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EDITORIAL

Prohibition is evidently spreading over a wide area. Rev. Dr. J. H. Jowett, of the Ffith Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, predicts that Scotland will be dry next year. That is indeed good news, which will be gladly welcomed by the sons and daughters of Old Scotia in Canada, many of whom have been most agressive in working for prohibition here.

The people of towns of Acton's class who have day last carried a waterworks by-law by the sweeping vote of 203 to 56. There naturally is much rejoiding that the system is now assured and certainly be extended.

The humble hen is to be given a most important place in the matter of increased revenues for Canada. One hundred real "egg layers" on each of the net profit of a dollar per hen, this would mean an annual revenue of \$75,000,000. An elaborate campaign to forward this project will be waged. During the past year it is reported that poultrymen who have given special attention to the propagation of utility .egg-producing hens only have made a profit of \$2.00 vote by an overwhelming majority for a "bone-dry" to \$5.00 per hen.

The official returns of the election for member of the Provincial Legislature in this county show that Mr. J. F. Ford, the candidate of the United Farmers of Ontario, received a majority of 1,064. This is the largest majority ever given a legislative candidate in Halton's history. Mr. Ford is surely to be congratulated upon his exceptionally large majority, thorities on this subject. The Government's estimate especially as he had for his opponents two of the strongest men in the county-Dr. Nixon and E. H. bushels makes it appear possible for Canada to ex-Cleaver, barrister. Mr. Ford has much to live up port about 113,000,000 bushels in 1919-20, or about to with such a majority as he secured. He is in good company, however, and the legislation of the few million bushels for carry-over stock on August new government will not likely be harmful to Halton in any respect.

come tax. There is an impression abroad that the when he said that, in addition to other credits, \$170,tetal amount of money invested by any one sub- -000,000 had been loaned to Great Britain in connecscriper in the Victory Loan 1919 will be subject to tion with the single commodity of wheat last year. taxation. This impression is erroneous. It will be This would have been impossible if the Victory Loan the interest from the investment that will be taxed, of 1918 had not been a great success. The circulanot the principal invested. As a matter of fact very tion of this big sum meant prosperity to vast numfew investors in the new-Joan will be brought within bers of Canadians; and if good times are to be conthe scope of the Income War Act by reason of invest- tinued Canadians must lend of their profits and ments in Victory Bonds. With small estates and their savings with equal enthusiasm for the Victory investors the law does not become effective under Loan of this year, \$2,000 in the case of married persons or persons with dependents, and \$1,000 in the case of unmarried persons without dependents. Municipalities and fraternal societies will not be subject to taxation on their investments in the loan at all. The interest from the bonds will not be more taxable than ordinany income, subject to the general law of the land.

both advantageous and profitable. Some interest- Toronto World paid this high compliment to the ing statements as to the Government's ship-building members of the Legislature who will compose the programme were made by Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, Provincial Government the other day: "Anyone who Minister of Marine, last week. The business done watched the group of farmers and labor men emergby the ships built, owned and operated by the Gov- ing from their afternoon caucus must have been imernment has been so remunerative that the net profit pressed with their solid, intelligent and gentlemanly from their operation during their first year will re- appearance. They gave the impression of being pay their cost price. If the Government desired to superior to the average Legislative membership. dispose of the vessels, Mr. Ballantyne said, it could There is no reason why they should not be. They do so now at a profit. If the Dominion had not are the picked men of rural Ontario, the choice of possessed a certain number of ships to carry products the choicest, and probably have a higher average to foreign countries, trade would have been seriously of Guelph O. A. C. graduates among them than any hampered during the present year. All the ships similar number of legislative members in other faculbuilt on the Great Lakes and placed in ocean service ties. These men are independent and successful are booked for full cargoes until June next. The farmers, and that requires resource and initiative. ship-building programme so far undertaken called These are not arts like reading and writing, for for the construction of fifty-three vessels, a substan- special purposes, but qualities of character, capable tial number of which have been delivered or will of application in any situation, to politics as well as be delivered this year. to plowing."

Indications are that this last week will be Farmers' This was the experience last year, for during the foreign nation; and it is possible for her to obtain last few days of the drive farmers' subscriptions funds on that market on more favorable terms than came in very rapidly. At the meeting in the Town any other country. The reason for this, as any finanthe very best things we can do for our nation and was effected through credits for which Victory Loan for ourselves." Anyone would be louth to believe subscriptions provide the working capital. If for that the farmers who of all classes of the community instance the public should turn an indifferent ear to are most directly interested in a heavy over-subscript the Victory Bond salesmen now at work, our prostion to the present Loan, are apathetic. More than perity and credit would be impaired, our production one third of the proceeds of the last Loan was spent dwindle and everyone would feel the menace of pov-

Some advanced suggestions have been laid before the Special Committee of the International Labor Conference which now has unemployment under consideration. One calls for an international agreement for the abolition of private ownership of land and The Across Pages I published every Thursday property. Another, claiming that unemployment is The subscription price is \$1.50 per year. In due to inequitable distribution of raw materials, asks for international action to secure a "more equitable distribution" of such raw materials.

