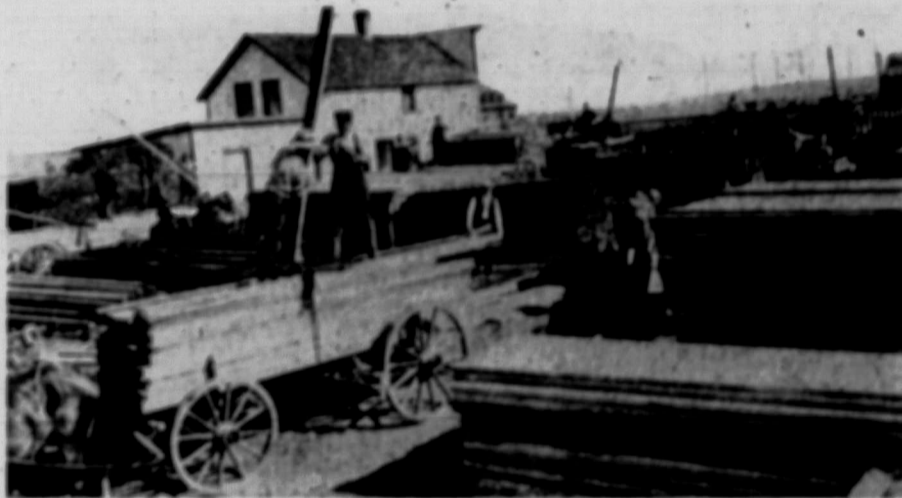
This is the first of a series of five articles on co-operative enterprises in Alberta. They do not philosophize about co-operation. They outline only methods that have been submitted to the test of experience and that have brought success to the associations. Each is based on a personal interview with officials of the association with which it deals.



The Headquarters of the Vulcan Co-operative Company. The man on the left is Manager Lommatzche.

member while not financially interested in the company got a large percentage of the profit. This acted against the welfare and financial security of the shareholders. We therefore, concluded to sell at one price to all, and to give everyone an opportunity to become a shareholder and participate in the profits, whether he were a U.F.A. member or not. By doing this we have satisfied ourselves as to the security and success of our institution."

The authorized capital of the company is \$25,000.



A Flourishing Lumber Business is the Backbone of the Vulcan Co-operative Company's Activities.

This is divided into shares of \$10 each, 50 per cent. of which must be paid in cash. The shareholder may have his profits applied in wiping out the balance. Provision is made that all profits must be applied on surplus and additional capital until the company is fully financed. However, eight per cent. is guaranteed and payable in cash annually on the capital stock. This is looked upon as legal compensation for the use of the money. In keeping the profits within the company until it is well established financially, the company is simply following the plan adopted by every good farmer, who

uses his surplus to improve his outfit until his farm is fully stocked and equipped. A man beginning with a cow and a pair of mares will keep the young stock until he has sufficient animals to stock his farm.

There is no limit to the number of shares a man may hold, but the one man, one vote system is rigidly followed. Provision is further made that if all the treasury stock is exhausted and no shares are on the market the holder of the most shares must surrender some if they are demanded by a new applicant. This eliminates the possibility of the exclusion of shareholders by the monopolization of stock. Experience has shown that most of the shareholders leave the interest on capital stock in the company. Only a few dollars have been withdrawn on this account during the four years the association has been in operation. Provision is made that a shareholder any time within two months of carrying over the profits to the stock account, may pay into the company enough cash to make an even number of shares and draw his interest on these for the full length of the term. The company now has 225 shareholders, 18 new shareholders being admitted since December 1 last. A list of the shareholders is always open for examination.

Commodities All Classified

The outstanding feature of The Vulcan Co-operative Association is that its business is classified or departmentalized for the purpose of making the distribution of profits more equitable. This is an important matter. It would be well for everyone interested in co-operative business to examine it carefully. The object of co-operative associations, in the last analysis, is to distribute goods at cost. There are two ways in which this may be accomplished, one is by selling goods at the invoice price plus the cost of handling and the other is by charging a margin of profit and making rebates on purchases. The first of these is difficult to adopt absolutely though it is favored by many co-operators. It is necessary to allow a margin of profit to ensure safety and build up a reserve. The second method can be followed, but there is danger where many lines are handled of doing a grievous injustice. There are greater profits on some lines of merchandise than on others.

Supposing you sold \$100 worth of wire and twine to one man and \$100 worth of shelf goods to another. Wire and twine run rapidly into money. There is little labor, small overhead expense, and no wast or loss. The percentage of profit necessary therefore is comparatively low. With shelf goods, on the other hand, there are heavy handling charges, a lot of bookkeeping, and in some cases considerable waste. It is necessary, therefore, to have a wider margin of profit to safeguard the business. Now if you distribute profits according to business done, one man gets as much as another, while most of the profit has been made on the business of the man who bought the shelf goods. Let Mr. Lommatzche tell how they have solved this knotty problem at Vulcan and are distributing profits equitably. "All goods handled come under classifications or departments. All goods handled in a department or class are such on which the perishability and the margin of profit are practically the same. This enables us to pay a dividend according to the profit on that particular department or commodity. All commodities within a department are put on the same margin of profit on account of the volume of business done in each line, and the loss sustained while in storage. For example, with wire there is no loss, there is little charge for overhead expense, and a narrow margin of profit safeguards the

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THE VULCAN CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY LIMITED

DATE	DEPARTMENT	SALES	EXPENSES	PROFIT	MARK	RESERVE	STOCK	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE	MARK	RESERVE	STOCK	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
1917	Lumber	1,200	100	1,100	10%	1,100	1,100	1,100	10%	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	10%
	Hardware	800	50	750	10%	750	750	750	10%	750	750	750	750	10%
	Wire & Twine	500	20	480	10%	480	480	480	10%	480	480	480	480	10%
	Shelf Goods	300	100	200	10%	200	200	200	10%	200	200	200	200	10%
	Stock	100	0	100	10%	100	100	100	10%	100	100	100	100	10%
	Other	200	10	190	10%	190	190	190	10%	190	190	190	190	10%
	Total	2,000	180	1,820	10%	1,820	1,820	1,820	10%	1,820	1,820	1,820	1,820	10%

Adapted from the Ledger of the Company. This Account Shows the Manner in which the Business is Departmentalized, how the Rate of Profit in each Department is Struck and how it is Shared.

The Nonpartisan Political League

First Formed in North Dakota---Spreads to Canada---Development in Saskatchewan and Alberta

The Farmers' Nonpartisan Political League of Canada is an outgrowth of a similar organization which had, its birth about two years ago in North Dakota. A number of farmers in that state felt that the economic and political conditions under which they labored demanded radical changes which could only be brought about by independent political action. They therefore established the Farmers' Nonpartisan Political League for purely political purposes. A spectacular campaign of organization was instituted. Automobiles were purchased and membership canvassers put into the field. An organization was rapidly built up with a membership fee of \$9.00. At the outset of the campaign the league established its own journal, *The Nonpartisan Leader*, at Fargo, which has now a circulation of over 50,000 weekly. A convention was held, at which a platform was adopted. The policy followed was for the farmers to capture the party conventions and to have candidates nominated who were pledged to support the platform of the league. In the elections on November 7, 1916, the league was successful in electing a farmer governor, farmer representatives on the supreme court bench, and a majority of the legislature, besides filling many of the minor offices. A strong fight is now being waged to enact the farmers' platform into law. The league confined itself largely to state questions in connection with the grain trade, the state ownership of elevators being one of the chief planks in its platform. The movement has spread to other states and organization work is being pushed rapidly.

The Movement Spreads to Canada

Some of the men connected with the movement were from Saskatchewan and on their return last summer they inaugurated a similar movement in that province, with headquarters in Swift Current. A league was organized and S. E. Haight, one of its moving spirits, was elected president. Organization work was pushed with great vigor. Automobiles, of which the league has now thirteen, were purchased, and canvassers, working on commission, were put into the field. The membership fee was placed at \$15.00, of which canvassers using their own cars received 25 per cent, and those using cars furnished by the league, 20 per cent. The fee is an initial one, the annual cost of membership being still undecided. Of each fee collected, \$2.50 goes for a subscription to *The Nonpartisan Leader*, established a few months ago at Swift Current and edited by Sidney Godwin. It now has a circulation of over 5,000 weekly. The league grew rapidly during the political activity preceding the recent Saskatchewan election, and now has reached a total of approximately 5,000 members.

The program which was adopted for Saskatchewan is as follows:

- 1.—Provincial Terminal Elevators, Flour Mills, Stockyards, Packing Houses, and Cold Storage Plants.
- 2.—Direct Legislation, including the Recall.
- 3.—Provincial Purchasing Machinery.
- 4.—Provincial Inspection of Dockage and Grading.
- 5.—Rural Credit, Banks Operated at Cost.

The items of this program, which is much the same as that of North Dakota, were selected, not because they were the only demands, but because they immediately "lead up" to the main issue—the political supremacy of the common people. There has been no official explanation of the platform, nor of how it is purposed to carry it into effect, though Mr. Haight has given it as his personal opinion that the league will continue its work until it has captured the legislature in Saskatchewan and installed a farmers' government. This government would then proceed to borrow \$100,000,000 on the credit of the province, using a part of it to install

the various government owned utilities included in the program and the balance for purchasing farm machinery. He states this as his personal view and not binding on the league.

The Federal Platform

Up until February, 1917, it was stated as the intention of the league not to enter the federal political field, but at that time the executive committee of the league drafted a political platform which is as follows:

- 1.—Nationalization of Banking and Credit Systems.
- 2.—Nationalization of Railroads, Telegraphs, Telephones and Steamship Lines (registered in Canada) and all other means of Public Transportation and Communication.
- 3.—Nationalization of all Industries which are organized on a National scale, and in which competition has virtually ceased to exist.
- 4.—The Extension of the Public Domain to include all Coal Mines, Water Powers and Forests.
- 5.—A Federal Direct Legislation Act including the Recall.
- 6.—Equal and Unrestricted Suffrage for both Men and Women.
- 7.—A Graduated Inheritance Tax Law.
- 8.—A Graduated Income Tax Law.
- 9.—The Abolition of Official Charity; and in its place the enactment of a National Compulsory Insurance Law covering Accident, Illness, Old Age and Death.
- 10.—The Free Administration of Justice.
- 11.—The Abolition of the Canadian Senate.
- 12.—No Court to be Legally Competent to declare as Unconstitutional any Act of the Parliament of Canada.

This platform is modelled very much after the farmers' platform drafted by the Canadian Council of Agriculture in December, 1916, and adopted unanimously by the annual convention of the organized farmers in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

The League and the Saskatchewan Election

The Nonpartisan League nominated seven men and one woman to contest the Saskatchewan election held on June 26 last. Some contend that by so doing it violated its claims to nonpartisanship, becoming thereby a third party, but the league officials maintain that the method of nomination and election followed in the province made it impossible to follow the example set in North Dakota. Only one of the nominees, D. J. Sykes of Swift Current, succeeded in obtaining a seat. The conditions surrounding Mr. Sykes' election were exceptional. He is a man of strong personality, a good platform speaker, and of unimpeachable character—an ideal farmers' representative. The league convention nominating him was the first held in the constituency for the purpose of nominating a

candidate for the last election. The two old parties, seeing that it was impossible to defeat such a candidate, also endorsed him, and Mr. Sykes became the nominee of all three conventions. He, therefore secured the seat without a contest, being the only candidate in the election to be so honored. He is a staunch independent and as such, may be relied upon to keep himself untrammelled by political ties. The other league candidates fared badly at the polls. Many of them lost their deposits. Mrs. Haight, a daughter-in-law of the president of the league, had the distinction of being

the first woman candidate in the province and of being the only woman to contest the election. W. S. Simpson, one of the league's standard bearers, is well known as a champion grain grower, having several world's championships to his credit.

League Conventions

Two provincial conventions have been held by the Nonpartisan League in Saskatchewan. The first was held on October 12 last and adopted a provincial constitution. At that time the membership was small, and it has since transpired that the constitution adopted does not voice the sentiments of the league as it now stands. The second convention was held on July 11, about 500 members from different parts of the province being present. The gathering proved to be a stormy one. Much opposition to the work of the executive developed, and what practically amounted to a reorganization of the league was accomplished. The constitution passed at a previous convention was thrown out, and a committee on which the executive is without representation was appointed to draft a new one. A new executive was elected. One of the striking developments was the resignation of D. J. Sykes from membership in the league, though this was not accepted, and he was later elected a member of the committee to draw up a new constitution.

The cry that if the league was successful it would destroy the work of the Grain Growers' movement was one of the reasons given by president Haight for the failure to secure the election of candidates. He strongly disclaimed any intention on the part of the league to oppose the Grain Growers, declaring that such an organization as the Nonpartisan League was necessary to give political effect to the Grain Growers' demands. The short notice given of the election, the fact that it was called before the league had time to organize the provinces, the opposition of the two old party machines, the adverse town vote and the disaffection of some members of the league when put to the test, were also given as reasons for the poor showing made.

Members Expelled

The first business of importance taken up by the convention was the expulsion of members who had abandoned the league in the recent provincial elections. These were Mr. Gamble of the Nottaweg constituency, Percy Hopper of Abbey, P. L. Craigen, a director of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association, and John F. Weibe of Herbert. All except Mr. Weibe, who had abandoned the league to run as an independent candidate, were present, and each had a strong following of sympathizers who had come ready to support him at the convention. Sharp division of opinion developed in dealing with these cases. According to the old constitution, the executive had the power to suspend a man for working against the league in a political campaign. The charge was then handed to a committee, with instructions to report the case at the next convention. As soon as the issue came up, the pot began to boil. The convention demanded that the accused men be each given twenty minutes for defence. Mr. Gamble's case was the first to be called. He gave no reason for working against the league, evidence that the executive had attempted to interfere in his home constituency with the selection of a nonpartisan candidate. This he claimed to be "indis-

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Mrs. LOUISE CRUMMY-MCKINNEY, M.L.A.
Nonpartisan member of the Alberta Legislature for Claaholm. The first woman legislator to be elected in Canada.



JAS. WEIR, M.L.A.
Newspaper man, farmer and orator. Second Vice-President of the U.F.A. Elected to the Alberta Legislature on the nonpartisan ticket for Saskatoon.



War's Disastres. Sandbagged German Tractor Captured on the Western Front.

The Country Homemakers

CONDUCTED BY MARY P. McCALLUM

"Thrift is not cheese paring, but an intelligent use of food and other resources, the habit of sacrificing personal interest to the nation's."

WOMEN FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE

On the Farm Women's Club page of this issue is an instructive letter from Mrs. S. V. Haight, vice-president of the Saskatchewan Women Grain Growers' Association urging the women of the province to make preparations for the fall municipal elections. This is certainly not too soon for women to begin work on these matters if their voices are to be raised or their influence felt in the coming elections.

Women in Saskatchewan have almost the complete municipal franchise, but not quite. They considered they had until the recent registration of householders in towns and cities prior to July 1. The wives of men householders who live with their husbands are entitled to vote. Women householders who do not live with husbands may not vote. Some of Saskatchewan's women's organizations memorialized the government that they particularly extend the franchise to include women householders. I considered this omission an oversight which would be remedied by amendment at the next session of the legislature until I read in the minutes of the fourth annual convention of the women's section of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association an account of Hon. George Langley's statement re municipal franchise. It reads: "He (Hon. George Langley) explained that they were extending the rural municipal franchise this year to include women, living with their husbands, on homesteads or rented farms in cases where the renter is also a tax payer." Plainly no provision was intended for the woman with several children attending the public school and contributing in large measure to community life, who without a breadwinner rented the farm and is there spending the best years of her life. That explanation doubtless holds true with the omission of women householders from the election lists of towns and cities. It is a point that the women of Saskatchewan must try to have amended.

Women, however, are eligible for all elective and appointive offices within the municipality. The wives of male householders are eligible for all these offices. That is, women in Saskatchewan are eligible for election to the office of mayor of a town or city, reeve of a rural municipality, alderman on a town or city council, councillor for a rural municipality, and as trustee of a city, town, village or rural public school, whether high school or elementary school.

There are many phases of municipal government where women's usefulness may be used to excellent advantage. None is more important than that of the public school board. Here, more than anywhere else, is an excellent field for the exercise of women's talents and powers. We look to women to tell us the causes of the woeful failures of the public school system to meet the demands of modern rural life and to right it wherein it is wrong. Dr. E. H. Oliver, principal of the Presbyterian Theological College, Saskatoon, once said, "I attach more and greater importance to the office of trusteeship on the public school board of Saskatoon than I do to that of Mayor." Let us see women take a wholesome and active interest in the public schools of the prairie provinces, make a survey of the present system, ascertain its good points and its deficiencies, study other school systems with a view to finding improvements for the present system, acquire a knowledge of what the public school should be in the life of the prairie child and proceed to establish the school as it should be.

