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EDITORIAL

THE PRICE OF WHEAT

The matter of fixing the price of wheat of the crop of 1919 is seriously troubling both Canada and the United States. A deputation of leading grain dealers appeared before the House Agricultural Committee at Washington last week and proposed that the government pay the guaranteed price of \$2.26 a bushel for the 1919 wheat crop and sell it to the consumer at the world market price, which they say will likely be about \$1.25. These dealers estimated that the loss to the government, if their suggestion should be followed, would be a billion and a quarter dollars, but said that such a loss was preferable to any attempt on the part of the government to maintain an artificial price. The price of wheat is a matter of vital concern to both the farmer and the consumer in both countries.

NAVY LEAGUE OF CANADA

A series of leaflets setting forth the work of the Navy League of Canada, its policy, and what Canada owes to the British Navy and the Merchant Marine, has just been issued. These topics are treated in a succinct and interesting manner and are well worthy of perusal by Canadians generally. In fact, it is a duty we owe to ourselves, as patriotic citizens of the Dominion, to become fully informed as to facts and conditions respecting the activities of the navy and marine, especially during the progress of the war. As a result of this propaganda the people of Canada will be able to arrive at intelligent conclusions when our Dominion Government presents its proposed naval policy. A study of these five articles by leading statesmen, educationists, historians and nautical experts will reveal a wealth of fact of profound interest.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE PROGRAMME

The Provincial Legislature commenced the session's business last week. The opening ceremonies were characterized with all the pre-war pomp and formalities which people had begun to regard as so unnecessary as to have been superannuated. The speech from the throne outlined rather a large programme. It is comprehensive and in many respects abreast of the times. It embraces women's rights to seats in the House; mothers' pensions; amendments to school legislation; housing problems; Hydro development, and the ubiquitous demand of the liquor interests for modification of the provisions of the Ontario Temperance Act and the introduction of the innocent(?) license for sale of wine and beer. This latter Premier Hearst and his associates in the cabinet and in the House will in all probability make short work of by manly refusal.

PEACE PARKS FOR CHILDREN

The suggestion made a few weeks ago by Mr. Robt. Scott, ex-Chairman of the Board of Education, that a Peace Park for the children of the town would be a very desirable form of memorial to our Soldier Heroes, is quite in keeping with similar suggestions from various parts of the country. In a leading editorial in the Globe on Saturday this idea was strongly emphasized. The Ottawa Horticultural Society wishes to co-operate with similar societies and with the playground associations of Canada in forming Peace Parks for children in all the towns and cities, that future generations may "hold up for emulation for all time that spirit of unselfishness which stirred those of this generation and enabled them to face the hell of the battlefield in order to secure for all mankind the benefits of peace." But there is something more than the memorial idea in this movement. It is also intended to make "better surroundings for better citizens, and to guarantee to the children that for them the immediate present, as well as the future, holds a much richer life in store."

INDUSTRIAL RE-ORGANIZATION

We recommend for the perusal of our readers the important article on page five on "Industrial and Economic Re-Organization," by Mr. A. E. Smith, of Brandon, Man. In last issue editorial reference was made to the fact that in many quarters labor and capital are taking a step toward each other, and employers, evidently with a new vision of the spirit of equity that should prevail, are formulating plans whereby their employees may share in the profits of the industrial institution in which they give their labor. Mr. Smith points out that the competitive struggles of the old order for the great advantages of wealth, enjoyed by the few, or the bare means of existence, suffered by the many, must be supplanted by a new order in industry, based upon the widest possible participation for all in freedom, in consciousness of power both economic and political, which is the characteristic of democracy. He then proceeds to offer suggestions as a basis for accomplishing this very desirable reconstruction. While it may be difficult to reconcile some of the somewhat radical arguments presented, it must be admitted that the article as a whole is sound in principle and the nation would be vastly benefited if the suggestions were in spirit put into effect.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It's merely a coincidence that the name of the new Liberal leader is a combination of the names of the two greatest exponents of the art of getting financial bonuses for their railroads from the government of the country. D. D. Mackenzie, being Scotch, will likely have the shrewdness and astuteness of both the famous D. D. Mann and Sir Wm. Mackenzie, and help to conserve Canada's funds for the real needy.—Guelph Mercury.