> Acton has another chance for distinction. The Acro, Club of Canada has written the Free Press, saying that Acton is on one of the aerial routes down calling: "King Goorge, air? through Ontario, and requesting information as to the probability of establishing a municipal acrois drome to be operated either under the Council's direction or to be leased to responsible parties. Perhaps we'd better defer entering upon this lofty enter prise until the waterworks system has been satis factorily installed.

Parker's Will Do It King George's proposal that silent homage be paid to the memory of the glorious dead on the first anniversary of the armistice was welcomed by the nation. The unanimity of the response was nationwide. At 11 o'clock on Tuesday morning the nation ceased for two minutes all work-the housewife and the servant in the kitchen, the business man in his office, the laborer in the field, the shopman behind his counter, the busman, and the cab driver, and the enjoyed the privileges of waterworks during the men and women walking along the street. Even years of the past have a full appreciation of their the ships on the ocean highways slowed down and benefits. The Oakville Star said last week: "The the crews came to attention for a two-minutes" ratepayers of Halton's northern town, Acton, on Fri- silence. It was an eloquent tribute by a grateful

Tho bill to amend the Canada Temperance Ac there will never be regrets. Congratulations should passed by the Commons after midnight on Saturday, leaves to provinces which have prohibited the sale of liquor for beverage purposes the right to determine for themselves whether or not importation of liquor for domestic consumption shall also be forbidden. To make the new Federal legislation operative to 750,000 farms in Canada is the slogan adopted by a prevent such importations, it is necessary, first, for Poultry Club just formed at Winnipeg. Allowing a the Provincial Legislature to pass a resolution asking the Dominion Government to hold a plebiscite on the question; and second, for the Dominion Government to take the vote and proclaim its result. With such a vote as was given on the recent Referendum there is little doubt that the people of Ontario will province when the plebiscite is placed before them.

Canada may be able to export 113,000,000 bushels of wheat in 1919-20. This is the encouraging prospect based upon figures from official sources. Canada requires for home consumption purposes approximately 40,000,000 bushels of wheat and for seeding purposes about 35,000,000 according to authat the Dominion's yield will run about 139,000,000 10,000,000 bushels more than last year, and keep a 1, 1920. Of course, Canada's export trade depends largely upon the success of the Victory Loan. Sir Thomas White, ex-Finance Minister for the Domin-Very few war bond holders will be liable for in- ion, drew attention to the importance of this fact

To-morrow the new Premier of Ontario, Mr. E. C. Drury, is to announce his cabinet for the new Legislature. It is gratifying that there are found available ample worthy and able men among the United Farmers and Independent Labor Party who will compose the new government to form a cabinet well qualified to supervise the business of the province Canada's ship-building activities have so far proven Notwithstanding its strong political predilections the

At the present time Canada's rating on the New Week in the volume of Victory Loan subscriptions. York money market stands higher than that of any Hall on Saturday evening J. F. Ford, M. P. P., of the cier will vouch, is Canada's increased production United Farmers of Ontario, in his address on the and the prosperity she has enjoyed by the sale of Victory Loan, said: "I give it as my sincere convic- her surplus products at favorable prices in Great tion that the purchase of Victory Bords is one of Britain and Europe. This vast system of marketing

directly in the purchase of Canadian wheat and other erty. There is good reason to hope that Canadians foodstuffs, and re-sold to Great Britain and Allied are awake to their responsibility and opportunity. countries on credit. That is to say \$207,750,000 of The allusion to Canada's high rating on Wall Street the money subscribed a year ago went into the poc- brings up another phase of the Loan question. While kets of the farmer; and without these heavy pur- Canada can borrow abroad on more favorable terms chases the farmer would have been obliged to dispose than any other nation, it is not desirable that she of his surplus product at a probable loss. The should do so; for that would take large sums out of amount that will be spent during the coming year the country in annual interest payments. It would in financing credits to overseas purchasers of Can- help build up/the prosperity of the United States ada's agricultural products is wholly contingent on at our expense. It is much more expedient that the extent of the over-subscription to this year's Canadians should themselves be the lenders, and Loan: Therefore if any farmer is desirous of seeing that the interest should stay in the pockets of her the present overseas market for his products main- own people. If it is profitable for Wall Street to - tained he will help pile up the total of Bond-sub- loan money to Canada it is equally profitable for + | Canadians to loan money to their country

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The unlucky Tommy in Russia was telling his troubles to a sympathetic "No leave, no letters, no Blighty, no luck at all!" "Never mind; you'll soon be dead."

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to get off, the hotelman walked up and King George?" Coming up to an old The Chinese haver book of 10,000 gentleman from the country he said, while stooping for the man's bag, "King George, sir?"

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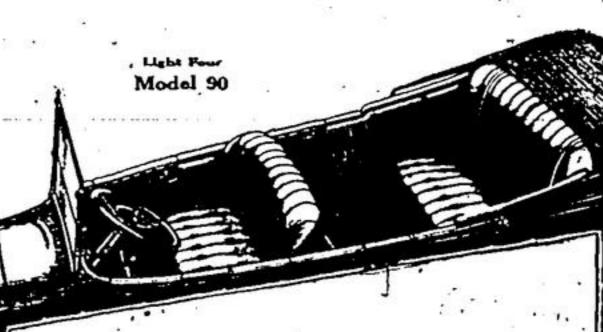
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