Marked appreciation and knowledge of the subject cannot be obtained without comprehensive study. The departments of education in the various states and provinces and the various university extension departments will be glad to send you on request literature dealing with efforts along this line in other parts of America. Western Canada has a problem distinctly its own but applications of other systems may help the people of Western Canada to deal with their own particular problems.

MARY P. McCALLUM

GOSPEL OF SAVING

In the matter of food the chief causes of waste are (1) Poor cooking, resulting in a loss of food value or rendering the food unpalatable so that much is left on the plates; (2) Buying more of some commodities than can be used before spoiling; (3) Buying staple goods in too small quantities and losing the reduction in price for quantity; (4) Buying things out of season; (5) Buying cooked foods that could be more cheaply prepared at home; (6) Not making use of left-overs, water in which vegetables are cooked, etc.; (7) Buying things that could be produced at home.

In purchasing clothing let us limit ourselves to real necessities and in the purchase of these let us see that we get real value for our money. It must not be, "What can I buy?" but "What can I do without?"

TOO MUCH PARTISANSHIP

Dear Homemakers:—In this district of Saskat-

dangerous proceeding, for who knows where it will end? And how can we be sure of, or proud of the sincerity of the men elected through such machinations. I should like to know? And then when these men are elected are they paid enough to be able to act independently of any party if they like? I don't believe they are. Of course lots of them have private incomes but I want to say that it is the man who has gone through the sweat and toil of labor, physical or mental, that is the most apt to feel for his fellow citizens and to do what is best for them, but very few of such men are wealthy—a few are of course.

It seems to me that when a good man is selected to represent his fellows in the law-making body of our province that those who believe he is the right man to represent them should be willing to pay something towards the expense of the campaign of electing him.

Do you know I never had much faith in a person who seemed to think he or she had no faults. Now,

both sides have their faults, sins of omission as well as commission, and it would make a far better impression upon many of us women if in their speeches they would sincerely acknowledge the mistakes of their party. Otherwise how can we expect them to rectify the same if not acknowledged? Why always let the other side magnify and distort all errors except their own, until we, who go to hear do not really at heart believe anything of what either side is saying, though much may be true? Of course, there are the newspapers to judge by, but please women, try and see that there is a newspaper of each side, Liberal and Conservative, in your home, or I fear you will become very one-sided in your views and we must not be that if our vote is going to benefit the country in the long run.

Human nature is human nature, but perhaps we women vary enough from men intellectually that we can inject into political life some much needed reforms. May we do!

Mrs. J. A. JAMES.

Alkton, Sask.

HOUSEHOLD ACCOUNTS

Miss B. M. Philip, Lecturer, MacDonald Institute, Guelph

Keep accounts in order that you may see where your money has gone and what proportion your respective expenditures bear to the whole out lay and to each other. Below is given a form which is easy enough to be kept by any woman and which may be adapted to suit her special circumstances.

Account-Book

Date	Items	Receipts	Expenses	Balance	Food	Running Expenses	Clothing	Church Charity	Incidentals
Jan. 1	Cash on hand	\$75 00							
" 3	Paid for Meat		\$0 88		\$0 88				
" 3	Groceries		1 45		1 45				
" 12	Paid for Coal		6 50			\$6 50			
" 13	Paid for Boots		3 50				\$3 50		
" 16	Paid for Church Subs.							\$1 00	
Feb. 1	Balance from Jan.								

Any blank book may be ruled and used for this purpose. A form such as the above shows the date and nature of each transaction. Receipts and expenses are clearly shown and the balance may be found either daily or weekly as preferred. The remaining columns are added to enable the housekeeper to see what amounts are spent in each department and may be added to at her discretion. For instance, she may wish to show the relative amounts of the meat and grocery accounts, or she may wish to keep separate clothing and personal accounts for different members of the family. Each account should meet the needs of the household for which it is kept. Statistics such as these enable the housewife to see where her heaviest expenses are and if any seem disproportionate to the size of her income she can investigate and find out the reason. It also enables her to determine where she can best retrench if retrenchment becomes necessary. Extra demands can be met by the saving of a few cents here and there.

In addition to the daily account sheet it is well to have a similarly ruled sheet in which to enter the monthly totals and monthly balance as well as the amounts spent each month on the several divisions. This furnishes a record for comparison from month to month, and the idea may be carried still further and a yearly account sheet made out showing the totals for the year.

Applying a system such as this to one's household expenditure places the running of the home on a business basis and only by recognizing it as a business and treating it as such can the best results be secured. The method outlined is by no means the only one that may be employed, but it is simple and effective and if put into practice by every woman at the head of a home and a similar system for personal accounts taught by her to the boys and girls of her family, the effect on the well-being and prosperity of our country would be incalculable.

chewan the air is quite warm in more ways than one these days. Election talk and political meetings are never ending. As we women have the vote, quite a number of us attend these meetings. As a result of my listening to several speeches, a few questions have arisen in my mind.

"Why are all these men so zealous for their side to 'get in'?" That seems to be what they are aiming for chiefly and the good of the country incidentally of course. Are these men getting paid? I'm strongly inclined to think they are. Who pays them, and where does the money come from? I know I've never contributed a cent, nor my husband, nor plenty of other people around here. So I judge it must be some sacred inner circle that pays this bill. Where does this inner circle get the money? How I should rejoice to think that there was even a handful of men in Saskatchewan so highly patriotic that they are digging down into their own pockets to see the right prevail! But I have, alas, a sort of sub-conscious knowledge that in some way the side that is in is getting this money out of the coffers of the treasury, very indirectly maybe, and that the side that is not in has to contribute it out of their own pockets, but mark you, with every cent jotted down to be pulled out of those same coffers when their turn comes to get in. If I am right in my conclusions all this is a most

THINGS BAD FOR BABIES

- Candy.
- Pacifiers.
- Thumb sucking.
- Soothing syrups.
- Patent medicines.
- Moving picture shows.
- Sucking on empty bottles.
- Kissing the baby on his mouth.
- Play of every sort after feeding.
- Sleeping in bed with the mother.
- Irregular or too frequent feedings.
- Whiskey or gin for supposed colic.
- Sneezing or coughing in the baby's face.
- Sleeping on the mother's breast while nursing.
- Waterproof diapers except for temporary use.
- Dirty playthings, dirty nipples, dirty bottles, dirty floors.
- Violent rocking, bouncing and rattling play at any time.
- Spitting on handkerchief to remove dirt from baby's face.
- Allowing a person with a cough or a cold to hold the baby.
- Allowing any person with tuberculosis to take care of the baby.

The foregoing paragraphs are a summing up of the things bad for the baby as published in a little pamphlet issued by the provincial board of health of Manitoba entitled: "Your baby and how to keep it well" which the Department of Public Health, Legislative Buildings, Winnipeg, will send to anyone on request. Similar booklets may be obtained from the health departments of the other provinces.

THRIFT PARAMOUNT DUTY

Not so much as a single slice of left-over bread should be wasted.

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FARTHEST NORTH U.F.A. PICNIC

E. J. MacKay of the Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Company and the writer, with intent to reach the combined picnic of the U.F.A. Unions of Bear Lake, White Swan and Griffin Creek, to be held at White Swan, some 25 miles out, committed ourselves to the care of one Oliver Twist of the Northern Auto Livery, Peace River, and set forth betimes on the morning of Monday, August 6. Our good friend Oliver must have emulated his Dickensian namesake and "asked for more" at frequent intervals during his youth to have attained the six feet three and a half inches which he now measures when fully extended. To witness the skill with which he insinuates himself into the driver's seat of a Ford with the top on and the ease with which he unfurls for the purpose of alighting is one of the attractions of the neighborhood. His skill as a driver, however, together with knowledge of people and district, make him invaluable.

Crossing by government ferry to the west side of the river, a beautiful drive along the bank soon brought us past a ruined mud chimney, all that remains of the original outpost built there by MacKenzie about 125 years ago, and led in about eight miles to the Catholic Mission, where we paused to examine two gardens which proved a revelation of the possibilities of this climate and soil. One made this spring upon low breaking showed flowers and vegetables equal to anything we had seen farther south, whilst the other garden, said to have been cultivated nearly 30 years, was, as regards maturity of products, two to three weeks ahead of any average garden around Edmonton or Calgary. A profusion of flowers appeared to be gathered past their first bloom, a heavy bearing of strawberries, raspberries and red currants would have tempted less virtuous visitors, whilst large tomatoes ready to ripen, mush corn headed out and melons of good size were followed by cucumbers already forming. They had been digging new potatoes for some time, and those we uncovered would run two or three to the pound. A very fine stand of wheat in a field adjoining looked like 30 or 35 bushels and was within a few days of cutting.

Turning from the river by the protestant mission, about five miles further on, we rise by Hicks Hill, about 500 or 600 feet to the normal level of surrounding country, where, under somewhat less sheltered conditions than those just mentioned, we still saw wheat and oats making for a good average crop and grass abundant everywhere. A dozen miles of this reached the venue of the picnic, White Swan School, where folks were already foregathering and nearby which was erected a wonderful bower with seating for well over 100, screened and covered with leafy branches, which C. E. Brong, the secretary, with more energy than strict regard for the day of rest, had cut overnight. The failure of a professional caterer to appear as promised might have disturbed ordinary people, but not the pioneer ladies of this part, who, headed by Mrs. Brong, produced lunch baskets apparently as inexhaustible as the widow's cruse and as generously shared, with result that everyone feasted in the bower to repletion.

The flow of oratory, to quote from the bills, was introduced shortly after lunch by a few graceful remarks from J. M. Lamont, followed by a vigorous speech from Mr. Shrigley. A brief infliction from the visitors was borne with fortitude, a few questions dealt with and the crowd was released for the program of sports arranged, or to patronize the Red Cross stall of H. Dundas. The Revs. R. Little and Fife, respectively Anglican and Methodist ministers of the district, the former having advantage in the help of Mrs. Little, threw themselves wholeheartedly into the activities of the occasion, show-

ing themselves good U.F.A.'ers and deservedly popular.

It was necessary to partake of two suppers to satisfy the hospitality pressed upon us, and our only regret was the necessity of leaving before commencement of the dancing, which we understand terminated in good time for attending to chores next morning. The best principles of the U.F.A. find ready response in that community, and steps were instituted for the formation of Unions at Storm Creek and West Bear Lake, as well as the possibility of a local of the U.F.W.A. to complete our chain of unions from Peace River to Spirit River and thus on to Grande Prairie. We left with the feeling of having known these good people for half a lifetime and a sense that the development of this goodly land could scarcely be in better hands.—S.O.T.

U.F.A. SUNDAY—GRANDE PRAIRIE

The Grande Prairie district association of the U.F.A. held a very successful annual meet at Lake Saskatoon on Sunday, July 22 and the following day. On Sunday the ministers of the various religious denominations were present. There were two Anglicans, two Methodists, one Presbyterian and one Baptist. They spoke on various phases of the world movement. They had gathered to face the problems of the hour, and deliberately as brave, manly men. Everyone was delighted at the opportunity of hearing all on one platform. A very important feature of the evening was the memorial service, a tribute to our boys at the front and our fallen heroes. The names of those Grande Prairie boys who have sacrificed their lives were read by the secretary, all standing. This whole service was a most inspiring religious ceremony and many expressed a wish that such a service could be held frequently.

For Monday a good program of outdoor sports was provided. At three p.m. a mass meeting of U.F.A. people was held, under the auspices of the district association. Railway accommodation for this country was discussed at considerable length. The government is being urged to proceed with the C.N.R. A very strong request is being made for railway connection with the Pacific coast. The question of municipal hospitals and the enforcement of the Liquor act were important matters dealt with. The proceeds of the day of sports and the Sunday collection were devoted to the Military Y.M.C.A. and the Red Cross. It is intended that this shall be an annual event, and be carried out next year with more complete organization. District President Hopkins presided at the meetings.

MRS. POSTANS' GOOD TRIP

Mrs. A. E. Postans, of Heath, director for the U.F.W.A., sends the following report of her recent organization tour in the northern part of the province: On Tuesday, June 11, I left Heath to go to Edmonton on an organization trip for the U.F.W. and had to stay in Edmonton overnight. Next day Mrs. Maxwell, of Sunnyside, met me and took me out to the Sunnyside Local, where I addressed a meeting in the afternoon and organized a branch of the U.F.W. with 12 members to start. There were ladies from Namsco and Horsehill present at this meeting, and I think that the Horsehill ladies are pretty sure to organize a branch of their own in the very near future. The Namsco ladies also said that they would talk the matter over in regard to forming a branch in their district. On Wednesday, Mr. Rafn took me out to Bon Accord. Here the ladies have formed another club and their idea was to change it to a branch of the U.F.W. but as all the members were not present at the meeting no action was taken; however, Mr. Rafn says that he thinks we can expect good results later. On Thursday we drove to Sturgeonville to a picnic. I spoke for a few minutes to the ladies there and they decided to hold an organization meeting on the first Friday in July. I also hope to organize a branch at Gilt Edge in the near future.

\$2,500 RAISED AT CAYLEY

A very successful field-day was held at Cayley on July 12, in which all the citizens and farmers of the Cayley district took part. The organization and promotion of this field day was undertaken and supervised by a special committee of the Cayley Local No. 259. The result of their efforts was the raising of the magnificent sum of \$2,500, the whole of which was donated to the Red Cross Society. This, I think, constitutes the highest single amount raised by one effort by a rural district in Alberta.

Cayley is very much to the fore these days, being credited since then with the holding of the most successful series of Chautauqua meetings which were held in this province, the average attendance each day being in the neighborhood of 1,000 people. The success of the Cayley Local's efforts along community lines is largely credited to the untiring work of Mr. G. D. Sloane, director for the Macleod district on the provincial board of directors.

The central office wishes to draw special attention to the magnificent contribution of \$525 received from Mere Local No. 513. Two dollars of this was for additional membership dues, the whole of the balance, \$523, being for the Red Cross Fund, this amount resulting from the circulation of a subscription list. This is easily the largest contribution from any local which has been received in one sum. The subscription was sent in in July, and it is regretted that notice of same has not appeared in the Alberta section earlier. The copy was sent down on July 23, but in some way appears to have been omitted from the regular issue and was not carried forward the following week.—P.P.W.

A donation of \$100.25 has been received from T. A. Jones, president of Begton Valley Local, to be distributed as follows:
 Belgian Relief Fund \$50, Serbian Relief \$40 and Y.M.C.A. Military Branch \$10.

WAR RELIEF FUNDS

BELGIAN RELIEF FUND	
Previously acknowledged	\$4,258.49
Begton Valley, No. 640	50.00
Willow Hollow U.F.W.A.	18.00
	\$4,326.49

RED CROSS FUND

Previously acknowledged	\$4,199.69
Mrs. T. E. Law, Steamtown	28.00
Sulphur Springs, No. 466	101.15
Mere, No. 513	523.00
LaCrosse, No. 589	139.20
McCauley, No. 415	20.00
Vernon, No. 590	5.00
Raven, No. 554	20.45
Dewberry, No. 98	4.55
Gwynne C.F.W.A.	45.00
Vernon School District, Sibbald	23.00
New Norway, No. 293	100.00
Colliston, No. 549	8.80
Blackfoot, No. 74	72.70
Willow Hollow U.F.W.A.	4.00
	\$5,587.44

U.F.A. PATRIOTIC FUND

Previously acknowledged	\$2,253.55
CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND	
Previously acknowledged	\$1,659.75
Steamtown C.F.W.A.	25.00
	\$1,684.75

MILITARY BRANCH Y.M.C.A.

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Blackfoot, No. 76	6.25
Crofton, No. 191	7.15
Waskatow, No. 101	20.00
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Climax, No. 451	18.50
Assin, No. 384	10.55
Melville, No. 50	25.00
Ravell, No. 506	6.20
Stewart C.F.W.A.	33.20
Ferintosh, No. 494	10.00
Sulphur Springs, No. 466	11.50
Grande Prairie, No. 514	43.50
Grande Prairie, No. 514	10.00
Scamoth, No. 504	6.00
Edmonton, No. 461	9.75
Arbuckle, No. 454	22.50
Kearney, No. 379	10.00
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Wilsons, No. 498	8.50
Iron Springs, No. 172	9.00
Arbuckle, No. 454	25.00
Cardale, No. 242	12.00
Begton Valley, No. 600	10.00
Grande Prairie Dist. Association	44.10
Hardin, No. 28	6.40
Winnipeg, No. 101	7.55
	\$1,643.47

POLISH RELIEF FUND

Previously acknowledged	\$144.50
ARMENIAN RELIEF FUND	
Previously acknowledged	\$5.00
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SERBIAN RELIEF FUND	
Previously acknowledged	\$54.00
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A LETTER TO PREMIER BORDEN

To the Right Honorable
Sir Robert Borden,
Ottawa.