That was a gracious act and one which all Canada will appreciate, when General Pau, of France, who in making a tour of Canada, deposited a wreath of violets upon the grave of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in Notre Dame Cemetery, Ottawa, on Saturday. The General spoke as follows: "On behalf of France I bring these flowers as a tribute of respect and affection to the great Canadian statesman, in whose veins flowed French blood."

Now that women have the franchise and are entitled to vote on provincial and dominion issues as well as municipal, it will be desirable that they and their friends see that their names are placed upon the voters' lists. The assessors are now making the annual assessment; the simplest method of getting on the lists is to see that their names are entered on the assessment rolls. Important issues will in all probability come before the electors this year. Every woman entitled to vote should be in a position to use her franchise.

Under the recommendation of the Minister of Militia, an Order-in-Council has been passed fixing heavy penalties for the sale or gift of liquor to officers or men in uniform. Only a physician or surgeon is authorized to supply men in uniform with liquor. A term of imprisonment, or a fine of \$300 are the penalties. This action is taken for the protection of the many troops just now returning to Canada. It is hoped this will be a salutary deterrent to the regrettable traffic piled by unprincipled dealers with soldiers home-bound on troop trains.

Arrangements have been completed for another large purchase from Canada by one of the European Allies. The Rumanian Government has entered into negotiations for \$25,000,000 worth of our products. This large purchase will be made up of one-fifth for foodstuffs, one-fifth for raw materials and the balance in manufactured articles. These purchases from Canada from European Governments are evidently only preliminary to large trade relations in the future and will no doubt mean much in the opening of large and profitable channels for the distribution of our country's growing resources.

The legislation which is to be introduced to continue in operation for a year the Order-in-Council prohibiting the manufacture of alcoholic beverages and their importation into "dry" districts, was the subject of a lively discussion last Thursday in the House of Commons. The Order-in-Council was to have been operative for a year after the restoration of peace, but its validity after the expiration of the War Measures Act was questioned. It has been suggested that the legislation to be presented to Parliament this session may include provision for a referendum.

There is a keenly-felt scarcity of houses to rent in Acton. Enquiries are being made daily for houses by people from outside points who desire to settle here. Owing to the high prices of all classes of building material and also of labor no man is justified at present in putting capital into houses to rent. With a contractor and two successful builders, and another member possessed of large experience in building activities, as members of Acton Council, perhaps our Municipal Council in their wisdom may be able to solve the difficulty, with the financial assistance proposed by the Government housing scheme. Acton certainly needs more houses badly.

The Department of Militia is doing a very commendable service in the work of photographing all graves of Canadian soldiers buried overseas. Thousands of applications from friends of these heroes who have made the supreme sacrifice have been received by the department. So far about 70,000 photographs have been taken, but the work is still far from being completed. As demobilization progresses more photographers will be available and the work will proceed more rapidly. It is very reassuring to bereaved friends when the Department makes the positive assertion that each photograph of a grave sent to a relative is that of the actual grave taken at the identical place of burial.

The Farmers' Club provided genuine educational advantages to the young farmers of this section when they arranged the stock-judging classes which were held in Acton last week. The benefits to the young men who attended were incalculable. Day after day for a week stock men, experienced in judging stock in their respective classes were here to direct the efforts of the young men in properly judging the various points, and arriving at intelligent conclusions as to relative values of the animals being studied. Courses were conducted in hogs, sheep, horses, dairy and beef cattle. The growing interest brought out increased attendance and the advantages which accrued were manifest to all who were present.

A Dominion Department of Public Health is proposed in a bill to be presented at the present session of the House of Commons. Each province now has its own Health Department but a strong feeling exists that a Dominion Department would be of general advantage to the population. The importance of joining together the various provincial boards in a common war on menaces to the public health would be one of the functions of a Dominion Department. The grave need for this is seen in the stern necessity for combating the insidious evil of venereal diseases. Dominion control of this disease is greatly to be desired and is necessary because immigration and quarantine come under federal authority.

