

RAILROADS SOLD FOR WAR USE

TO TRANSPORT ARMIES AND MATERIAL TO THE FRONT.

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The long and hungry arm of war has reached out into Canada and the United States in search of surplus and unused railroads and the plan has been hatched of the two countries have been ransacked of the materials required in France.

The tremendous demand for steel rails and rolling stock for the allied armies in France caught the steel trade unprepared, and rather than build new plants for the rail and equipment factories to catch up with the search of old railroads which could be dismantled and transplanted in France.

Hundreds of miles of railroad have disappeared completely from the face of the North American continent, only to appear a few months later in eastern France. Engines, cars, rails, bridges, ties—everything that is available in the way of railroad property has been running the submarine blockade for months, and the end is not in sight.

Good Prices for "Junk." Junk dealers have been scampers about the country buying up all the discarded railroads they could get their hands on. And as "junk" the road properties have been sold at prices of 200 and 400 per cent above the market of four years ago. Within recent months approximately 1,000 miles of Canadian and American railroads, including rolling stock, work, and machinery, have been snapped up and prepared for shipment abroad. Even hungry junk dealers from Japan have appeared in the market.

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Synopsis of Canadian North-West Land Regulations.
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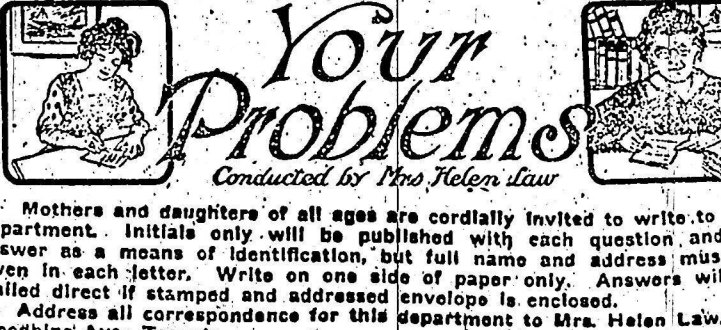
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Subscriber:—Perhaps the following will give you an idea for your bazaar: At a church fair held recently, one booth was noticeable for its business-like appearance and for the large sign on its arch, which read: Economy Booth Pay Ten Cents And Learn How To Save Ten Dollars

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HOT LUNCHEES IN THE RURAL SCHOOLS

Testimony of Two Teachers As to the Practicability of Serving Warm Meals at Noon.

A country school teacher says: I have found nothing that brings about co-operation between parents, pupils and teachers, like the hot lunches served at noon. Since we began adding a hot dish to our former cold lunches, the parents have awakened to the fact that the teacher is really working for the comfort and welfare of the children. They appreciate it and have shown their appreciation by donating food materials.

Our first attempt was vegetable soup. We purchased a twenty-five cent soup bouillon which we cooked until tender. The next morning before school, the older girls prepared the vegetables which had been brought by the pupils. These were added to the stock and allowed to simmer all forenoon. As our school room contains only an ordinary heating stove, our variety had been rather limited as yet.

Here is the testimony of another teacher: We began serving warm lunches this year for the first, and although I had thought of it for some time and we had raised money to buy a three-burner oil stove, it was a new idea to many of the people of the community, and I thought it best to begin rather slowly.

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