At a meeting of the Grain Growers' Association, held at Harlington, Man., on August 10, 1917, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved that we, members of the Grain Growers' Association view with deep concern the attempt to place a fixed maximum price on wheat. We have no objection to a fixed maximum and minimum or flat price being set on wheat providing a corresponding price showing a reasonable amount of profit be set on flour and all wheat products, rolled oats, sugar, farm implements, binder twine and other manufactured goods actually necessary to our existence and business. We insist, however, that all these things must be subordinate to the main source of wealth, the product of the soil.

Whereas the essence of this resolution is to demand justice and equality, we consider that if a set price is placed on grain only it is not just and is liable to create a condition in the west not desirable nor consistent with good government. The West has done more than its share in the "war," in men and donations of money for patriotic purposes and absolutely refuses to be exploited further for the benefit of the milling concerns and parasites of the grain business.

J. A. VOPNI, Chairman.
W. H. COTTON, Secretary.

Harlington, Man.,
August 10, 1917.

SWAN RIVER CONVENTION

A convention of independent electors was held in Swan River on Tuesday, August 21, to select a candidate to contest the federal constituency of Nelson in the coming election. A resolution was unanimously carried pledging the nominee to the principle of conscription of man power, wealth and all resources of the nation for the winning of the war. The names of George Dickenson, W. I. Ford, A. McLeary and W. H. Sims were presented to the convention, and the choice falling upon W. I. Ford his nomination was made unanimous. Mr. Ford in a neat speech accepted the nomination and the meeting closed with "God Save the King." Mr. Ford has been a successful farmer in the district for a number of years, having come from the Treherne neighborhood. He has been active in the work of the Grain Growers' Association and is at the present time the district representative on the board of the provincial association.

To many it will seem superfluous to draw attention to the fact that the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association is one organization and The Grain Growers' Grain Company, or rather since the recent announcement, the United Grain Growers, is another, yet correspondents so constantly mix them in addressing letters that an occasional mention of the fact is necessary. Just get the names right and then there will be no trouble. The one is the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, the other, formerly The Grain Growers' Grain Company, is the United Grain Growers. The first is a farmers' association, the second is a business company.

SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS

There comes a terrible moment to many souls when the great movements of mankind, which have lain aloof in newspapers and other neglected reading, enter like an earthquake into their own lives when the slow urgency of growing generations turns into the tread of an invading army or the dire clash of civil war, and grey fathers know nothing to seek for but the corpses of their blooming sons, and girls forget all vanity to make lint and bandages which may serve for the shattered limbs of their betrothed husbands. Then it is as if the Invisible Power that has been the object of lip-worship and lip-resignation became visible, according to the imagery of the Hebrew poet, making the flames his chariot and riding on the wings of the wind, till the mountains and the plains shudder under the rolling, fiery visitation. Often the good cause seems to lie prostrate under the thunder of unrelenting force, the martyrs live reviled, they die, and no angel is seen holding forth the crown and the palm-branch. Then it is that the submission of the soul to the Highest is tested, and even in the eyes of frivolous life looks out from the scene of human struggle with the awful face of duty, and a religion shows itself which is something else than a private consolation.

It is many a year since George Eliot wrote these eloquent words in her "Daniel Deronda," but they depict a spiritual experience which is being shared by thousands in these days of war.

Perhaps some such catastrophe was needed to shock mankind into consciousness of its solidarity, to startle the individual into recognition of his responsibility for the conduct of affairs in the community and in the world. The man who will not admit his occupancy of a place in the world course and his share of influence for good or ill, for justice or injustice, for peace or war, is either a child or a fool and, having attained the stature of manhood he has no right to be either the one or the other. The man who makes up his mind that he is going to live for himself is making choice of a heartless, inhuman and criminal course. A place in the ranks of humanity demands on the part of the individual the human consciousness, the social consciousness, the world consciousness.

Have we got it yet? The Grain Growers have been trying, not without some indications of success, for 15 years to awaken it. The war is emphasizing with tremendous stress the call. Men in days to come must not shirk "doing their bit." The time of peace is only a degree less tragic than the time of war. Never again, in peace or war, may the individual be permitted to go the way of independence and extortion and oppression which his selfishness might seek to lead him. Never again must multitudes be permitted to suffer because of the rapacity of some man, or of some corporation, or of

some class, or of some nation. The social consciousness, and the social conscience, and the social sympathy must be aroused so that when such action is attempted the way will be promptly barred. He who will not of his own initiative respect the rights of others must be taught by the constraining mind and if necessary the compelling hand of the community that he may not ride rough shod over the well-being of his fellow-men.

Let us not falter then, in these days when the deeps of the human spirit are being sounded, in our task of calling men to active personal participation in the life-activities of our time. Let us consistently oppose the anti-social interests that would advantage themselves even by the stress of war to prey upon the unthinking and the unprotected. Be it ours today as ever to seek to rouse in all the truly personal and truly social spirit which will rejoice to do its part in maintaining and safeguarding the well-being of each.

W. R. W.

DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

As the fall approaches district officers are beginning to think about the early winter organization and recuperation campaign and the perfecting of arrangements for the district convention. More and more the district officers are coming to recognize and shoulder responsibility for the maintenance and promotion of the movement throughout the district. The coming together of the district executive to discuss the work in the area included in the district is coming year by year to issue in practical strengthening of weak branches and here and there in successful extension. A fraternal visit from one of the district executive to a branch which has become a little discouraged shows that they regard the movement as a going concern, worth working for and with a at least once a year, and if possible, work before it.

Every district should do something twice a year in the way of a district convention. Some districts have a well established and successful semi-annual convention. It means work at it is well worth while. The general stimulation to those who attend goes back through them to the locals and the whole work is strengthened. With the movement as far advanced as it is in Manitoba there should be no difficulty, there is no difficulty about a program. Any district executive that sets about it can secure a program that may mean great things for their branches. It just takes a little gumption and a little faith and a little work and a little perseverance.

A district convention in the fall or early winter helps to prepare the way for the provincial convention. Every year the effort is being made to secure that a larger number shall receive the inspiration which comes from attending the Farmers' Parliament at Brandon. The district convention is a kind of half way house. Moral—get your district together this fall in a convention that will stir things up and move things on.

THINKING IT OUT

There are too few who read, but the number of those who think is infinitely smaller. And yet thinking is one of the primary needs of the world's life. It is by the activities of those who think



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The work of the farmer at certain seasons largely precludes reading. When the muscles are weary reading becomes a task even if there is time, which usually there is not. But there is many an hour of farm work in which the mind is wholly or almost wholly free to think. While it must be admitted that farm problems must have first place in the mental operations of those hours, it will generally be admitted that there are from season to season many of them which might be used for the turning over of community and general problems.

Many a problem might be solved for the community, many a plan might be formulated for successful development, many a view of public, political and economic questions might be clarified and straightened if the man behind the plow and the man on the binder and the man on the wagon seat, as he hauls his crop to market, would ponder and decide and resolve. The thinking of the future is more and more to be done in the country. The life of the country is going to come to its own amid the varied interests and relationships of the nation. Every farmer who trains himself to be a practical and persistent and progressive thinker is hastening the time. The time to think is when you cannot read and when mechanical duties leave your mind largely free.

THE FARMERS' PLATFORM

The Canadian Council of Agriculture has just issued a 53 page pamphlet containing information on the various planks in the farmers' platform, which has been adopted by the three big farmers' organizations in the prairie provinces. The booklet contains, first, an introduction by R. McKenzie, secretary of the council, explaining the reason for publishing the pamphlet, and the purpose for which it will be used. The platform is then given in full. Following this, 21 pages are devoted to the tariff question. It gives a clear comprehensive consideration of the protective tariff in Canada, showing exactly the effect that it has had upon the development of the country, and the way it has been used by combines to exploit the people. There is a great deal of information on the tariff contained in this pamphlet that will not be found in any other publication. Any person at all interested in the tariff question will find something of value in the pamphlet.

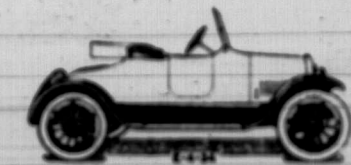
Another section is devoted to the discussion of land values, which is one of the planks of the Farmers' Platform. This section shows how easy it would be to impose a tax upon land according to its value, and that it would be fair and equitable. Such a tax would bear more easily upon farmers than does the present protective tariff. It is shown also that a number of countries are already pursuing this method of taxation in varying degrees.

An illustration of the income tax is given, showing how it will produce a large part of the necessary revenue to pay for the war, and that it will force people to pay taxes in proportion to their ability. The inheritance tax on large estates is also described and the British system is set forth rather fully. Another section shows the necessity of a graduated income tax on the profits of corporations.

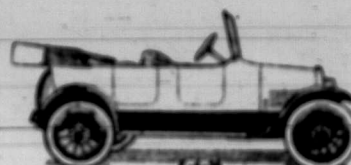
A considerable section is devoted to the nationalization of railways, telegraphs and express services. The situation throughout the world is described and the various handicaps that Canada has suffered from private ownership. The argument in favor of public ownership is also given.

Other sections are devoted to the control of natural resources, direct legislation, publication of campaign funds, the abolition of patronage, provincial autonomy in liquor legislation, and the extension of the franchise to women. The booklet will be very valuable to anyone who wishes to be informed on the big national questions of the day. Copies of the platform may be secured at 20 cents each postpaid, or ten copies for \$1.50 postpaid, either from the Canadian Council of Agriculture, Winnipeg, or from the Book Department, The Grain Growers' Guide, Winnipeg.

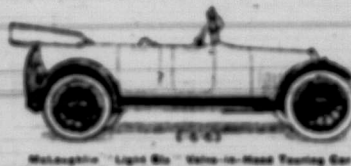
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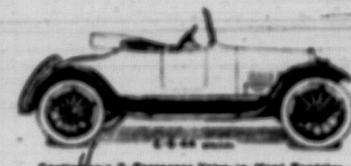
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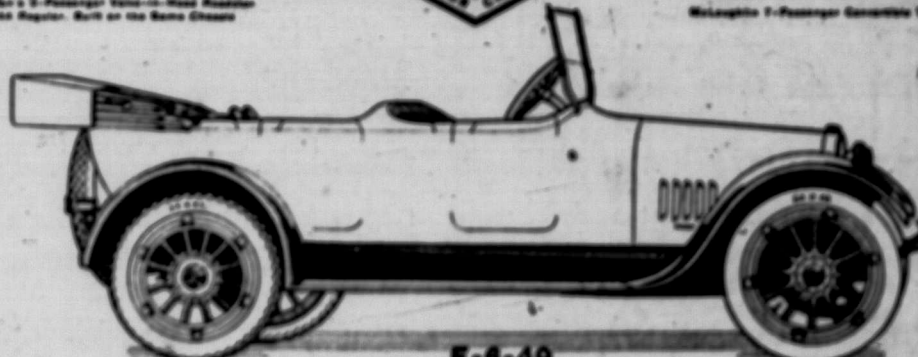
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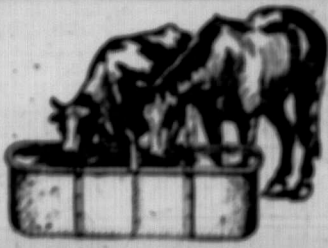
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“Englander Schwein”

By George Eustrace Pearson in the Saturday Evening Post
(Concluded from Last Week)

On the evening of this day we walked out to the edge of the wood we were in and stood there sizing up the nearby village. It was about seven o'clock and wanted about an hour to darkness and our usual time for hitting the trail. Without any warning a burly farmer confronted us. He was as badly startled as we were. Our remnants of painted uniforms, our ragged, soaked and generally filthy condition no doubt added to our terrible appearance. We had long since lost our caps and our hair was matted like a dog's. The German was armed, however, with a double-barrelled shotgun and at his heels a powerful looking dog showed his teeth to us, so that I marked the red of his tongue. If he raised the alarm we were done for. We still had our cudgels.

I do not know whose was the offensive. But I do know that the three of us came together with one accord in a wild and terrible medley of oaths in two languages and of murderous blows that beat like flails at a thrashing. Simonds and I struggled for the gun which he tried so hard to turn on us, the dog meanwhile sinking its teeth deep in our unprotected legs and leaping vainly at our throats while we felt with clenching fingers for his master's, intent only that he should not shout.

In those mad moments there sped through our brains the reel of that whole horrid film of fifteen months' torture of mind and body; the pale, blood-covered faces of our murdered comrades of the regiment, the cries of those patient Russians behind the trees and our own slow and deadly starvation and planned mistreatment. All these, and God only knows what else, would be ours again if we should be recaptured.

Nearing the Border

We were near to Holland. In fancy and by contrast we saw the fair English fields and the rolling beauty that is Ontario's, and we heard the good English tongue and saw the dear faces of our own folk. We bore the farmer so ill will. And his dog was to this last a very faithful animal, as our clothes and limbs bore true witness. We had no ropes. And we were two very desperate men badly put upon.

We dropped his gun in the bushes and passed on. It had not been fired and we had no desire to have the charge of carrying firearms added to the others against us if, in spite of all, we should be so unfortunate as to be recaptured.

“September 8: Lovely weather today. Good going last night in small swamp. Good cover in a forest on the banks of the Elms. We will try to cross tonight. Meals: potatoes and mangels. Our final try for liberty. Peel good for it.”

We had arrived at the river at two o'clock that morning, too played out to attempt the crossing then. We retraced our steps to a potato field, dug some of the tubers and, when daylight came, lit a fire and roasted them. We were in a dense forest of young trees. By lighting the fire before the mist lifted the latter hid our smoke. We remained unperceived, though we could hear voices and footsteps on every side.

We went down to the river shortly before dusk to survey it and found it both broad and swift. We went back again and tore a gate from its hinges, carried it the 500 yards down to the river and then stripped for the crossing. The gate was not big enough to carry us but answered for our clothes. Simonds swam ahead, guiding it while I shoved from behind. We made the crossing without mishap and straightway fell into one of the worst experiences of the trip. We plunged into a swamp which took us five hours to get through. There were moments when we all but gave up. We thought we should never get out. At times we sank in it up to our waists, particularly after leaping at the numerous tufts of grass that seemed to promise a footing which they never realized and which sometimes sent us in to the armpits so

that we were sure we were doomed to be sucked down for good in the filthy mess. And the fearful odor that our plunging round stirred up naturally aided our nervous imaginings.

A dull anger took possession of us at the thought of so inglorious an end, after all that we had suffered to attain our freedom.

We soon discovered an apple orchard in which the fruit was ripe. All the apples we had had up to date had been of the small green variety. And even they, with the occasional milk, represented our all of luxury, so that these seemed the food of the gods. So we proceeded to fill up. After eating all that we thought we could we filled our pockets until they bulged and started off, each carrying an armful of the fruit. At every step we dropped some. We stopped again and ate our surplus to make room. We refused to lose any of them. We came to a river, stripped, tied our clothes up in a bundle and proceeded to swim across, shoving the clothes ahead. I lost control of mine and they sank. I dived repeatedly in the darkness before I found them. The cargo of apples in the pockets made a bad matter worse. I should rather have drowned than lose my apples. The possible loss of the clothes worried us very little. We had already decided in that event to waylay some German Michael rather than go naked into Holland. However, by alternately dragging the bundle behind and swimming on our backs with it held high on the chest with one hand, we made the crossing, apples and all.

We were sitting in the shadow deciding what next to do and wondering whether we were really over the border and if we could safely walk abroad, when we heard men walking toward us. We knew them to be Germans by the clank of the hobnailed boots which all our guards had worn. We had not a stitch on. The patrol of six men stopped within five yards of us. Our hearts were in our mouths. They passed on, within five feet and did not see us. We dressed quickly and went on, only to find a canal, for which we had to strip again.

Safe Across the Border

Arriving at the other side we dressed in the shadow of the bank. We crawled to the top and plunged through the heather on to a road which we had almost crossed when there came a cry of “Halt!” The patrol must have been standing in the trees where we had broken out from the heather, and very quietly too, for we had lain for five minutes to make certain that all was safe. Evidently we were on or near the border if the number of patrols was any indication. We were not certain whether these were Hollanders or Germans. We made one big back jump. “Fire, Gridley, when ready!” I left the entire knee of one trousers leg on a clenching thorn. But the patrol did not fire.