The delegates to the Ontario Motor League in session at Toronto this week are asking amendments from the Legislature which will render motoring more comfortable and much less harassing. Among other things the request that no motorist be convicted of speeding upon the evidence of a single witness; that speed traps be lengthened from 100 and 200 yards to at least a quarter of a mile; that maximum speed limits be changed from 15 to 20 miles per hour to 20 and 25 miles per hour in cities, towns, villages and on country roads. If the amendments are granted the Government should require implicit observance of all the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act in every municipality of the Province. In many places the sections referring to rear lights, license numbers, standing or driving on the right side of the street are very laxly observed.

Neighborhood News-Town and Country

Items of Interest from Various Localities Covered by the Free Press

OKAVILLE

Okaville's Postoffice, Pigeons and Blab-blow on Friday was quite a success. The soldiers' memorial movement is occupying the attention of the citizens. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hart had family returned from California. Mr. J. L. Hagle, son of Mrs. Marks, has returned home accompanied by a pretty war bride. Mrs. Alarka had her house nicely decorated with flags and bunting to welcome the returning leaves. Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson, widow of the late Rev. J. H. Robinson, died in Hamilton last Tuesday. The remains were brought to Okaville by motor on Friday and interment took place in the town cemetery—News.

HORNBY

The County Council has decided to build a new bridge on the base line at the Hornby Presbyterian Church and to straighten the creek so that there would be no interruption of the roadway. The cost is estimated at \$1,200. A social evening was given by L.O.L. No. 165, Huron, on February 21, to which the members' wives and families were invited, and three returned soldiers were welcomed. Present: E. Bradley, Pte. T. E. Robinson and Pte. H. Stout. F.C.M. W. J. Lindsay, on behalf of the lodge, presented Herg Bradley and Pte. Stout with finger rings, bearing the Royal Arch insignia. Mrs. Robinson received one at the January meeting. Mrs. Lindsay spoke feelingly of the loss sustained by the Order in the death, in action, of Bro. Howard C. Robinson.

MILTON

Pte. H. Armour and Cadet Jack Mills arrived home last Wednesday. Mr. George Anderson, ex-County Treasurer, is offering his fine residence here for sale by auction. George A. Mann, formerly of the Hotel Ontario, has purchased the King Edward Hotel, Toronto. Walter Lewis, of Hevelsloke, B. C., arrived here on Monday evening for a visit to his mother and his brother, H. H. Lewis. D. Anderson, head of the Milton Foundry, Machine and Tool Co., has come back from Toronto and has reopened the foundry. Mr. Anderson is now selling his farm to N. Lawrence, is about to become a citizen of Milton. He will move into Wm. Galloway's brick house on Court Street. Jas. Marshall, of Nelson, has bought the brick house corner of High and Queen Streets, formerly owned and occupied by the late J. C. Willmott. He will occupy it soon.—Champion.

BEVSBIDE

Mr. John L. Moore took a motor trip to Burlington last Wednesday. Mr. J. L. Leslie's sale last Thursday was well attended and quite a success. Mr. Alex. Livingstone is thinking of going to Halifax to meet his daughter, who has been a Nursing Sister overseas, and who is expected home very shortly. The usual weekly meeting last Thursday evening was well attended. The address to the young people by Mr. E. Moore of Acton, on "Character Building" was much enjoyed. Next Thursday evening the Duay boys will hold a novelty social at the home of Mr. Winfield. J. W. Campbell, son of Colla Campbell, Esq., formerly professor in Wesley College, Winnipeg, went overseas as a Sergeant in the I. G. A. He is now teaching mathematics in the construction camp at Higon, of the Khaki University of Canada, which has its headquarters in London, and which is expected to carry on until next June.

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Mr. E. Hayward met with a painful accident one day last week, while operating the brick press at the International Brick Works at Chatham. Mr. Wm. Perry met with what might have been a serious accident, recently, at the same works, when his clothing caught in some of the machinery, fortunately he was released in time to prevent serious injury. The anniversary service in connection with the Methodist church will be held on Sunday, March 9, when the Rev. J. L. Jeffrey, of Amherst, will preach. The (Glenwillough) club will entertain the music on the following Monday evening a concert and the social will be held in the church.

