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EDITORIAL

That it is out of the question that prices will fall to anything like the 1914 level in the near future, is the opinion expressed by the British Ministry of Reconstruction in a pamphlet recently issued. In fact the general level for the next decade may be 25 to 30 per cent. higher than the prices prior to the war. This is one of the first official intimations as to what may be expected in this very troubled question of what prices to expect, following peace.

The liquor interests have commenced their campaign to defeat prohibition through the referendum in earnest. The first general item of their propaganda was sent broadcast during the week in the form of a copy of the intemperate address of Lieut. Col. H. A. C. Machin, M.P.P., of Kenora, when he attacked the Ontario Temperance Act in the Legislature on March 4. The headquarters of the liquor men for the campaign appears to be at Ottawa this time. It was from the capital that this first shot was fired.

Oakville is setting a very salutary example to towns generally by its sane and enthusiastic organization of "A Clean-Up Week." The week from May 5 to 12 is set apart for this splendid enterprise. The Chief Constable, in the local newspapers, requests all citizens to participate in the clean-up campaign. It is estimated that 65% of the fires in Canada could be prevented by the exercise of proper care in keeping all premises clean. Canada's fire loss totals $30,000,000; if this can be reduced to $10,500,000, as experts believe possible, people will be doing a noble and patriotic thing in keeping their premises clear of litter of all kinds. In addition to the elimination of a large percentage of the fire loss, the improved appearances and better sanitary conditions will be most gratifying.

It is a satisfaction at least to have a Minister of Education who is alive to all issues which bear upon the education of our youth. Hon. Dr. Cody spoke with much interest at the meeting of the Ontario Library Association on Monday of last week, and on Wednesday he addressed the Trustees' section of the Ontario Educational Association on topics in which these organizations may do much to advance new and improved methods of education. He asked the Trustees to realize afresh the power of education in moulding national life, and pointed out that it is much easier to mould a child in its plastic stage than it is to remould the adult. He appealed to the trustees to realize the great importance of proper education for the children.

The balance of trade has now swung again so that it is becoming adverse to Canada. Before the war it was against us by 300 million dollars annually. Owing to war orders it became a favorable balance by nearly half a billion dollars. Our war debt in the Dominion, however, has mounted up to nearly $1,500,000,000. Henceforth there must be a largely increased volume of trade to pay our interest charges. This is what exports will do. But we must sell as much of the produce of Canadian fields in Canadian cities, towns and villages as possible. It means we must import less, especially in foodstuffs. If c Canadian cities and towns are to be the Canadian farmer's best market, then the farmer must loyally co-operate by buying those things which are made by Canadian industries, and from Canadian dealers.

In June, 1917, the Government at Ottawa passed an order-in-Council which prohibits for the period of the war and for six months thereafter, betting, pool selling and bookmaking upon the race courses. In the House of Commons the other day a member asked if it was the intention of the Government to repeal this order. Sir Thomas White in reply said that inasmuch as horse racing had been extended beyond the limits of what was contemplated by parliament when the act of 1912 was passed, and that betting upon race courses had caused grave public offence, the Government is making enquiries with a view to the enactment of such legislation as may be deemed in the public interests. It is sincerely to be hoped the ban on race track gambling will be continued and that Canada will never again permit the gamblers and black legs from the neighboring republic to throng here and ply their nefarious betting games with shameless impugnity.

The question, "Who may vote on the forthcoming election on the Temperance Referendum Act?" is frequently asked these days. The act reads as follows: "The persons qualified to vote" as stated in the Ontario Election Act, 1918, as amended this year are as follows: (a) Every man and every woman who is a British subject by birth or naturalization; (b) is not disqualified under The Ontario Election Act or otherwise by law prohibited from voting; (c) has resided in Canada for the twelve months next preceding the day fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council as the day upon which the enumerator shall commence to make up the lists and is on the said day or will be within fifty-six days thereafter of the full age of twenty-one years. (d) is in good faith on the last-mentioned day and has been for the three months next preceding the same, a resident of and domiciled in the electoral district in which the polling subdivision in which he or she so resides is situate." Special provision is made for soldiers to vote. It is probable an enumeration of all persons entitled to vote will be made for the purpose of this election.

A fight between the Standard Oil Company and a rival corporation in Louisiana has brought down the price of gasoline in Memphis, Tenn., to eleven cents a gallon. It's a pity we couldn't have a similar fight between the gas men in Canada. The driving of motor vehicles would be less exacting on the average pocket book.