And then another canal. “I'm fed up with swimming tonight.”

“So am I,” agreed Simonds. “There are houses over there. There must be a bridge.”

We slunk along the bank and to our joy found a small bridge. We dashed across it and debouched safely into a tiny village. Here we saw a difference, especially in the houses and the roadway. It was in the very atmosphere, a result no doubt of instincts made keen by the hunted lives we had led. On either side the fields stretched out, crisscrossed by a perfect network of small canals and ditches, which also served as fences.

We knew we were in Holland. We deemed it unwise to show ourselves as yet, distrusting the sympathies of the Hollanders and fearful that they might give us up. However, we took a chance and stuck to the road, a treat indeed after our weeks of travelling across country. This enabled us to shove thirty miles between us and Germany by morning.

It was not quite daylight when we

espied a cow in a field at the roadside and gave chase. There was no other food in sight, so when our quarry threw up its tail and bounced off we set out grimly to run our breakfast down. It was half an hour later that we corralled it in a corner between two broad ditches and were already licking our chops in anticipation when we discovered that our cow was only a big heifer. Twenty-four hours earlier it would have been tragedy. As it was we only laughed. Such is liberty.

At this distance from the border we felt that we were safe from the Germans, but were very much afraid that we might be interned. So we holed up in a farmhouse that had been partly burned down and built a roaring fire out of the remains of the charred furniture, placing some of the potatoes that were lying about in the fire, made a rough bed and went to sleep. Awakening later in the day we raked the blackened potatoes out of the ashes and filled up on them. We were a fearful team; absolutely filthy, uncombed, unwashed, unshaven, and with the Russian's paint still thick upon us. Afterward we went down to the canal and endeavored to knock the worst of it off. I made out to shave Simonds. All danger was passed now. We seemed to walk on air. We were once again British soldiers, and so fell to abuse of one another, finding fault and grouching as all good British soldiers do when they are well off. The terrible razor had never been sharp and lately had rusted from its travels. Simonds swore justly and threatened me, ordering me at the same time in no uncertain terms to desist from the torture.

Barbarous Barbering

"Well, we want to go into Holland lookin' respectable. What'll they think of British soldiers if they see us? Have a hair!" I expostulated.

"Don't give a damn! I've had enough for being a Canadian, but I won't stand for this." I left him with his beard still on in patches and the bare spots bleeding angrily. He turned to me then. As I had already committed myself I had to bear in silence his purposely clumsy handling of that backsaw. It was terrible, and Simonds, the scoundrel, laughed like a demon.

The diary summarizes the later events of that day:

"September 10: Fine weather and in Holland. All our troubles are over. We struck a small town called Alboom, where the people did everything they could for us. Plenty of food. Slept in a house!"

A man smoking a big pipe and wearing baggy breeches and wooden shoes came up and surveyed us with kindly amusement as Simonds scraped at me with infinite gusto. He was a Hollander; not a "Dutchman." We soon learned that the latter was a term of contempt applied by the farmer to the Germans.

I asked him for some tobacco, which he readily gave to us from a capacious pouch. He waved his pipe at us in friendly fashion and said something which we took to be a question as to our identity.

"English," we said, and in desperation turned to our scanty stock of French: "Soldats; prisonniers."

"Engelsh!" he boomed. We nodded. He simply threw his arms round first one and then the other, upsetting as he did so the ashes from his pipe into my eyes. He lumbered off and shortly returned with a counterpart of himself. He talked rapidly to his companion and waved his pipe. We made out the words "Duitsh," "Engelsh," and enough of others to know that he was telling our tale as he imagined it.

Our fears coming uppermost, we gave voice to them: "Intern!"

"No intern. Engelsh." The other took up the story in English: "good. Friend." However, our suspicions would not down.

The first man pointed out to the canal where a barge lay and made us understand that it was his. He wanted us to work our passage down the canal with him. They invited us by signs to go on board the barge for breakfast, an invitation which we joyfully accepted. We rowed out to the barge and sat down in the tiny cabin. The meal was plain. On the centre of the table was a loaf of brown bread, quite good enough it was true, but so reminiscent

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of the perennial black ration of the Germans that my gorge rose at the sight. Out of the corner of my eye I saw a white loaf on the shelf, the first in 15 months. I caught Simonds eyeing it, and we exchanged guilty looks. I was ashamed to ask for it. They offered us the brown loaf and delicious coffee. I thought perhaps that if we exhausted the brown loaf the other might be forthcoming. I kicked Simonds in the shins and fell to on it and as opportunity offered thrust pieces in the pockets of my tunic until, to our relief, they brought out the white bread, which we devoured to the last crumb.

We filled our pipes in high contentment and went ashore, where a procession of enthusiastic villagers waited to escort us to the village. Men, women and children, wooden shoes and all, there were four hundred of them. The men all shook hands with us. Some of the women cried. One white-haired old lady kissed us both. Some pressed money on us. The quaint little roly-poly children ran at our sides, a half dozen of them struggling to hold our fingers in their chubby fists.

The procession started off, the burgo-master leading, the two sailors and ourselves coming next. Someone behind dragged out a mouth organ and struck up Tipperary, and men, women and children all joined in. It was glorious. We sang too in English and they in their tongue. It made no difference. We were happy.

Arriving at the village the burgo-master took us to his house and sat us down to a steaming breakfast, while a few of the chosen were invited in to watch us polish it off. The crowd remained outside, choking the road. Some of the holder of the children crept slyly in the door, others peered slyly at us from the crack of it. And one little chap, braver than his comrades, clumped sturdily up to my knee, where he stood clutching it in round-eyed wonder and saying never a word for the rest of the meal, the envy of his mates.

Not until we had leaned back, not contented but ashamed to ask for more, did our hosts give vent to the curiosity that was eating into their vitals. An interpreter was found and they led us out to the road so that all might hear. The crowd flocked round while the officials questioned us. Many were the smothered interjections that went up from the men and exclamations of pity from the women as our tale unfolded. And the warm sympathy of their honest faces warmed our hearts like a good fire.

We started off on our triumphal course again. We were repeatedly invited into houses for something to eat. We accepted seven such breakfast invitations during the next two and a half hours and stopped only out of shame. We were still hungry. Everyone gave us cigars, immense things, which stuck out of every pocket and which we carried in bundles under our arms. There was no refusing them. They were the insignia of the entente. And the coffee! The good honest Holland coffee, with no acorns in it! I doubt if our starving bodies would have carried us many days more on the uncooked roots we had been living on. The motherly housewives, in their Grecian-like helmets of metal and glass that fit closely over their smoothed hair like skull-caps, bustled merrily about, intent only on replenishing our plates and cups, full of a tearful sympathy that was as welcome as their food.

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"Nix," we said, and when he would not accept our refusal we tried it in Niederlander. "No, no." Still he persisted, and his good wife too. So we led him firmly aside and showed him the condition we were in. That convinced him. They appreciated that little touch and gave us a deep pile of blankets, flung down on three feet of sweet smelling straw in an outhouse, where we slept as we had not slept for many months.

In the morning Leteman escorted us down to Aasehen, which was the nearest large town. Our day at Aasehen was a repetition of the previous one at Alboom and Borger, but on a grander scale. The ladies took us down to Hartman and did not leave us until they had turned us over to the British consul there, whose name I have forgotten but who, with the vice-consul, Mr. Mueller, was very kind indeed. In fact, all whom we met, irrespective of their nationality, age or sex, placed us under eternal obligations to them. In particular Mr. Neilson, rector of the English church and in charge of the Salvation institute there, seemed to live only for us.

We got away on the S.S. Greatster on the 10th, and after hugging the length of the English coast arrived safely at Newcastle upon Tyne on the 11th.

Here our troubles began. Simonds and I were not permitted to leave the boat until the military came for us. So far so good. We were taken to the headquarters of the general-officer commanding the district. He briefly examined us and good naturedly gave us some money out of his own pocket and tickets to London, where we were ordered to report at the War Office.

Arriving in "The Snake," as the army has named that city, we proceeded the next morning to 14 Bowring Street and sent our names in to the official we had been directed to by the general. He was in mirth, however he was and treated us kindly enough. We were then questioned about our experiences, particularly in relation to our guards, food, treatment and so on. He also asked us as to the amount of sickness among the prisoners, the condition of the country and so on.

Highland, we made a dash down last Big Ben and the Parliament Buildings for the Canadian Pay and Receipt Officer, where at Millbank it overlooked the Thames. A sergeant took our names and after a time took us, too, in to the paymaster. Simonds drew his money without difficulty. I was told that I was dead and could get none until my identity was reestablished. I protested. So much so in fact that I fully expected to land in the clink. No use. I was sent out on the street talking to myself.

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Simonds was single. He was sent to Canada at once and was promptly discharged. I had a wife and family waiting me there and I wanted badly to go to them by the next boat. My wife had been receiving letters from me during my 15 months' imprisonment; she had regularly received her money; she had regularly received her separation allowance; the Canadian Red Cross and many kind friends in London had been sending me presents of various sorts for a year; the subscription at my old home had been running smoothly for a year; I had 15 months' pay at \$1 to a day, besides a substantial allowance of 65 cents a day, coming to me and could not draw a cent of it. I was dead and remained so for three months.

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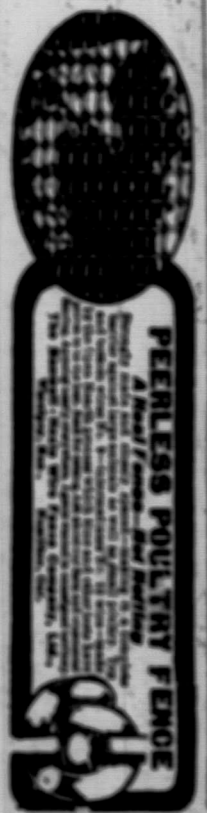
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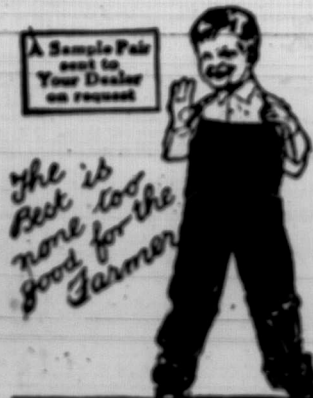
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"How much?"
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"Twenty quid, sir," I ventured. He went up in the air.
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I quickly gathered my exotics together and we packed into the canteen to celebrate the occasion fittingly in the only fashion a good soldier knows, in army beer so thick and strong that the hops floated on the tops of the mess tins. While searching for the bottom of one of these I heard the orderly shouting: Corporal Edwards, Cor-



CUTTING UNDER DIFFICULTIES
Cutting on wet land at Lea, Alberta, in 1916

poral Edwards." The other men gathered round the corner while I scrunched down so that the orderly passed on and out still shouting my name.

I fled to the tent and was hastily getting my things together when a corporal came hot-foot saying that the officer wanted me at once. I went in, gave him my very best regimental salute and stood at attention.

"I find that you are not on the strength, corporal, and are not entitled to any money, so I'll trouble you to return that money I gave you."

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"Gone? How?"
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Taxation in New Zealand

Land and Income Taxes—War Finance—Lesson to Us

By J. A. Stevenson

To make the system of taxation in New Zealand intelligible a short preliminary survey of the history of the land and income taxes is necessary. New Zealand was first settled by European immigrants from Great Britain and Ireland. The moving spirit in founding the colony was Edward Gibbon Wakefield, whose name is inseparably associated with the history of the Antipodes. Wakefield believed in longed to the English upper classes and held their point of view about social organization. He desired to reproduce in the new colony a state of society which had been existing in rural districts in the motherland and he aimed accordingly to create a class of large landed proprietors, who would hold large areas worked by managers and laborers.

In pursuance of this policy land was sold in huge blocks to men possessed of considerable means and to work these large areas immigrants were given free passages from Great Britain. Sheep farming was the industry to which most of the early settlers turned. As a result a considerable portion of the country was soon divided up into large sheep ranches which were very profitable to their owners. Simultaneously there were other settlements, especially from Scotland in the early forties, of people who took up smaller farms and devoted themselves to grain growing and cattle raising. But as the population expanded it was found that almost all the good land had been secured in the hands of a few men. The large owners and wanted lands and farms of some 50,000 acres in many of the best of the country. The laboring classes tried up for the benefit of a limited class of proprietors.

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The taxation of unimproved values attempted to introduce a land tax for national purposes but his efforts were frustrated by the parliament, which was largely controlled by the large landowners. In 1875, a small land tax of 1d. per acre was imposed but this was not successful in the long run. The Property Tax Act of 1875, which levied a uniform tax of 1d. per acre on all property, real and personal, proved a failure. It was repealed in 1880 and replaced by the Land Tax Act of 1880, which levied a uniform tax of 1d. per acre on all property, real and personal, but this was also a failure. In 1891, the Land Tax Act was replaced by the Land Tax Act of 1891, which levied a uniform tax of 1d. per acre on all property, real and personal, but this was also a failure.

One of the early governors of New Zealand was Sir George Grey, the grandfather of the late Foreign Minister of Great Britain, who, after his official career was ended, settled permanently in New Zealand. He was a political economist and a man of high standing. He was a political economist and a man of high standing. He was a political economist and a man of high standing.

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On the excesses over these figures the income tax rate is established at 2 per cent. up to \$1,000 or \$4,000, as the case may be.

To take a specific case, a married man with an income of \$6,000, is subject, first, to a tax of 2 per cent. on the difference between \$2,000, his exemption without children, and \$4,000, his exemption under the old law. This costs him \$40 in income tax. From \$4,000 to \$5,000 his normal tax is 4 per cent. on \$1,000, which added to the previous \$40 makes \$80. From \$5,000 to \$6,000 his normal tax is again \$40, making a total of \$120; while there is a surtax of 1 per cent. on the difference between \$5,000 and \$6,000, or \$10 to be added to the previous total of \$120, making \$130 in all. The following table carries the complete computation for heads of families. The unattached single person must pay \$20 before this table takes effect.

Income	Normal tax	Super tax	Total
\$3,000	\$20		\$20
4,000	40		40
5,000	80		80
7,500	180	1%	205
10,000	280	2%	355
12,500	380	3%	530
15,000	480	4%	720
20,000	680	6%	1,230
40,000	1,480	9%	2,350
60,000	2,280	12%	4,750
80,000	3,080	15%	7,750
100,000	3,880	20%	11,750
150,000	5,880	25%	24,250
200,000	7,880	29%	38,750
250,000	9,880	33%	55,250
300,000	11,880	37%	73,750
500,000	19,880	40%	133,750
1,000,000	29,880	43%	268,750
1,500,000	39,880	44%	408,750
2,000,000	49,880	45%	548,750
3,000,000	119,880	46%	1,278,750

The Canadian Plan

The Canadian income tax works out as follows under the revised plan:

Income	Single men and other widowers' person's	
	Tax	Tax
\$1,500		
2,000	\$20	
3,000	40	
4,000	80	\$40
5,000	120	80
6,000	160	120
7,000	220	180
8,000	280	240
9,000	340	300
10,000	400	360
11,000	460	420
12,000	520	480
13,000	580	540
14,000	640	600
15,000	700	660
16,000	760	720
17,000	820	780
18,000	880	840
19,000	940	900
20,000	1,000	960
25,000	1,320	1,280
30,000	1,640	1,600
35,000	1,960	1,920
40,000	2,280	2,240
45,000	2,600	2,560
50,000	2,920	2,880
75,000	4,560	4,560
100,000	7,200	7,200
150,000	13,600	13,600
200,000	20,000	20,000
250,000	26,400	26,400

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Vulcanizing the Farmers' Business

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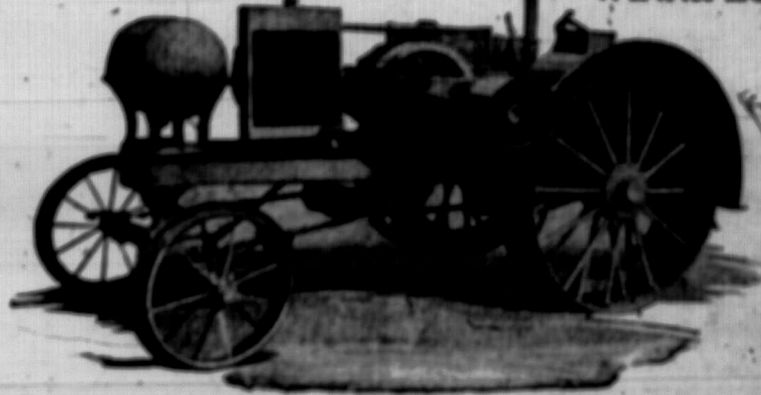
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Farmers' Encyclopedia

The Classified Advertisements of our Farmers' Market Place have been called The Farmers' Encyclopedia. They supply information on such a multitude of the farmers' wants. Their power is almost limitless. They sell anything and everything the farmer producer or user in his business. They introduce buyer and seller in the shortest possible time. They are very economical. It pays to read Classified Advertisements. It certainly pays to use them when you have anything to sell or exchange.

