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"Boost! Boost! Boost! Buy in Oshawa—Help build up the Home Town," says the heading on an advertising card lately distributed in Oshawa, yet the promoters of the scheme went out of town to get the cards printed. This, notwithstanding the fact that the Reformer has one of the best printing offices in the Province.

Even the two-and-a-half per cent. beer of the United States is now illegal. In a five-to-four opinion the Supreme Court has upheld the right of Congress to define intoxicating liquors. That portion of the Volstead prohibition enforcement law prohibiting the manufacture and sale of beverages containing half of one per cent. or more of alcohol was declared to be unconstitutional. The validity of the Federal prohibition constitutional amendment and the validity of other portions of the Volstead act that were not involved in the decision, but the opinion is regarded as so sweeping as not to leave much hope for the "wets." The decision is hailed as another "sweeping victory" for the prohibitionists.

There must be greater cultivation and production of foodstuffs if Canada's needs are to be met the next few years. A citizen call to "Get back to the land" was sounded by J. J. Morrison, Secretary of the United Farmers of Ontario, at a meeting at Orangeville last week. If rural depopulation was to continue the way it has been going on for the past 20 years, it would not be much longer before Ontario farms were abandoned. Already in the new-settled prairie provinces the same movement toward the city has commenced. Mr. Morrison urged at a solution that farm work be made more profitable. He appealed for the letting down of the tariff bars and urged the farmers to get together on the co-operative marketing of their products. Higher prices would not, he said, help the situation.

Canada's trade commissioner to Great Britain, Mr. Lloyd-Harris, who is home for a holiday visit

to the United States and of labor most depressing. Paper alone costs about three times as much as it did before the war, and the manufacturers' jobbers tell us the end is not yet. Under the circumstances the news

paper, most of which have already been obliged to increase the subscription price, may find it necessary

in the near future to again increase prices for subscriptions and advertising. Prices for material food

continue to increase with never ceasing regularity. Why should there be any serious objection to ad-

vanced prices in the case of that which is necessary

mental food?

"Canada has won a position as practically an independent nation, and her power has greatly increased through the war." This was the statement

of Hon. N. W. Powell, President of the Privy Council, before the McGill University Club, Montreal, one evening last week. He pointed out that Canada had

won a position as practically an independent nation, although still part of the commonwealth of nations that made up the British Empire. Hence Canada

was as free as any other nation to voice its views at the Council of the League of Nations, and would even disagree with Great Britain if, such a course

seemed proper to her. Canada has won her right to a place in the assembly of nations by the blood of her sons, and this right, thus won, the Canadian people will never surrender.

The Provincial Treasurer's intimation that a Gov-

ernment loan is forthcoming and that it will be issued

within the Province is noteworthy. Fresh borrowing

is necessary, and while it is desirable to have the

volume of the country's capital increased, any pledg-

ing of the Provincial credit to investors across the

line must if possible be avoided. Ontario Govern-

ment securities, even when bearing a relatively low

rate of interest, are at the present time worth a

hundred cents on a dollar, of anybody's money. Even

if Canada's dollar were not at a heavy discount on

the other side of the line, or which is the same thing,

the United States' dollar were not at a high premium

on this side, it would be contrary to sound public

policy to increase our capital indebtedness in the

United States as long as it is practicable for the On-

tario Government to borrow at home is beyond question.

The Province that subscribed about half of the

total amount of the several Victory Loans of the

Dominion Government, and that took up \$355,000,-

000 of the total \$600,000,000 of the last Victory Loan

can be depended on to absorb any bond-issue of rea-

sonable volume its own Government offers on fairly

attractive terms—Mail and Empire.

The prospects are that Premier Drury will receive

his seal as representative of the County of Halton by

acclamation. For a few days after Mr. Ford's resigna-

tion there was considerable talk about prospective

candidates to oppose him. It was stated that the

Liberal would nominate a man who would receive

the support of the Conservative electors of the

county. This attitude appeared to change by the end

of the week.—A meeting of the executive of Halton Liberal Association was called for Saturday. The at-

tendance was small, possibly to some extent owing to

the bad roads after Friday's storm. The executive

spent several hours in discussion of the question of

putting a candidate in the field to oppose Premier Drury. It was finally decided to take no action at

present. It is not likely that any candidate will be

put into the field. It is also given out that the Con-

servatives have no intention of opposing Mr. Drury

with a candidate of their nomination. In view of

existing conditions it would seem to be the wisest pro-

ceeding to allow the Premier to have the election

without opposition. He will make a worthy rep-

resentative of the county. There is no disputing the

fact that it will be a distinctive honor to have the

county represented in the Provincial Legislature by

the Premier. Mr. Drury has been appointed as the

head of a government which represents especially the

farm and labor interests of the province. What

county in Ontario combines these two important

classes of the community more fully than this good

old county of Halton, with the farmers in its four

rural municipalities, and its artisans in its five manu-

facturing towns. By all means, let us honor ourselves

and save the turmoil and expense of an election, by

proffering Ontario's Premier a seat as our repres-

sative by acclamation.

The message of Premier Drury to the staff, and

the student body at his first official visit to the

Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, last week, was

salutary and emphatic. "If we are to maintain our

standards of intelligence and intellect in our rural

communities" he said, "the graduates of such in-

stitutions as this must go back to the land and live

out their life in the farming community, showing

the way and leading the way in the uplift of the

rural population. At present all the cleverest and

brightest of the young men and women of the rural

communities are directed into other professions and

life work by our educational system. The cities are

being supplied with the best brains from the rural

districts. No class can stand that long. If we are to

maintain our standards of intelligence in our rural

communities, and if we are to keep from slipping to

a lower scale of intelligence, our college men must go

back to the land." Premier Drury himself is an

honorary graduate of the O. A. C. and one who fulfilled

the ideals of the founders of the institution in that he

went to the college, received a good education, and

then applied his knowledge to practical farming,

made a success of his business, and became a leader

in his community. His course has been a worthy one.

His present position will emphasize the opportunities

of the educated farmer, and will no doubt inspire

other young men to emulate his example of getting

back to the land.

Fair Dealing and Low Prices

We carry a full line of Groceries, and

all articles required for the home.

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comparison.

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