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SANITY IN WAR FINANCING

Canada's forthcoming war loan can readily be expected to match the pattern of financial policy that will be universally recognized as sound, and one that reflects the benefits of experience from the last great war.

Recognizing the pitfalls of her experience in the last war, Canada, on this occasion, is facing the problem of war financing in forthright manner.

This war is to be paid for, in so far as possible, as it is fought, rather than to hazard a repetition of inflationary price movements spiralling to an inevitable and expensive day of reckoning.

In recent years, Canada has pursued a moderate policy of expansion in company with the United Kingdom, Sweden and certain other countries.

The new war loan, like probably all loans floated by Canada during this war, will be on a domestic basis.

This is a democratic war by a democratic country, and the war effort in every phase is organized and conducted on a democratic basis.

The loan is open to popular public subscription. Clearly the call is strong, because the most emphatic demand is the moral obligation of every citizen to guard jealously the rights of freedom and shoulder his share of the bonds just as thousands of others are shouldering arms.

"INTO THE HAND OF GOD"

King George had no thought of mystifying the literary world when in his Christmas Day radio talk to his people around the Empire he quoted a few lines from an unknown author which were wonderfully appropriate to the occasion.

An anonymous phone call to the British Broadcasting Corporation solved the mystery. Miss Minnie L. Haskins, a retired tutor of the London School of Economics, now living in Sussex, wrote them shortly before the beginning of the last war.

GOD KNOWS

"I said to a man who stood at the gate of the year, 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown,' and he replied, 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than the known way.'"

"So I went forth and finding the hand of God trod gladly into the night. And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of the day in the lone east.

"So heart be still,

"What need our little life,

"Our human life to know,

"If God hath comprehensions?"

Miss Haskins, from absolute obscurity, has now become, thanks to King George, the most talked of literary figure of today, and the newspapers of the English speaking world are printing pages of copy about her.

Scenes I Have Visited

(Contributed, Special to The Liberal)

The Great Pyramid of Cheops stands upon the plateau of Gizeh and is situated about 8 or 9 miles from the flourishing city of Cairo which is the largest centre of population on the African continent.

Perhaps my clearest and most lasting impressions of this great structure date back to Xmas Day 1915 when, in the company of Dr. Norman Freeman, now located at Battersea, Ontario, I climbed to its summit and there cut my name in the limestone with a knife which I had carried with me from Canada.

The Great Pyramid was built by Cheops or Khufu, the second king of the 4th Dynasty, 3733 B.C., who called it Khut. His name was found written in red ink upon several of the interior blocks of stone.

It is difficult for one who has never viewed it to secure any adequate or even an approximate idea as to its size but it may be stated that before the outer covering was removed by the Arabs several centuries ago to be used in the construction of Mosques in Cairo, it was reported to be 768 feet square on the base, to be 481 feet in perpendicular height and to have a sloping height on each side of 610 feet.

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What impresses one most regarding the Pyramid of Cheops is the enormous amount of physical energy which must have been expended in

its construction; its huge size; the accuracy of workmanship; the purpose for which it was built and the magnificent view afforded from its top which is about 30 feet square.

Chick'n Chats

(By E. W. Anstey)

Quite frequently we are asked the question: Are early hatched chicks more profitable than late hatched ones? While we have always advised getting chicks early, we had no actual data as to which gave the greatest returns, until recently, when an experiment was concluded by us.

The results obtained from this experiment should prove to anyone's satisfaction, that early hatched chicks are by far the most profitable.

In both cases the chicks were figured at 12c. each at 1 day old, and labor and overhead was not included in the costs in either case. The following are the results: Feb. 2nd, group No. 1 costs 400 chicks \$48.00

Mortality at 6 wks. 10 chicks 1.35 Cost of heat for brooding 12.00 Cost of feed first 12 weeks 98.50

Cost of feed next 10 weeks, pullets only 58.20 Mortality during laying period, 6 birds 9.00

Cost of feed during 52 weeks of laying 300.08 TOTAL COST \$527.13

Pullets started laying at 5 1/2 months of age. In 52 weeks of laying, average per bird was 243 eggs each.

RETURNS Cockerels sold at 12 weeks @ 73c. each \$143.81

243 eggs per bird, average price 25c. doz. 959.50 TOTAL RETURNS \$1103.31

Net Profit \$576.18 May 10th, group No. 2 400 chicks @ 12c. each \$48.00

Mortality at wks. 40 chicks 5.27 Cost of heat for brooding 3.00 Cost of feed, first 12 weeks 97.90

Cost of feed next 10 weeks, pullets only 52.25 Mortality during laying period, 27 birds 40.50

Feed cost during laying period 263.50 TOTAL COST \$510.42

Pullets started laying at 6 months. In 52 weeks of laying, average per bird was 204 eggs each.

RETURNS Cockerels sold at 12 weeks @ 38c. each \$73.20

204 eggs per bird, average price 25c. doz. 722.50 TOTAL RETURNS \$795.70

Net Profit \$285.28 This shows that the February hatched birds made almost \$200.00 more than those which were hatched in May.

Both groups of birds were from the same breeding stock, had the same care and were fed the same feed throughout the experiment.

In addition to the extra profit from the early hatched chicks, they grew better, feathered out better, and in general were much more satisfactory in every way.

We are now more than ever convinced that early hatched chicks pay real dividends. The egg market has continued very weak and further price reductions have been made.

Prices now are considerably below those of a year ago. It is felt in some quarters though, that a more favorable situation will develop shortly.

Country dealers are quoted on graded eggs, delivered at Toronto, cases free: Grade A large 23c.

Grade A medium 21c. Grade A pullets 18c.

Selling prices to retail stores: Grade A large 26c.

Grade A medium 24c. Grade A pullets 22c.

THE BELGIAN GATE

A Blitzkrieg without speeding tanks is inconceivable. But if Belgium's new "Chinese Wall" of movable steel gates meets specifications and is incorporated into the defense of other armies, the tank will cease to speed.

The tank can smash and surmount most stationary walls of masonry. It can usually straddle or avoid a tank trap. Isolated fields of concrete stumps or steel ties set diagonally upright can be detoured. But the Belgian gate is apparently the most ingenious obstacle yet devised.

It is mounted on steel rollers like those used to level tennis courts, yet it has such a broad base that it cannot be overturned. It can easily be transported from place to place by tractor.

Interlocked with other gates for mile after mile it offers a formidable barrier across an entire countryside.

Instead of smashing through the gate, the tank can only push it along with increased difficulty.

The result is to slow up the attack and immobilize the attacking units under the shell fire of the defenders.

There is no more vulnerable object than a halted tank. It is believed by the Belgians that it will take heavy artillery to batter down these gates.

Tanks do not carry such artillery and could not stop to use it if they did. When tanks lose speed they have lost the battle.—New York Times.

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