SEND IN YOUR ADVERTISEMENT TODAY THE GUIDE BRINGS BEST RESULTS

The Grain Growers' Guide, Winnipeg, Man.

of the co-operative company. On November 1, 1912, he invested \$500. This has accumulated until now it amounts to \$21.50, though only those things which could not be purchased elsewhere—secured from the company. He secures a dividend of \$2.40 on his paid-up stock, or nearly 50 per cent of his original investment, though still he cannot be convinced that the company is a success. The largest shareholder has \$1,210 of stock, with a surplus of \$21.35. The smallest shareholder has \$2.00 invested, which he has just subscribed for—stock, in order to participate in his patronage dividends, that is, the profits accruing on his purchases. All the above figures and facts were secured from the book accounts of the company. An inventory is taken, the balance sheets struck and audited and profits distributed every six months.

The company does a considerable business in livestock. In 1916 over \$14,000 worth was shipped. The company has a scale at the stock yard. All the stock received is graded according to the stockyard rules at Calgary. It is weighed and the farmers paid according to the market quotations that day less 75 cents per cent. for commission. If there is a dispute as to the grade into which the animal falls, the question is left open. If upon his arrival in Calgary the animal grades better than the local grader at Vulcan specified the amount is made up. Experience has shown that this is the better policy to follow. If there were any possibility of a disputed animal being graded down instead of up, the company might have difficulty in getting its money back from the original owner. The usual practice is to set a date of shipment. When the stock is coming in the fact this is made weekly or semi-monthly. Mr. Lammatzsche believes that an average of 50 cents per cent. has been gained by all farmers selling their stock through the co-operative company. The manager makes it a point to be right on the job when a shipment arrives in the stockyards at Calgary and is being cut into the various grades. He has found it good business to be on the spot in case of dispute.

Besides livestock the lines now handled include lumber, salt, shingles, lime and cement, building paper, sashes and doors, several lines of farm machinery, gas engines and threshing machines, flour and feed, hay and grain, automobiles, oils, paints and greases, heavy hardware such as barn door tracks and hay forks, and many other commodities.

Getting New Business The Vulcan Co-operative has competition in all the lines which it handles. In spite of this it has developed rapidly in each department. "There is a reason for this," said Mr. Lammatzsche. "Every shareholder becomes a salesman for the company. He wants his neighbor to buy from the co-operative in order that he may get a share of the profits on his purchases, and he buys his own goods from the co-operative because he must do so in order to share in the profits on his own and his neighbor's purchases. Otherwise he only gets his eight per cent on the capital stock invested. The reason for the large profits which have been made—the large percentage of sales made to non-shareholders, fully 75 per cent, going to men outside the company."

Advice to Beginners As might be expected, Mr. Lammatzsche gets many letters from men who are interested in the formation of co-operative enterprises, and who are looking for advice. The following extracts from a letter written in answer to such an enquiry contains many points that may prove valuable to those wishing to form associations: "The first thing to do in organizing a co-operative company is to call a meeting of the farmers who desire to organize the company and of as many more as can be induced to attend. The needs of these farmers and the kind of company they wish to organize may then be discussed. After deciding these matters the selection of provisional officers may be proceeded with. Their duty is to organize the company. They may consist of a president, first vice president, second vice president, and two, four or

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"After these documents are filed and articles of incorporation taken out, you will proceed to call a meeting of the shareholders for the election of officers, the conduct of business and to take further stock subscriptions. You will then be a full-fledged company ready to do business. The word co-operation is a very big word and you will not realize what it really means until you get well into the work. Some people are under the impression that co-operation means that we bind ourselves together to get something for nothing, regardless of financial means. But we believe that no one should benefit by the institution unless he is a share-holder. You are putting your shoulders to the wheel together, and those that do not help finance you should not receive any benefit from their purchases. Endeavor to make all your customers shareholders and pay them their profit according to their purchases, which will get their goods to them at cost. You will be surprised at what you will be able to accomplish.

Factors of Success

"There are several important factors necessary for the successful conduct of a co-operative association. These may be enumerated as follows:

- 1—Organize on proper lines. It takes money to do business, therefore secure stock subscriptions, getting the money for the stock subscribed for.
- 2—Have your company organized by a board of directors who have business experience and ability.
- 3—Have your company operated by a competent manager, who is absolutely honest and square with every man and who can judge human nature, as this is necessary when he has so many to deal with.
- 4—Have shares of denominations that will permit of everybody becoming a shareholder, \$10 par value is a good size of share.
- 5—Distribute profits co-operatively on commodities according to their dividend paying capacities.
- 6—Install a proper system of book-keeping and have an official audit of the books periodically.

"Do not call yourselves a society. Call yourselves a company and have it limited, which means that the respon-sibility of the shareholders is limited to the amount of stock subscribed for. A company is a body of men who pledge themselves to do things. A society is a bunch of friends who set themselves apart from others for pleasure. You are forming this company for financial gain and service and not for pleasure.

"You may experience lots of trouble in purchasing. We had a hard time in convincing the manufacturers and wholesalers who we were and that we were able to do business on a business basis. However, we have no trouble now. Our company has been profitable, and those outside the company are savoring the benefits. We have been able to effect a reduction in the prices of many goods handled in our town."

Russia is on ration. A wheat em-bargo exists in Argentina. Australia, New Zealand and India are out of reach of Great Britain because of the short- age of ships. It has fallen to the United States and Canada to beat the German blockade and feed Great Brit-ain, the allies and the armies in the field.

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Scrambling through brush and briers—racing over rocks and rough roads—climbing trees, fences and what-not, is good for children, but bad for most hosiery.

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Four free tuitions at the college offered to young men and young women.

For the four best letters proposed to be written to some friend on either of the subjects—

The reasons for getting a Home Economics Education NOW

The reasons for getting an Agricultural Education NOW

This competition is open to prospective students only.

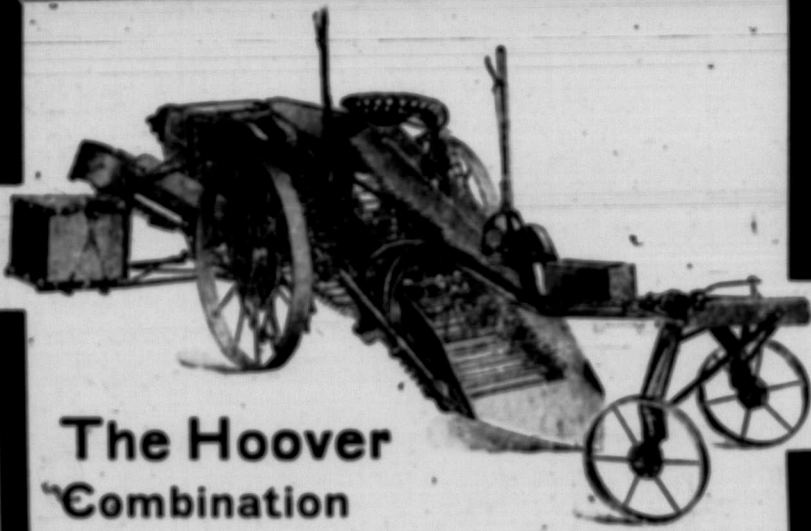
The free tuitions, to the value of \$25.00 each, will be granted in the first year's course when the winners enter the college.

Two of the four prizes will be awarded to young men and two to young women.

Those wishing to compete may secure information about the college from students they know, or may receive a folder by writing to the college.

The letters should not be long, and should be written with a view to induce the friends addressed to take advantage of a course at the college now. When completed the letters should be signed by the authors, and mailed to the president of the

Agricultural College, Winnipeg



The Hoover Combination DIGGER AND PICKER

The only machine of the kind on the market. It saves the work of picking up the potatoes from the row.

The greatest labor-saving machine ever invented for the use of the farmer.

WE STOCK:

No. 332 Hoover Combined Digger Picker.
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The Nonpartisan Political League

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cratic and aviolation of the principles of the league. President Haight disclaimed any such interference on the part of the executive. A heated and acrimonious discussion then ensued, many expressing resentment at what they claimed to be the high-handed action of the executive. For a time it seemed as if the convention was split in the middle. When the vote was taken, however, the resolution to expel Mr. Gamble carried by 119 to 83 votes, indicating a large number of members who failed to register their opinion one way or the other.

The case of J. F. Weibe was soon disposed of, but a repetition of the discussion took place when the cases of Mr. Hopper and Mr. Craigen came before the convention. It was at this point of the debate that D. J. Sykes asked to have his membership in the league cancelled. He strongly repudiated the idea that the character of the candidate should be ignored as long as he supported the league's political principles. Since he could not agree with what appeared to be the idea of the league's officials on this point, the only thing left, he stated, was for him to withdraw from membership. His resignation was not accepted, however, one member claiming that it should be accompanied by his resignation from the legislature. The accused men, like Mr. Gamble, had plenty of supporters who vouched for their personal character and scouted the idea that they were traitors to the league. When it came to a vote, however, they were outnumbered, and the accused were formally expelled from the league and the convention.

A New Constitution Demanded

Early in the convention members began asking questions regarding the constitution. Several of them claimed that they had experienced difficulty in securing a copy of this document, while others declared that they had been entirely unable to secure a copy. As a result of the failure to have the constitution printed, members were being secured who did not know what they were joining. It was explained that though the former convention had adopted the constitution with only three dissenting votes, the executive had not seen fit to have it printed. Lack of funds was pleaded as the cause, notwithstanding the fact that the league had collected over \$71,000 of the farmers' money. At the beginning of the evening convention, the demand for the reading of the constitution was reiterated, and finally complied with. First the Dominion constitution was read. This proved to be a lengthy document containing 118 clauses, one of which had over 40 sub-divisions, the whole taking one hour by the clock to read. No action was taken on this constitution, and calls were made for the reading of the provincial constitution. This also proved to be an exhaustive document, its chief characteristic being that it invested the executive with most plenary powers. Among its provisions was one which practically gave the executive the power to prevent men from being elected to the executive board from the floor of the convention. It stated that a nomination must be approved by the executive unless it was in their hands twenty days before the annual convention. This and other provisions were strongly objected to, and several amendments offered. Finally, Lee Hunt of Lancer took the floor. There were many of the provisions of the constitution that were entirely wrong he said. The league was supposed to be democratic, but its constitution was strongly undemocratic in almost every particular. He instanced many of the provisions that were wrong in principle. As a solution of the whole matter, he suggested that they make a long story short by throwing out the whole constitution and appointing a committee which would be entirely independent of the executive, to draft a new one. This suggestion appealed to the convention, which thereupon adopted it, and a committee for the drafting of a new constitution was appointed.

Some discussion took place on the advisability of establishing locals and charging a regular fee. At present there is no local organization. The \$15.00 initiatory fee is simply collected by the canvassers and a new member has his name added to the roll and is sent his weekly copy of the Nonpartisan Leader. It was pointed out that once the ground was covered and more money was needed,

the entire work of canvassing the province would have to be done over again. Several of the canvassers were present and strongly supported a continuation of the present policy. No cognizance was taken, except in the report of the executive, of the fact that without local organizations it is impossible to have accredited delegates appointed to the annual convention, which therefore reflects not so much the sentiment of the league throughout the province as that of the locality in which it happens to be held, being more largely attended, of course, by members who have only short distances to come. No definite action was taken in regard to these matters, and the organization remains as formerly.

New Officers Elected

The dissatisfaction with which the affairs of the league had been handled and which became evident early in the convention proceedings culminated in a demand that a new executive be elected. Through a considerable change in the complement of the board was effected in the election that ensued, it still contains a majority of the members of the old executive. The position of honorary president was created for the accommodation of former president Haight. The editor of the league's official organ was made president and the former vice-president was elected as a director. The personnel of the new executive is as follows:—Honorary president, S. E. Haight; president, Sidney Godwin; vice-president, A. D. Jack; directors, E. Pannabaker, Cabri; D. A. Mummy, Swift Current; Nichol McVean, Sceptre; F. R. Hallam, Cabri; Lee Hunt, Lancer; and Oscar Mainwaring, Swift Current.

The financial statement of the league showed that \$71,510 in fees had been collected from 4,767 members. Several thousand dollars of this was in notes and post dated checks. Canvassers expenses accounted for an expenditure of \$11,459. Cash on hand amounted to only \$392, and a considerable amount of officers' salaries remained unpaid. The assets of the league included 13 automobiles being used by canvassers.

The executive presented a report which dealt with the advertising campaign which had been carried on, touched on the organization of the league in Alberta and referred to the educational effects of the league's propaganda. Explanations for the slaughter of the league's candidates at the polls were offered and included the reasons advanced by Mr. Haight in his presidential address. A new method for the election of future nominees was suggested. It was also stated in the report that a delegate system be adopted for future conventions, that local organizations be instituted and that an annual membership fee of \$8.00 be charged. Definite action on the suggestions embodied in the report was not taken and if they materialize it will probably be as a result of executive action.

Platform Not Discussed

No action was taken on any of the platforms, policies or principles of the league. This was extraordinary in view of the fact that the organization is exclusively political in character and that the membership as it now stands has had no other opportunity of discussing its political principles. The tariff issue, the most momentous economic issue before the farmers and one that always receives a large share of the attention of farmers in convention, is entirely ignored in the Dominion platform. This might have been expected to receive consideration in the deliberations of the convention. It was, however, never mentioned. The meeting devoted its entire time to endeavoring to clear up the difficulties that had arisen in the organization. Whether the turmoil that characterized the proceedings indicated the pangs of a new birth or the death throes of the organization is not yet apparent. The lack of funds to carry on the work on the scale that has been adopted is already having its effect. The Nonpartisan Leader has recently been greatly reduced in size, the scarcity of funds being pleaded as the cause.

The League in Alberta

The Nonpartisan League of Alberta represents a spread of the movement from Saskatchewan. It is much less pretentious as to membership than the parent organization, numbering only about 500, but a steady growth in numbers and influence is confidently looked for. In the recent provincial election the Alberta Nonpartisans were considerably more successful, speaking comparatively, than

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their Saskatchewan brothers. Of the four candidates nominated two were elected. One of these, Mrs. Louise McKinney of Claresholm, enjoys the distinction of being the first woman to be elected to a legislature by the Dominion. Her majority was 187. The other successful candidate was James Weir in the Nanton riding. After a hard fight he was returned by a majority of 23. The difficulty of lining up the town vote for the Nonpartisans was well illustrated in Mr. Weir's case. Out of 350 votes in the town of Nanton, he only secured 14, but the farmers rallied strongly to his support and secured his election. Ex-Governor Leedy, who ran in Gleichen, was almost entirely unknown there, having only a few days in which to organize his campaign. Jas. F. Hillier, who ran in Pincher Creek, polled within 73 votes of the sitting member. The town went almost solidly against him and the league considers the results in his case one of the best performances in the election.

Shortly after being organized in Alberta the league reduced the initial fee from \$15.00 to \$8.00. The election coming on, however, it was deemed wise to revert to the former figure, which will stand until the next convention. Membership is conditional upon drawing 65 per cent. of the total income from productive industry. Organization work is progressing steadily and it is hoped by the end of the year to have well over 1,000 members. It is possible that the league will contest two or three seats in the next federal election. At least two of the constituencies are considered certainties if this is decided upon. The league has been active in making representations to the Dominion government regarding the coal situation. A legislative committee has also been appointed to formulate legislative proposals. Tentative proposals are under consideration to organize local associations in the constituencies to look after league interests.

Difference Between Saskatchewan and Alberta

One of the differences between the policies of the Alberta and the Saskatchewan Nonpartisans is with regard to estimate placed on men as compared with policies. In Saskatchewan some of the leaders openly contend that the character of a man is of less importance than the policy he supports. They claim that since a good man may subscribe to a policy that is utterly bad, it matters little what a man is personally so long as he is thoroughly in accord with the league's political principles. Many, of course, take exception to this, but its effect is not indiscernible in some of the league's appointments. In Alberta, on the other hand, great store is set by the personal qualities of the league's leaders and standard bearers. As a result it claims the active support of some of the most outstanding individuals in the province. Mrs. McKinney, who is a sister of Ex-President Crumphy of Wesley College, Winnipeg, is president of the Alberta W.C.T.U. and a woman of marked platform and executive ability. J. W. Leedy is an ex-governor of Kansas, and well known as an orator. James Weir, a well known newspaper man, and now a farmer, is credited by at least one of the Calgary dailies as being one of the best informed men in Canada. W. M. Irvine, former secretary of the league, who polled 2,200 votes in the most aristocratic section of Calgary as an independent labor candidate, is also a man of great personal gifts, and there are many others of outstanding personality connected with the movement in the province.