Canada's forests are a great natural resource. The Dominion forest reserves include an area of 23,024,040 acres, and the permanent staff employed thereon is: District inspectors, 4; supervisors, 13; forest assistants, 5; forest rangers, 68; total 120, according to the annual report of the Department of the Interior for the last fiscal year.

The Workmen's Compensation Act was given some deserving consideration at the last session of the Legislature. A bill introduced and passed makes important additions to the scope of the Act. The principal change is a 50 per cent. increase in pension allowance to widows, so that a widow will now receive under the act a minimum of $30 a month, with an additional allowance for each child of $7.50. The allowance was formerly $20 for the widow and $5 for each child.

According to a report issued by the Minister of Agriculture of Alberta there are approximately 10,000,000 acres broken in the province. In 1918 there were 7,727,702 acres under crop, as compared with 1,242,444 acres in 1909, or over six times as much in 1918 as in 1909. In 1918, 2,141 homesteads were granted 15 pre-emptions, 6 homesteads purchased, and 431 soldier grants. This rapid settlement of the West means much for Canada's development, progress and increase in population.

Canada's postal service is remarkable when the sparcely settled communities of wide areas are considered. The report of the Deputy Postmaster General for the year ended March 31, 1918, shows that on that date there were 12,622 post offices in operation in Canada, of which 216 have been opened during the year. The number of offices closed was 366, the reason for closing in nearly every case having been that the post office was rendered unnecessary owing to the establishment of rural and delivery routes. During the year 88 additional rural mail delivery routes have been established and the number of boxes increased by 8,065.

The intelligent teaching of agriculture in the schools was emphasized at the Educational Association Convention at Toronto last week. "The subject of agriculture can be taught so as to have a liberalizing value like language and science, a socializing value like civics and history and a vocational value," said Mr. John Dearness, M.A., principal of the Normal School, London, in his address. He advocated laboratory work in connection with the study of agriculture, and suggested practical study in the school yards, probably in conjunction with a school fair. He thought a good all-round training for qualification desirable.

A new passion for the welfare of others is manifestly one of the splendid outcomes of the struggle for world freedom during the war. Every soldier in active service evidently lived the principle of consideration for others. He was always ready to protect his comrade in arms at any cost to himself. He would give his last morsel of rations to a needy soldier or to a child met on the street where war had devastated the region. Our Saviour taught this duty when he was here among men. Paul frequently exhorted the exercise of this virtue among those to whom he ministered. It is surely up to all of us to bury our selfish natures and act upon the principles which have been so worthily emulated by our soldier heroes.

The Peace Congress is arranging a uniform date for the celebration of the declaration of peace, to become effective simultaneously the world over. A clause has been drafted for insertion in the peace treaty fixing the date for the transition to a state of peace sixty days after the signing of the treaty. If the treaty is signed about May 15, peace thus will become effective throughout the world on July 15. The purpose of this provision is to prevent confusion among the more than twenty belligerent nations which might fix different dates in their various ratifications. According to present plan, each nation will ratify the treaty according to its own laws, but all will unite in a common date which will become a universal day of peace.

A new note was struck at the Educational Convention at Toronto last week when it was emphasized that no teacher should be employed before attaining the age of twenty-one years. J. Munro, B.A., of Hamilton, pointed out the fact that the nation's chief builders were not its explorers, discoverers, inventors, great railroad magnates, nor those who had built up huge industrial enterprises, but those who have to do with building character—the only thing, as shown by the great war, that is indestructible. On account of the nature and importance of the teacher's work, teachers should be at least of full age before being permitted to enter the profession. "No one can practise law until he is 21; surely no one will say that the lawyer's work is more important than the teacher's," said Mr. Munro.

Those interested in the large profit accruing from the sale of intoxicating liquors are now actively engaged in an aggressive campaign having in view the restoration of barrooms and free traffic in liquors. Those who desire to save our province from such an overwhelming calamity, such a menace to the homes and the home life of the people of Ontario, to the peace of the community, to the honest, legitimate business interests of the people, will not permit overconfidence in the result of the issue to induce any lack of enthusiasm in the effort to make it impossible to restore the legalized liquor traffic. The greatest opportunity in the history of the prohibition reform in Canada now confronts Ontario's temperance workers. They have arduously and unselfishly proven their sincerity and courage in the past. They will do so again in the present campaign. Let all commence at once by emphasizing the necessity of voting "No" to each of the four propositions of the ballots.

RECONSTRUCTION OF BREWERIES

The Living Church commends the following facts to the good people who fear dreadful calamities ecoliomically from the closing of breweries, and the food conversation rules which preceded it.