CHAMODA

The household effects of Mrs. G. Wells will be sold by auction on Tuesday, March 11th. Mrs. Wells is residing with her daughter, Mrs. Hamilton, at Aylmer. At the annual meeting of the Brantford Basketball Club, held at the home of Mr. J. P. Proulx, the Mayor, Hamilton, recently returned from overseas, was presented with an address of welcome and a watch fob. The last Grand Hockey raised \$11,222 last year, most of which was "Salt Money." The expenditures for "Salt Money" this year amounted to \$17,676. At the annual meeting an interesting program was given, and Mr. G. Wells, who has a better time with a dollar than a boy, created much excitement and genuine interest.

DURLINGTON

Mr. Harry P. Allen, of Winnipeg, spent the past week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Allen. Mr. H. L. Wilson has sold out his flour and feed business to Mr. E. C. Cuff, change to take effect March 10th. Bryce Anderson, of the Royal Bank, New York, and Mrs. Helen Anderson, of Starnight, spent the week-end at the Manse. Every one who has a vote on the Hydro by-law in Nelson township on March 15th should take time to read the argument and be prepared to vote intelligently. Fred Parkins met with a painful accident on Tuesday. He was splitting a log when a piece of stick flew up and struck him in the eye. He was taken to the Hamilton Hospital, where an operation was performed. Harry Quinn, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Quinn, died at the home of his mother from an attack of Spanish flu, followed by pneumonia. The deceased was 18 years of age. He was born in Nelson, and had resided on the homestead all his life. The following town officials for the year 1919 were appointed at Monday evening's meeting of the Council: Clerk and Treasurer—Jas. E. Allen, at \$10.00 per month. Road Commissioner—John McKeith at \$18.00 per week. Sewer Inspector—Alfred Cripps, at \$12.00 per week. Town Constable—Leo J. Smith, at \$100 per year. Assessment Commissioner—W. C. Kearns. Bell Ranger—Mrs. N. Graham at \$5 per month. Tax Collector—Phil Brookings at \$200 per year. "Bonnie Place" is certainly a happy home to-day, the occasion being the return of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hopkin, two men from the front. Flight Lieut. Cadet Virgil Hopkins, R. C. N. 23, arrived home on Sunday and on Tuesday, April 2nd, he and Mrs. W. W. reached home. Both boys have seen considerable service and are glad to get back to Canada.—Gazette.

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And after the said 15th day of March 1919 the said executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled by law to the same, and he will not be responsible for any claims of which they shall not have received notice at the time fixed for such distribution.
Dated at Acton this 20th day of February, A. D. 1919.
ANGUS G. PRICE,
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Executors.
HAROLD N. PARMLEE,
Their Solicitor,
Perryman Block, Acton 24-3

Notice to Creditors

In the Estate of Robert Elliot, Deceased
Notice is hereby given that the creditors of Robert Elliot, late of the Township of Hutton, Farmer, deceased, who died on or about the 15th day of March, A. D. 1918, at the said Township of Hutton, and whose will was proved on or before the 27th day of March, A. D. 1919, to wit: to send to the undersigned, Solicitor for the executor of the will of the said deceased, their claims and demands against the estate of the said deceased, with full particulars and descriptions of the full amount of such claims, and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them. And notice is hereby given that immediately after such last-mentioned date the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having the same notice of the claims of which they shall not have received notice at the time fixed for such distribution, and he will not be liable for the said claims of which they shall not have received notice at the time of such distribution.
Harold N. Farmer, Perryman Block, Acton, Ont., Solicitor for said Administrator.
Dated this 27th day of February, A. D. 1919.

ERIN

Mrs. Mademoiselle, Montreal, is here mourning for her mother, Mrs. Hawko. Mr. J. H. Chapman, Toronto, has brought from Mr. J. Brock, the two boys lost below the village. The people here are beginning to consider the situation of some men in the hands of our soldiers. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Russell have returned to their home at Hildgate, after spending the past month at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Russell, 10th St. Pte. W. E. Smith, who has been overseas with the Tenth Division, has been here on a visit to his brother, Mr. J. A. Smith, at the Methodist Parsonage, Acton.

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