The Alberta Provincial Platform

The Alberta provincial program is given here and it will be noticed that it differs very materially from that of the Saskatchewan league.

Political: 1.—The overthrow of party politics and the establishment of a business administration in the Provincial House. 2.—Abolition of Patronage System and inauguration of a Civil Service based on merit.

3.—Further extension of the principle of Direct Legislation, and the of the Recall.

4.—The free course of Democracy in every phase of Political Activity.

Economic: 1.—Government Ownership and control of every feasible Public Utility. (a) Provincial Terminal Elevators, Flour Mills, Stockyards, Packing Houses and Cold Storage Plants.

(b) Rural Credit Banks at Cost. (c) Public Hospitals throughout the Province, on the same basis as Schools. We stand for the Public Ownership of the Government, and secondly, for the Public Ownership of all Public Utilities. The movement in Alberta is the practical result of a strong independent spirit that has been developing for some time. This spirit has been greatly fostered by the Forum, an organization which arranges series of lectures in Calgary in which many of the leading independent speakers of the West appear. The time was ripe for political action when the Nonpartisan League spread to Canada and it was adopted as the means of giving expression to the independent spirit that had developed. The experience is that the farmers were ripe for the move and that the league is giving expression to what they have been thinking. Many of the league workers are prominent in the U.F.A.

The executive committee of the Alberta Nonpartisan League consists of the following:—J. W. Wilford, Stavelly; E. E. Sparks, Jenner; M. Eugene Sly, Strathmore; H. W. Johnson, Alderson; H. A. McQueen, Pincher Creek; J. C. Buckley, Gleichen; Lee Wilson, Barons, chairman and J. H. Ford, Calgary, secretary.

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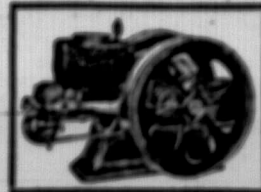
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War Bread

The food controller has issued an order that in all public eating houses when white bread is served, a substitute must also be served. He has asked that the same regulation be observed in private households. It is up to us, the housewives of this country, to use our intellect and ingenuity in finding ways to use substitutes for the things that are so necessary, yes vital, to our allies and the boys who are using their strength and energy fighting our battles in France. And let me tell you I think the country women possess that very desirable attribute ingenuity in a large degree. In the city there is always the little store around the corner to turn to in an emergency, but in the country where one is far from the base of supply one often has to make substitutes do. So any practice we may have had in that line will come in handy now.

We have come to depend almost entirely on white flour, but it will not harm any of us and be a mighty good thing for many of us to be compelled to eat more of the coarser flour. Some of these may be a little difficult to obtain at the present time, the demand has been so small in the past, but keep on asking and the supply will soon meet the demand. There is a small hand mill on the market now that makes very fine whole wheat flour; by using one of these and some clean grain we can all have our own flour mill on the pantry shelf.

Oatmeal Bread

We have been making a war bread lately that it certainly is not any hardship to eat. In fact my small son will eat four slices of this to one of white bread. It is often hard to gauge the right amount of rolled oats to cook for breakfast, so when there is any left I use it for the foundation of my bread.

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| 3 cups rolled oats porridge | Yeast |
| 1/4 cup molasses | White flour |
| 2 tablespoons melted dripping | 1 1/2 cups oatmeal |
| | 1 cup Graham flour |
| | 1/4 teaspoon soda |
| | Salt |

Mix together the porridge, the cornmeal, molasses and the cup of Graham flour. Pour over this enough boiling water to make a thin batter. When it is lukewarm add a yeast cake that has been softened in warm water, or one cup liquid yeast. Cover and set in a warm place for several hours or until the sponge is "light." Then add the melted dripping, the salt and the soda dissolved in a little hot water. Mix with equal quantities of white and Graham flour. This bread should not be mixed very stiff. I never take mine out on the board. Let rise until twice its size, put in pans, let rise again and bake. Usually begin this bread after breakfast and it is ready to bake by three or four o'clock. This is excellent made into rolls and eaten hot with baked beans or a scallop.

Whole Wheat Bread

Soak one cake of compressed yeast in quarter cup of warm water and add to the following batter, or use three-quarter cup liquid yeast:

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| 4 teaspoons melted lard or butter | 3 tablespoons brown sugar |
| 7 cups whole wheat flour | 5 cups water or cooled, scalded milk |
| | 2 teaspoons salt |

Stir to smooth consistency and let stand until light. Add enough flour to make medium stiff dough. Allow to rise to double its bulk. Form into loaves and when they have doubled their bulk bake in a moderate oven.

Graham Bread

Soak one cake of compressed yeast in quarter cup of warm water and add to the following batter, or three-quarter cup liquid yeast:

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| 2 teaspoons salt | 1 tablespoon shortening |
| 2 tablespoons molasses | 1 cup water or cooled, scalded milk |
| 6 cups white flour | 5 cups water or cooled, scalded milk |

Stir to smooth consistency and let stand in a warm place until light. Stir in enough Graham flour to make dough just stiff enough to handle. Mold into loaves and put into pans to rise. When loaves are double their bulk bake in a moderate oven.

Barley Bread

2 cups whole wheat flour
1 cup water
1 cup barley meal or barley flour
1 cup yeast cake (mashed)
1 cup water
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup milk
2 tablespoons molasses
1/2 yeast cake (mashed)

Boil milk and water and cool. Add molasses, salt and yeast mixed with a little cold water. Stir in flour and barley

meal (or barley flour) which have been sifted together. Knead to a soft dough, adding more flour if necessary. Cover and let rise until the mixture is double its bulk. Knead a second time, form into loaves, place in well-greased pans and let rise a second time until the dough has doubled its bulk. Bake in a hot oven from one-half to one hour, the time depending on the size of the loaves.

Rye Bread

Use any method for white bread, but be careful to use two cups of rye flour for each cup of wheat flour mentioned in the recipe. Rye bread should be softer than white bread, but well kneaded. When light, form into loaves and allow to rise to double their size. Brush over with water and egg and bake in a slower oven than for white bread. Many people like the flavor of caraway seeds in rye bread. These may be put into the sponge.

Rolled-Oat Bread

Scald one cup rolled oats in one cup boiling water and allow to stand one hour. Make a sponge of

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| 1 cup water | 1 teaspoon salt |
| 1 cake compressed yeast | 2 tablespoons molasses |
| | 2 teaspoons shortening |
| | 1/4 cup flour |

Add rolled-oat mixture to sponge and then flour to make medium soft dough. Form into loaf and let rise to double its bulk and bake.

Cornmeal Bread

Use either white or yellow cornmeal. Proceed as in the case of rolled-oat bread. Substitute two teaspoons of sugar for molasses and use the same method.

Rice Bread

Follow directions for rolled-oat bread, but use one and a half cups cooked rice instead of the scalded oatmeal.

All the preceding recipes may be made into rolls. When the dough has risen the first time, form into rolls of desired shape and allow to rise until very light. Bake in hot oven. If desired, the amount of sugar and shortening used may be increased.

Corn Muffins

If you want corn muffins that will make even the driest dyspeptic see a ray of sunshine in life, make them this way.

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| 1 1/2 pints cornmeal | 2 eggs |
| 1/2 cup sugar (if desired) | 1/2 pint white flour |
| 2 teaspoons baking powder | 1 teaspoon salt |
| | 1/2 cup lard |
| | 1 1/2 pints milk |

Beat together the cornmeal, flour, sugar if used, salt and baking powder, then rub in the lard. Stir into this the eggs well beaten and the milk. Bake in a quick oven.

Steamed Brown Bread

This is especially good with baked beans.

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| 1 cup molasses | 1 cup cornmeal |
| 1 cup white flour | 1 cup Graham flour |
| 1 cup raisins | 1 cup sour milk |
| 1 teaspoon baking powder | 1/2 teaspoon salt |

Mix well, put into greased pans and steam three hours.

Whole Wheat Biscuits

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| 4 cups whole wheat flour | 1 teaspoon salt |
| 2 cream tarter | 2 tablespoons sugar |
| 1/2 cup melted raisins | 1/2 cup butter |
| | 1/2 cup milk |

Mix the soda, cream of tarter and sugar with the flour, rub the butter in and add the raisins. Stir in enough milk to make a soft biscuit dough, roll out and cut the size required.

Rhubarb Wine

One of our readers asks for a recipe for rhubarb wine. I have not tried this recipe, but the friend who contributed it assures me it is very good.

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| 1/2 gallon rhubarb | 1 gallon water |
| | 4 pounds brown sugar |

Cut rhubarb, add water and let stand fourteen days. Stir each day. Add four pounds brown sugar to each gallon liquid. Let stand three days, stirring occasionally until sugar is dissolved. Bottle, but cork not too tightly.

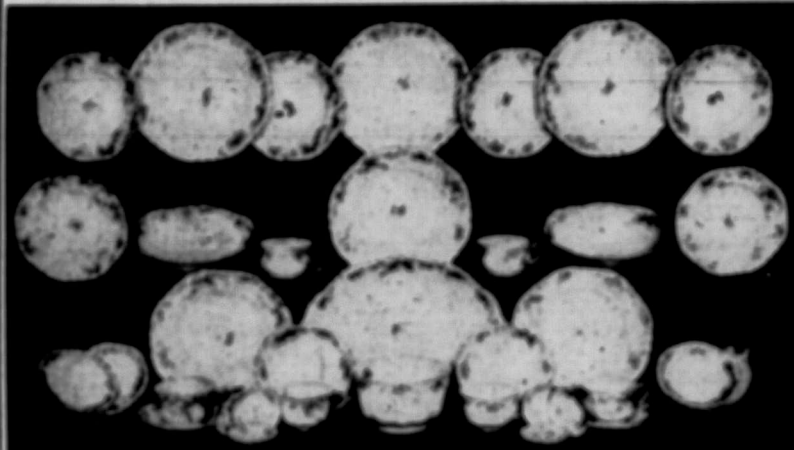
Corn Vinegar

Cut off cob one pint corn. Take one pint of brown sugar or molasses to one gallon rain water and add the corn. Put in jar, cover with a thin cloth and set in the sun. In three weeks it will be vinegar.

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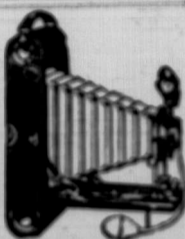
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Women's Problems

MAKING OVER CLOTHING FOR CHILDREN

The first thing to do after deciding whether your material is worth the time it takes to make, is the ripping of the article. This must be done very carefully with an ordinary pen knife, which must be sharp. Then pick out all the threads, for if threads are left in, when goods are washed and pressed they show up very plainly and take from the goods the appearance of being new. Shake well and wash in soft water to which has been added ammonia, lye or any of the preparations on the market for cleaning. Never use soap. Rinse well and hang to dry where it will dry quickly. When almost dry press well on wrong side of material, on side intended using as inside when made up. Material of wool or wool mixtures should always be washed and rinsed in soft water. Soap bark is excellent to use for black goods, using a solution made from the bark which can be bought in any drug store. No other cleansing material is needed as it removes spots and dirt as well as renewing the color. Should you find any places in goods slightly worn, but not bad enough to discard, a good way is to apply a piece of goods on wrong side with rubber tissue, which is not noticeable and will wear just as well as if stitched.

Now have your pattern ready and proceed to cut as carefully as if it were new goods.

The pressing of seams and hems is a very important part in the making of children's clothing, whether of made over or new, as it takes away all appearance of being a made over or a home made garment.

Children's clothing can be made very satisfactorily out of a number of grown people's. Ladies' dresses and suits, which have been discarded when fashions change make over for the small lady; while men's suits, which are worn in a few places, are good for the small boy. Ladies' hose, when feet are no longer any use, make splendid tights for the little tot.

The one thing to always keep in mind when making children's clothing is simplicity.

ELIZABETH LEE.

THE CARE OF BEDS

Last summer while a friend was visiting me she made the remark, "I don't know how you keep your beds so clean." With this remark in mind I thought our page friends might like to know how it was managed.

I have a family of four small children and one hired-man throughout the year, besides extra help in harvest. To begin with the children, one needs to be watchful not to allow them to overload their stomach, especially in the evening. Some children are much more easily upset by a change of water or diet than others. Up to two or three years old we have always made it a practice to lift them and allow them to urinate when we went to bed and again early in the morning, so that it was seldom we were troubled with bed-wetting. With a tiny infant it is a good plan to fold a sheet of white cotton or flannelette four times and lay the babe on this. Sometimes I have made a pad of batting covered with cotton and stitched on the sewing machine, or tied down, and used this under instead of the folded sheet. If this is made about the size of a flour sack it is quite easy to wash and also to hang up to dry. In this way the sheets and mattress are never soiled or wet. From youngest to oldest one must watch that each child is washed clean before going to bed. If dirty hands and faces and feet are allowed one will not have far to seek for dirty bed clothes.

On the men's beds I find grey flannelette sheets the best, especially during nesting time. These are easier to wash than white and do not show the dust so much. Men are too tired to take a bath every night and feel they have not the time, nor possibly the convenience for taking it. But most men take a bath at least once a week and a foot bath often while the weather is hot and dusty. In putting the sheets on the beds one should

be careful to always have the same side towards the mattress. In hemming sheets I always make the hem larger for the head of the bed.

Taking Care of the Quilts

The quilts come next. If these are made of cotton and not too heavy they can easily be washed. It is better to do this in spring or summer as one can get them dry out of doors in the sunshine and fresh air. Heavy comforters should have a strip of cheesecloth or muslin basted along the head end, to come eight or ten inches both under and over. These are sweetened and freshened by hanging on the clothes line on a breezy day and allowing them to remain there for several hours. This should be done quite frequently. I believe one breathes in fewer disease germs if this is followed.

With regard to spreads, I do not use them on the men's beds. I find bleached flour sacks, sewed together, with the seams worked over in feather-stitch with coarse piping cord, look quite well for spreads for common use, and are light and more easily laundred than the heavier kind.

If one uses blankets instead of quilts and comforters, these should be washed at least twice a year and hung out on the line often, say once a month, besides giving them a good shake out of the window or on the balcony once or twice a week. I usually give them these shakings on sweeping days. This will prevent the dust and lint to a certain extent which gathers under all beds.

What to do in the Morning

Before going downstairs in the morning the clothes are all turned back over the foot of the bed and the window raised to allow the fresh air to carry off any heaviness or smell of perspiration which may cling to them. A room is never sweet where the bed is spread up the moment the occupant is out of it. Large doses of perfume and powder do not make up for the lack of this airing. And lastly, concerning the bedding, I would not advise anyone to spread a mustard-plaster on a newspaper and apply it on going to bed. This made a heap of extra washing for me once; the advice to use cheesecloth or muslin came too late.

If iron bedsteads are used, a coat of enamel every two or three years makes them look much better. This can be had in different tints to match the room. Varnish will brighten up the ends of the springs and also wooden bedsteads. The springs should be lifted occasionally to wipe off the dust which accumulates under the sides. The mattress should be turned over and beaten now and then, or if straw ticks are used they should be emptied, washed and re-filled. Strong white cotton makes good ticking, indeed flour sacks would answer very well. Where there are children or in sickness, I believe the ticks are preferable. They can be made comfortable by using an old, clean quilt or blanket underneath the sheet.

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Did you ever try to make rag mats? I have and they do nicely for kitchen and bedrooms. I prefer cotton material for making as the work looks smoother and you can put them into the wash tub and wash them quite easily.

I take such things as cotton dresses, aprons, old curtains of any kind which are beyond use. If you have too much of one color you can get some dye and dye some of the white things a different color. I like the above mentioned articles as from these I get nice long strips, as I am inclined to be too lazy in this line to bother sewing together the short ones.

I tear strips an inch wide, using three different colored strips, and begin my braid. As I come to the end of each one I sew on others. Never sew a lot together first and braid, because then you have no end of trouble by the ends twisting into knots. When I have done a long braid I begin to sew the braid into a mat with

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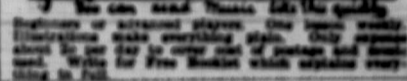


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By DIXIE PATTON

OUR ORPHAN COLT

Last fall my father went down to the Milk River Ranch to buy a team. He was gone three days and when he came back he had an iron-grey team. We named them "Peg" and "Polly." We had not had them very long when Peg had a little colt and we named it "Glory." It was very cute. Polly had a little colt too, and it was bigger than Glory, but it died.