"The Ranier brewery, of Portland, Ore., is now a tannery employing 1,600 men, where it formerly employed 156 men.

"The brewery at Lansing, Mich., is now used in the manufacture of automobile parts.

"The brewery at Huntington, W. Va., is now a meat-packing plant.

"The Raymann brewery of Wheeling, W. Va., is now the Raymann Company, engaged in meat packing.

"The Iowa City, Ia., brewery is now a creamery and produce company.

"The Uneeda, W. Va., brewery is now a milk-products company.

"The Coors brewery of Denver now makes malted milk and a fine quality of porcelain.

"The North Yakima, Wash., brewery is now a fruit by-products company.

"The Salem, Ore., brewery is now manufacturing loganberry juice.

"The Star brewery, Washington, Pa., is now the Capital Paint, Oil and Varnish Company.

"The Pacific Coast brewery, Portland, Ore., is now a shoe factory and employs 2,500 men, as against 123 men employed when it manufactured beer.

"The Cedar Rapids, Ia., brewery is now a creamery and produce company.

"The Fairmont brewery of West Virginia is now an ice and milk produce plant."

"THE GREATEST BLUNDER OF MY LIFE"

In the Crerar Library, Chicago, is a book in which five hundred men, out of work, have written of "the greatest blunder of their life." It is a collection made by Dr. Earl Pratt. Here are some of them:

1. "Didn't save what I earned."
2. "Did not, as a boy, realize the value of an education."
3. "If I had taken better care of my money, I would be better in health and morals."
4. "Did not realize the importance of sticking to one kind of employment."
5. "The greatest blunder of my life was when I took my first drink."
6. "One of the greatest blunders of my life was not to perfect myself in one of the lines of business I started out to learn."
7. "My greatest blunder was when I left school in the fifth grade."
8. "The turning point in my life was when, at fifteen, I ran away from home."
9. "Spent money foolishly when I was earning good wages."
10. "When I let myself be misled into thinking that I need not stick to one thing."
11. "Self-conceit, and not listening to my parents."

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LO! IT IS NIGH THEE

The surprise of life always comes in finding how we have missed the things that have lain nearest to us; how we have gone far away to seek that which was close by our side all the time. Men who live best and longest are apt to come, as the result of all their living, to the conviction that life is not only richer, but simpler, than it seemed to them at first. Men go to vast labor seeking after peace and happiness. It seems to them as if it were far away from them; as if they must go through vast and strange regions to get it. They must pile up wealth, they must see every possible danger of mishap guarded against, before they can have peace. Upon how many men has it come with a strange surprise that peace would come to rich and poor only with contentment, and that they might as well have been content at the very beginning as well as at the very end of life! They have made a long journey for their treasure, and when at last they stoop to pick it up, lo! it is shining close beside the footprint which they left when they set out to travel in a circle.—Phillips Brooks.

WHAT IS IT?

One of our exchanges tells of a little girl who "fooled" her grandfather. Maybe some of our readers can try the same joke upon grandpa or grandma. This is the story.

Mr. Brumpton is very clever, yet the other day his little granddaughter utterly confounded him.

"Grandpa," said she, "I saw something so funny running across the kitchen floor, without legs. What do you think it was?"

Grandpa thought and thought, but at last he had to give it up. "What was it?" he asked.

"Water," replied the little lady triumphantly.—Exchange.

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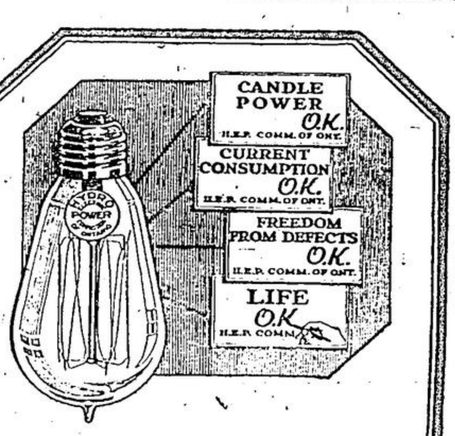

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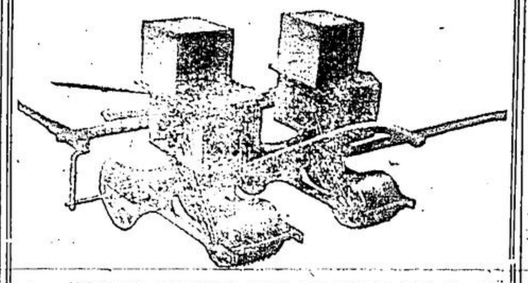

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