Then a little while afterwards Peg got the colic and she died. She was the nicest of the two and we were all very sorry.

We had to feed the little colt out of a pail, but at first it did not want to eat. We still have it and it is a great pet. It follows papa all around the yard and he talks to it and calls it "Baby." It chases our old red cow all around the place and it runs after the pig and the cat. Sometimes it comes up to us and will let us pet it and play with it then it will turn around and kick at us, but it doesn't hit us.

I think it is pretty foxy. My brother Dick made it a little rope harness and hooked it to his sled and it went all right until my sister Dorothy started to get on the sled. Then it kicked and wouldn't behave.

When papa is out working in the fields it follows him all day long, and when it comes home it tries to come into the house. Tonight it was on the porch and when we opened the door it tried to come in and we had to chase it back to the barn. I brush it down every time I think of it.

RUTH MARIE CARR,
Birdsholm, Alta. Age 11 years.

A BABY RABBIT'S CART

One day Mother Jack Rabbit said to her children, "The cabbages and lettuce in Grey's garden are lovely now and tonight we will ask Mrs. Bush Rabbit and her children to the garden with us."

So the mother wrote a note on a leaf and sent Johnny Rabbit to the post office with it and so that night they all met under the big fir tree at the side of the garden.

"Now," said Mother Jack Rabbit, "you are all to run for shelter—if you hear Mother Bush Rabbit or me give two long calls and a short one, and to stay there till you hear us give a long, a short and a long cry."

Annie and Susie Rabbit got a big cabbage leaf, a carrot and some of the green part of onions. Then they nibbled some of the carrots in the shape of wheels and fastened those wheels on the cabbage leaf to make a cart and then they made a rope out of the onions and got the baby rabbit in the cart and went along eating cabbages as they went. At four o'clock they went home.

MYRA SERVISS,
Warman, Sask. Age 11.

IN THE WATERMELON PATCH

It was night in the garden as well as in all the rest of North Carolina, and everyone was asleep at the big house except—Oh, I forgot, that comes afterwards. Now comes the big house. Dick and Phil were asleep, or rather supposed to be asleep in their beds. The truth was they were wide awake.

"Dick," whispered Phil, "lets go down to the lower garden. I'll bet something is happening there."

"I'm game," answered Dick.

Out of bed they crept, quietly dressed, and went downstairs. There was a gate between the garden around the big house and the lower, or vegetable garden, along the edge of which the negroes' houses were. This garden stretched past these houses down to the bank of a creek.

Down to the stream the boys ran, but stopped quickly for they saw flickering lights near there, but on becoming bolder they soon discovered the cause of the light.

The water melons were growing all about this part of the garden, so the negroes of a neighboring plantation had fitted the negroes of this one—and were having a gay time. They were forbidden to do this, but as everyone was thought to be asleep the feast went on.

"Say, we won't peach on them, will we?" asked Dick in a whisper.

"No, it would be mean; besides we are

doing wrong ourselves to be alone outside at night.

Back they ran to the house and went quickly to sleep. That night they dreamed that the water melons were alive, and were dancing "Pickaninny Shuffles" with the negroes. They might have been, who knows?

MARJORY THOMAS,
Durban, Man. Age 11.

SWAT THE CROW

The crow is one of the worst enemies of the other birds and few are safe from this egg-eating thief. He pillages the nests of game birds such as the wild duck and the prairie chicken as well as that of the smaller birds, and does untold damage to the grain stooks in the fall before they are threshed. What farmer's child has not seen flocks of them eating from the top of stooks?

Now let me cite several cases where he has done damage to the eggs and nests of game birds.

I found a prairie chicken's nest in some grass that we were going to burn. I removed the nest to the plowing until the burning was over and then replaced them. There were six eggs. Next morning when I went to plow, I saw a crow standing beside the nest, so I went over. The crow had eaten four and was at the fifth when I came along.

My brother found a duck's nest when plowing a field, so he moved the nest to the plowing and marked the place with a piece of stick a few feet long. The duck returned and continued setting and one day we saw a crow sitting on the stick. Then he hopped down and tried to persuade the duck to get off and let him have a meal. Needless to say, the duck would not.

Yesterday I found the duck's nest all pillaged and what other thing would do it but a crow.

Now, you boys who are fond of birds, and girls too, get after the crows. There is a bounty of ten cents on each crow and three cents on each crow's egg, so there is money in it as well. See if you can't help protect the birds that are useful and by doing so, earn some pocket money. Let us all try and "Swat the Crow" until he is glad to get out and mind his own business. I will sign myself,

A FRIEND OF THE BIRDS.

THE DARLING BABY

Last night a lady came into our garden with a baby. She laid the baby on a shawl in the long ears of corn in the garden. It was almost hidden in the corn. This morning I went out in the garden. I happened to be walking through the corn and I stepped on the lady's finger. She began to cry.

When I heard her cry I looked all around and at last hearing where the cry came from I saw the dear little baby. I picked her up and carried her into the house. Mother took off her coat and cap. She had on a white silk dress and white stockings with white slippers on her feet. She had a white ribbon on her hair. On her dress there was worked in blue her name. It was Gladys Edith White. She appeared to be about 10 months old.

She had a fair face and light hair. On the under-side of the back of her dress was pinned a piece of paper and on it these words, "Take care of this darling baby. I will come for her in two years and if you have taken good care of her I will give you a present. The first one that finds her will have the present. I am a very rich widow. If you don't take her in I will punish you." Last of all right next to her skin was a locket and inside of it was a picture of her sweet mother.

Her mother was right. In two years she came for the baby, who was now two years old and 10 months. Her mother said, "Did you take good care of my darling?" And we said, "We took good care of her." So she said, "I will give you a present. Who found the baby?" We told her who it was, and it was I, so she gave me a wand. When I wanted anything I could have it. She gave my mother one too, because she had to help me take care of the baby. "We asked the lady and her baby to stay with us and so they did."

MARJORIE TANTON,
Winnipeg, Sask. Age 9.

Farm Women's Clubs

REAL WORK FOR WOMEN

I should like to call to the attention of our women a few facts recently published. Dr. Seymour told mothers at the Regina fair that 1,470 babies under one year of age died last year in Saskatchewan. Furthermore, Great Britain has just awakened to the fact that she has lost more babies this year than she has lost men in the war in the same length of time. Of 986,821 babies born in Great Britain and Ireland, 90,067 died in their first year, and that a large percentage of those living are crippled and defective; and again, of all children examined at the age of five years on entering school, ten per cent. were physically imperfect.

Now, in view of the fact that our municipal elections are approaching, it is well for us to start a campaign to "Save the babies and rebuild the nation." This we can do by working for candidates who will give us municipal hospitals. Dr. Turnbull stated at the Regina Child Welfare Conference that one baby in three is not given the proper chance at the beginning. Then too, medical inspection of our rural school children must be insisted upon. If 10 per cent. of the English children are defective, it is safe to say we have a large percentage here. These are two reasons for women's interest in the municipal vote. There are others but these are so important that we have already passed resolutions at our conventions as favoring rural municipal hospitals, medical inspection of schools and free treatment of school children. Free treatment was considered cheapest in the long run as the child would be attended to at once when medical or surgical attention was needed and not be neglected for lack of funds on the part of parents, as delays are so often fatal.

I shall have ready for publication in a week or so a list of who may vote at municipal elections. It would be a splendid thing to have women on municipal councils wherever possible. As these hospital and school questions are so near to women we should have them represented on all boards. It is only fair and democracy demands it. Now is the time to put these questions to the members of the present councils that we may know whom to return and where new members are needed to carry out this much needed reform.

MRS. S. V. HAIGHT,
Vice-president W.S.G.G.A.

It is very important that we do as much educational work as possible on the question of the municipal vote and what it means. A most profitable meeting might be spent in making a municipal survey of present municipal utilities and needs. Draw a map of your municipality and insert position of hospital, doctor's residence, schools, nurses' homes or boarding places, public health officer, baseball ground and other recreational centres. Then concentrate on the most needed reforms and stay by the proposition until it becomes an accomplished fact. There is real work to be done in every district for a Women's Section of the Grain Growers' Association.

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BURNHAM ACTIVE

At a bazaar held on the plowing match grounds in aid of the Red Cross, the Burnham W.S.G.G.A. realized \$51. We also had charge of the restaurant, which netted us \$75.00, making a sum total of \$126, which we turned over to the Red Cross in Swift Current. We are very pleased to be able to do this for our wounded boys at the front. From all accounts they need all the help we can send.

MRS. JOE ENGLISH,
Sec. W.S.G.G.A. Burnham

GENEROUS FRIENDS

At present we are taking up only Red Cross work. We raffled a lace burner, kindly donated by A. M. McLean, and realized \$52.50 from the sale of tickets. We held a concert and ice

cream social on June 1, when we had the drawing for the stove, Albert McDermaid holding the lucky number, 89. As he did not need the stove he has returned it to us and we hope to raise more funds from it later on. The door receipts amounted to \$48.10. A special feature of our concert was an address given by our district director, Mrs. B. R. Pratt, which was much appreciated.

A friend gave us a donation of \$5.00 as a nest egg to draw others. A Brown also donated \$3.00.

I am enclosing a money order for \$100, which we wish you to forward to the Red Cross Society as soon as possible.

MRS. T. O. GWARTNEY,
Sec. Treas.

SUPPORT FOR MR. HANNA

The following resolution was sent to Food Controller Hanna by the executive of the U.F.W.A.

"Resolved that we, the executive of the women's section of the United Farmers of Alberta, United Farm Women, do hereby assure the government of our support in the matter of conservation of food stuffs and our willingness to make any sacrifice to that end. We pledge ourselves to do our part in educating public opinion in the rural districts as to the necessity for conservation; but we respectfully ask that the government do its part in putting an end, by drastic means if necessary, to the crime of profiteering in those commodities which are essential to our existence in this war."

HELENE PAHLBY, Pres.
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To this resolution Premier Borden sent a short and courteous reply, while quite a lengthy one was received from Mr. Hanna. The food controller stated among other things that in a week or so George Clark, Dominion food commissioner, would be west and would lay the plans of the government for food conservation before the different organizations. He referred also to a plan which would insure fresh fish for the inland provinces at reasonable rates and fruits and vegetables as well. He further mentioned that when the appointment of the U.S. food controller was confirmed, there would be an effective stop put to the speculation in food stuffs which is rife in the United States, and implied that we should then be materially assisted in preventing "corners" in Canada.

It is interesting to speculate what the results would have been if some broad-minded public woman had been appointed to act jointly with Mr. Hanna. That is a sphere in which her kind has excelled since the day when Eve picked the apple and brought it to Adam and Sarah measured the meal and baked the cakes for Abram's angel visitor. With all due respect to the excellent gentlemen at the head of affairs, what would they think if we women insisted on one of our number being made minister-of-militia?

To come back to things as they are, it might create considerable interest in this question of food conservation among our club members and also show what real talent in this direction our women possess, if each club were to take as its topic for one meeting "War-time Menus for one week." A small prize might be offered for the best menu. The provincial secretary would be very glad to get reports of such meetings, and also a copy of the winning menu.

INTERESTING STUDY TOPICS

At the last regular meeting of the Thorncliffe U.F.W.A. at Vermilion Mrs. Hawkesworth, our Red Cross representative, distributed sewing. It was decided to make a set time for the work to be returned. For this month it was to be in before August 25, so that another bag would be ready for distribution before the next meeting. Mrs. Hawkesworth read a letter from the society asking the auxiliaries to donate money for an ambulance. It was decided to

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Taxation in New Zealand

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pulsion. The large land owner is by this means placed under the horns of an amusing dilemma. If he desires to escape taxation and has his property valued at a low figure, he runs a grave risk of its purchase by the state for closer settlement. If, on the other hand, to escape its appropriation, he increases its valuation, he makes himself liable for higher rates and taxes. The owner also has the privilege of demanding that the tax commissioners either re-estimate the valuation to his estimate or purchase the property at its own.

The Mistake of One Company

The most favorite example is that of the Cheviot Estate, consisting of 84,755 acres. This property had been assessed at £3040,826 but the owners demanded a reduction of the valuation



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to £260,220. The government responded by taking over the property at that price and dividing it among a large number of tenants and the owners were much disgusted at being out-bluffed by the government. This happened in 1893 and in 1910 there were, instead of one big sheep ranch, 312 families occupying 75,000 acres of this property and paying a yearly rental of £14,500. The investment has been a good one from the point of view of the government and excellent for the settlers.

Lands which are thus secured for settlement by the government are to be let to the settlers at a rental which amounted to 4 1/2 per cent. of the capital value. Formerly a lease of perpetuity was given but now the lease is for 33 years with perpetual right of renewal for successive terms of 33 years at a rent to be determined by re-valuation. The total area purchased by the government and leased to settlers up to March 31, 1916 was 1,556,918 acres at a cost of a little over \$35,000,000. Further specially favorable provision for soldiers has been made by the Discharged Soldiers' Settlement Act of 1915.

Increases Owing to War

As elsewhere the necessities of war finance have compelled serious increases in the national budget. The graduated land tax has been increased since the 1915-16 budget by 50 per cent. so that the owner of an estate valued at over £200,000 (equals roughly \$1,000,000) today pays an annual land tax of \$54,000 and if he is an absentee, of \$79,000. Simultaneously the tax on mortgages has been raised from 3-10ths to 4-10ths of one per cent. on the capital value. A moderate Income Tax has been for some time a feature of the New Zealand Budget. Up to the war the rate ranged from 6d. (2 1/2 per cent.) to 1s. 4d. (7 per cent.) in the case of persons and firms and from 1s. (5 per cent.) to 1s. 4d. in the case of registered companies. There was an addition to this of 33 1/3 per cent. in the 1916-17 budget and since then there has been a further added levy of 6d. per £ (2 1/2 per cent.) on assessable incomes up to \$900 and 1s. per £ over \$900. The lowest rate of income tax now paid is therefore 10 1/2 per cent. There is however an exemption of all incomes under \$1,500 and in the case of mortgages the income tax is reduced by what is paid as land tax. There has also been imposed an excess profits tax of 45 per cent. of all profits above the average income of the three years preceding the war. In New Zealand the whole tendency of recent public finance is to turn more

and more to land and income taxes rather than customs levies for new revenue. In 1907 the revenue from customs and excise duties was £3,948,622, in 1912 it was £3,398,173 and in 1916 it was £3,524,063, an increase in the decade of 15 per cent. In 1907, however, the land tax produced only £447,342, in 1912 £647,915 and in 1916 £1,048,358, an increase in the same period of 230 per cent. The income tax yield rose from £277,867 in 1907 to £448,935 in 1912 and to £1,392,119 in 1916, an increase of nearly 500 per cent. These figures might possibly serve to enlighten Sir Thomas White as to possibilities of revenue raising still untapped. There, a national land and income tax are established and accepted institutions, which yield an expanding revenue and it has not been found that the national land tax interferes with the levying of land taxes for local purposes, which are in most districts placed upon unimproved land values. In social structure and economic organization Canada does not differ markedly from New Zealand and there are no insuperable difficulties to the enactment here of legislation and taxation schemes, which have been successful and popular there. The real difficulty lies in the total absence at Ottawa in general and in the bosom of Sir Thomas White in particular of the progressive and democratic spirit which has inspired the recent governments of New Zealand.

FOOD EXPERTS SELECTED

Ottawa, Aug. 31.—Experts from all parts of the Dominion have been selected by the food controller to co-operate with the food distribution bureau to secure the marketing of this year's crops of fruits and vegetables at the lowest possible prices to the consumer while giving fair returns to the producer.

The committee which is today in session at the food controller's office, consists of F. M. Black, public utilities commissioner, chairman, Calgary; Prof. M. Cumming, deputy minister of agriculture and principal of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Truro, N.S.; D. Johnson, fruit commissioner, Ottawa; C. W. Baxter, fruit inspector, Ottawa; R. Robertson, of Robertson, Morris and Co., fruit brokers, Vancouver; Geo. Spencer, railway commissioner, Ottawa; J. R. Hastings, secretary-treasurer, Fruit Growers' Association, Winona, Ont., and F. H. Grindley, fruit commissioner's staff, Ottawa, secretary.

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CURRENT EVENTS

The announcement that the British food controller had decided to take no more Canadian bacon is causing the packers and others interested in the industry much concern. While the loss to the Dominion from a broad commercial point of view will affect the country's trade to only a small percentage, the effect on the packing industry will be serious.

The William Davies Co. last year shipped 97,791,960 pounds of bacon to England, and the exports of other Canadian companies are understood to have brought the total up to nearly 200,000,000 pounds, without reference to exports of other pork products.

It is stated that munitions work in Canada generally will not be resumed on the scale of a few weeks ago and the discontinuing of the manufacture of certain lines and the limitation of production in others results in the permanent release from this industry of a large number of hands. The released men are being advised by the munitions board to seek work elsewhere. Within a few days three of the large munitions manufacturers have laid off 1,450 workers. This number, of course, is considerably increased when the smaller numbers laid off by other factories are added. These 1,450 workers are divided as follows: Fairbanks-Morse Company, 500; Russell Motor Co., 500; Massey-Harris, 150.

Hon. Arthur Meighen has been sworn in as secretary of state and minister of mines. Mr. Meighen's promotion from the solicitor generalship to a regular portfolio of the government has been expected for some time. Mr. Meighen, who will now have a salary of \$7,000 instead of only \$5,000 as solicitor general, will temporarily continue to discharge the duties of the latter office. No by-election is necessitated, as Mr. Meighen went back to his electors for re-election on accepting the office of solicitor general.

Great damage has been done to the crops of Great Britain by August storms, which extended virtually throughout the whole country. The damage is greatest in the western counties where the crops are heaviest and where the grain fields in many instances are now little better than tangled masses of discolored straw and sprouting ears. The damage caused to fruit is also serious.

Herbert Hoover, the food administrator, has reached an agreement with the beet sugar producers which, he announced today, would mean shortly a reduction of approximately one and one-half cents a pound to the consumer, or a saving of about \$30,000,000 between now and the first of the next year. Mr. Hoover also predicts a further drop in sugar prices when the Cuban supply is available.

The resignation of Elson J. Chamberlin as president of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, a subsidiary of the Grand Trunk Railway, was presented and accepted at a meeting of the directors on Tuesday. Howard G. Kelly, vice-president of the Grand Trunk railway, was elected to succeed him. Mr. Chamberlin will continue as a member of the board of directors of the Grand Trunk Pacific. He continues also president of the parent company.

President Wilson's note rejecting the Pope's peace proposals is regarded in Washington as finally settling the question of dealing with present German offers unannounced or uncurbed at home. The President made it clear that a lasting and durable peace can be negotiated only on a complete understanding with the German people, and not alone on unstable guarantees of the existing government.

The United States now has 75,000 men in France. By September 5 the total strength of the army will reach 1,500,000. Over 137,000 men have been raised for the navy.

The U.S. Senate, by a vote of 39 to 29, stuck out the provision levying a one-cent tax on letters and postcards designed to raise \$70,000,000 in revenue.

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FOOD CONSERVATION IN U.S.

Food Controller Hoover of the United States has issued a statement requesting that the American people save one pound in five of their wheat consumption.

"The United States and Canada have a wheat deficit for this year of over 400,000,000 bushels in the amount required from North America for the allied nations and neutrals of Europe.

"The estimated wheat surplus for 1917 of the United States is 88,000,000 bushels, to which should be added the probable surplus of 120,000,000 bushels for Canada. Of other cereals the United States will have an estimated surplus this year in excess of 820,000,000 bushels and Canada a surplus of 119,000,000 bushels, or a total of about 950,000,000 bushels.

"Therefore on the normal basis of consumption the total allied wheat import requirements are 577,000,000 bushels, against a North American surplus of 208,000,000 bushels, or 369,000,000 bushels in excess of the supply. On the basis of our present crop prospects we should be able to supply their requirements in cereals other than wheat."

Stock Industry Mobilized

Mobilization of the nation's livestock industry is the undertaking of the government in its wartime conservation of food products. The salient aims of government in this undertaking are:

To save breeding stock of food animals for the future to meet extraordinary demands of the world after the war.

To adjust stock-growing conditions to supply to best advantage the meat demands of soldiers and citizens of the United States and soldiers and citizens of America's allies.

To prepare for demands of other nations for breeding stock.

To supply meat and dairy animals to convert forage and grains not needed for human consumption into meats and dairy products.

To arrange a redistribution of herds along most productive and economic lines.

It is estimated that already the stock of Europe has been diminished by 28,000,000 cattle, 54,000,000 sheep and 32,000,000 hogs.

Farmer Assured Profits

"The herds and flocks of the country can only be increased over a period of years," says the statement. "The foundation of such an increase should be laid at once. It is essential for the future welfare of our nation that the supply of all meat animals be increased. Especially should the energies of the farmer be directed to increasing the sheep stock of the country. Clothing comes next to food as a necessity. Not only does the sheep meet the demand from a food and fertility standpoint, but for its wool for clothing there is no substitute. Every farmer should carry to its wearing form every heifer calf of both dairy and beef breeds, and every ewe lamb that promises to have an economic future.

The country agents of the department of agriculture will take orders for cattle, cows or ewe lambs, among small farmers of communities in less than carload lots, and we have arranged with the livestock exchanges to contribute to this mobilization of the nation by buying this stock and seeing to it that it is properly handled while in the yards."

The farmer is assured that he will get a fair price paid by the consumer and be extended credit on a reasonable basis.

CONSCRIPTION REGULATIONS

Every unmarried man in Canada between the ages of 20 and 34 years is now under military jurisdiction. A proclamation will be issued at Ottawa soon announcing when and where they are to report. This is provided for in the Conscription act, assented to August 28 by the governor general. The act states that the men will be called out in the order of the following classes:

Class 1—Those who have attained the age of 20 years and were not born earlier than the year 1883, and are unmarried or are widowers but have no child.

Class 2—Those who have attained the age of 20 years and who were born earlier than the year 1883 and who are married or who are widowers who have a child or children.

Class 3—Those who were born in the years 1876 to 1882, both inclusive, and who are unmarried and who are widowers but have no child.

Class 4—Those who were born in the years 1876 to 1882, both inclusive, and who are married and who are widowers and have a child or children.

Class 5—Those who were born in the years 1872 to 1875, both inclusive, and who are married and who are widowers but have no child.

Class 6—Those who were born in the years 1872 to 1875, both inclusive, and who are married or who are widowers who have a child or children.

Any man married after July 6, 1917, will be considered as unmarried.

When regulations and tribunals are completed, which will require two or three weeks' work, a proclamation will be issued, ordering those of the classes subject to call, "single men between 20 and 34 years of age," to report at points in their several districts, which will be designated in the proclamation.

There will be a heavy penalty for those not reporting, no matter what their excuse.

Those not wishing to serve must present themselves to a board of exemption not yet appointed. They must show that they are incapable of army

service or of more use to the country in war time at their present occupation than serving in the trenches.

Men reporting who have not secured exemption will be sent to the mobilization board for examination. Those passed will be sent to the depot battalion for training. Any who fail in the medical tests will be given a button in order that the authorities may know that they have been examined and are not required.

As far as can be learned the regulations in regard to exemptions will be broad. The policy of the government is to make it clear that agriculturists, miners, fishermen, transportation workers and all others engaged in any essential industry are to be exempted from conscription.

The following exemptions are provided for under the Canadian Military Service Act:

1—Men who hold exemption certificates which will be granted under the Military Service Act.

2—Present members of regular, reserve or auxiliary forces.

3—Members of other British military forces or British colonial forces.

4—Men serving with navy and C.E.F. men.

5—Men who have been honorably discharged from military or naval forces of Great Britain.

6—Clergy.

The clauses providing penalties for those inciting people to resist the application of the military service act became operative when the bill was assented to. Those sections do not prohibit criticism of the principle of conscription. They do, however, impose severe penalties upon those who counsel others to disobey the provisions of the Military Service Act. The act provides a term of not less than one or more than five years' imprisonment for those who advise or urge the men summoned to report to contravene the act or its regulations, or who wilfully resist, or induce anyone to impede the operation of the act, or who, for the purpose of impeding the enforcement of the act, attempt to persuade any person to re-

frain from making application for certificate of exemption.

DEATH OF EARL GREY

Earl Grey, former governor-general of Canada, died on August 29 after a long illness. He was born in 1851 and succeeded his brother-in-law, Lord Minto, at Rideau Hall in 1904. He remained in Canada for six years, being succeeded by the Duke of Connaught.

His administration was described as a quiet and uniform success. He was a strong advocate of imperial federa-



THE LATE EARL GREY

tion and urged Canadians to share the burden of England's defenses.

Earl Grey was undoubtedly one of the most popular of the governors-general, and Lady Grey was equally a favorite with the people. No governor-general took a more active interest in the general doings of the people. It is only necessary to recall the fact that it was during his regime the annual dramatic competitions, discontinued during the war, were started under his patronage.

Earl Grey was largely responsible for the starting of the Canadian club movement which has since grown to such large proportions. He was also the leading spirit in the tercentenary celebration at Quebec. He was regarded as an authority on co-operation and was one of the leading exponents of the principle of proportional representation, holding the position of honorary president of the Proportional Representation League of Canada.

ADVOCATE PENSION INCREASE

At a largely attended meeting of the Canadian Council of Agriculture held in Winnipeg on August 30-31, the council made a pronouncement on the question of pensions for soldiers in the following form:

It is freely recognized that it is the duty of the nation to make adequate provision for the comfortable maintenance of all disabled soldiers and dependents of those who have been killed or disabled, and that full opportunity for a proper education must be assured the children of such men. Any such provision can discharge but a fraction of the debt which the nation owes to the men who have thus sacrificed on its behalf.

Under the present pension regulations a private soldier totally disabled and unable to perform any labor receives a maximum pension of \$40.00 per month. There is also an allowance of \$6.00 per month for each of his children. If the soldier is entirely helpless and requires attendance the pension board may make for him an additional allowance of not more than \$25.00 per year. If a soldier is killed his widow, until re-marriage, receives \$32.00 per month for herself and \$6.00 per month for each child. The aged father, mother, grandparent, or other person wholly dependent upon such deceased soldier receives \$24.00 per month.

We believe that these provisions are not adequate for the comfortable maintenance of disabled soldiers and dependents of those killed or disabled, and the education of their children, and that under these such men and their families would be in danger of being

placed more or less under public or private charity. We, therefore, make the following recommendations:

(a) That the total disability pension be raised to not less than \$60.00 per month in addition to the present provision for attendance.

(b) That the wife and children or other dependents of a totally disabled soldier receive the same pension as in case of his death.

(c) That the pension of disabled soldiers of Class 2 (Loss of one hand and one foot or of both feet, etc.) be 90 per cent. of total disability allowance.

(d) That the Pension Board be given discretionary powers to increase the allowance provided for children when deemed necessary to insure proper care and education.

The council further places itself on record as favoring the principle of equality of pensions for officers and privates.

National Government

The council also passed the following resolution on the question of national government:

"That the Canadian Council of Agriculture is strongly in favor of the immediate formation of a thoroughly national federal government for the prosecution of the war, and the solution of the tremendously important problems that must be faced by the nation at the close of the war."

MINERS AGAIN ON STRIKE

Calgary, Alta., Aug. 27.—A strike in the Drumheller coal field was declared today, and 600 miners are out tonight and five mines are closed down. President Riggs, of the Miners' union, arrived here for a conference with Coal Commissioner Armstrong. He attributes the trouble to the installation of new machines and the inability of operators and miners to agree on a wage price of screeners, loaders and cutters.

Operators affected in the strike will meet in negotiations tomorrow to attempt an adjustment. The mines closed down are the Atlas, A.B.C., Inter-Midland, Drumheller, Premier, and Coalhurst.

DESTROYING RED SPIDERS

Red spiders, a species of mite, have recently been reported as being quite prevalent on raspberry bushes in some sections. The red spider is a very minute creature which is frequently found attacking house plants and, occasionally, the foliage of bush and tree fruits. While it is called the red spider, types may be found which are greenish and others are nearly white. This pest may be seen in great numbers on the lower side of the leaves, underneath a very fine web, which it spins. It gets its food by sucking the juices of plants, and this causes the leaves to turn yellow, mottled or white. Red spiders are always more troublesome during dry seasons.

The mites can be killed by spraying affected plants with a solution of "Black Leaf 40," made up and used as directed:

- Black Leaf 40 1/2 pint
- Water 40 gallons
- Hard Soap 2 1/2 pounds

Dissolve the soap in a small quantity of water by boiling for a few minutes and then add the remainder of the water. Apply in the form of a fine spray to the under side of the leaves of affected plants.

When red spiders are abundant it is a good plan to spray affected plants before buds break open with a solution of lime sulphur. On house plants this pest may be kept in check by keeping the plants moist or by spraying with "Black Leaf 40"—one teaspoonful to one gallon of water in which one-half ounce of hard soap has been dissolved.—Jas. A. Neilson, Manitoba Agricultural College.

When hog cholera breaks out in the neighborhood the following preventive measures can be taken. Keep the hogs inclosed, or in isolated enclosures, allow no one but the feeder to come near them and disinfect their quarters. If swill is fed it must be boiled or steamed first. When hog cholera gets into the herd the best thing to do is to inject the hogs at once with serum.

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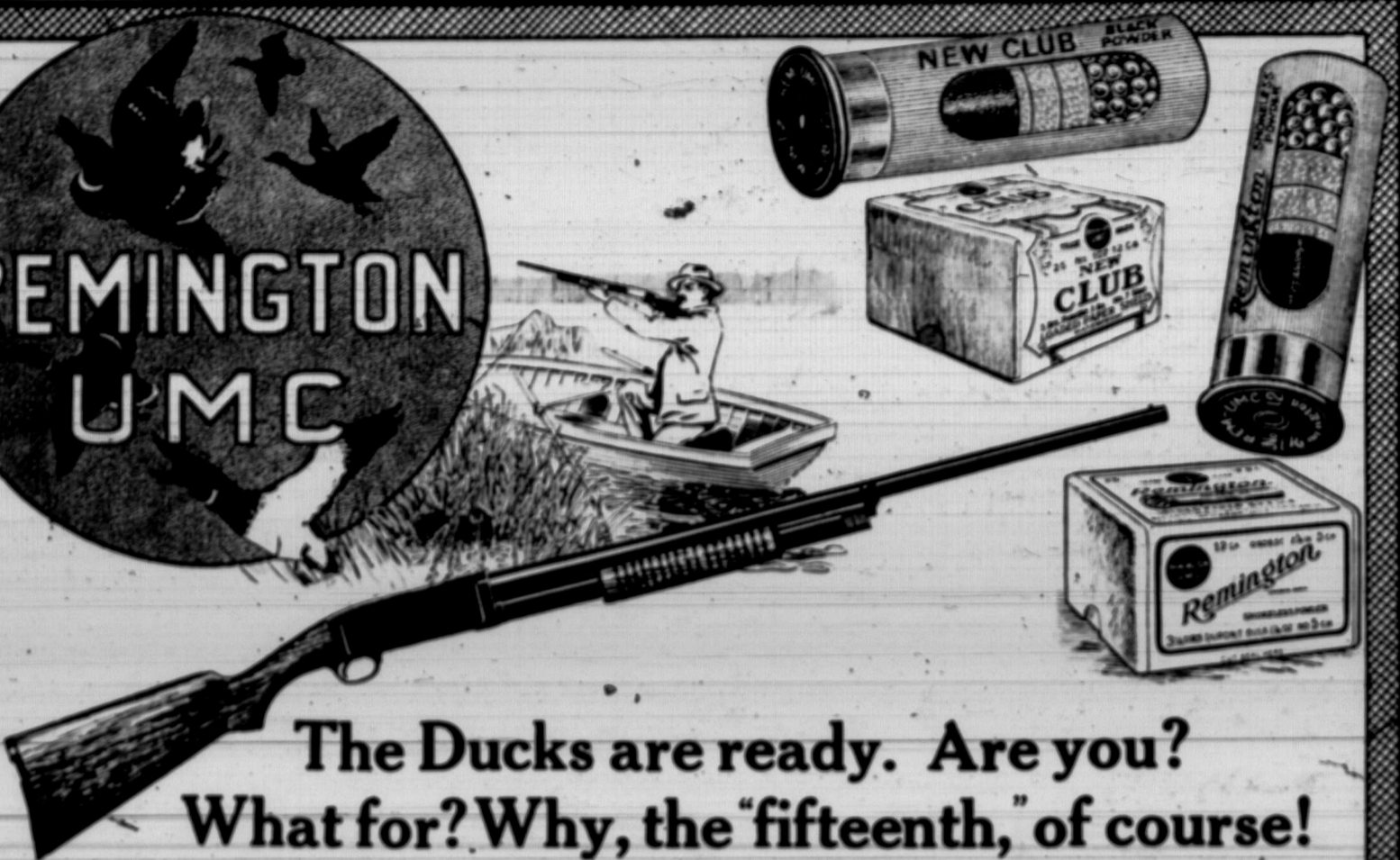
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