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KINGSTON AS AN AEROPLANE STATION.

The first spring season after the conclusion of the war is sure to bring about a great deal of aeroplane activity for the purposes of commerce and pleasure. The first sign of this comes in the advertisements now appearing in the London newspapers, which state that various companies are now building aeroplanes for recreation and business. And here in Canada we have a company trying out a service between Hamilton and Toronto. There can be no doubt of the fact that the aeroplane is here to stay, and that this year will see a great increase in air activity in our own country. Thus we have an invention perfected through the necessities of war being used to good advantage in the days of peace. How far the development of the aeroplane eventually will go is a matter of conjecture, but the time is not far distant when they will be flying regularly between Toronto and Montreal. Therefore, it is time that Kingston looked around and found a landing ground suitable for the ships of the air which will be passing our city. To make Kingston the half-way house on an aerial line between the two large cities would be a feather in the cap of whoever handled the matter, and we throw out this suggestion in the hope that it will be taken up by some progressive citizen who realizes the possibilities of the aeroplane in the future.

THE PRICE BOOSTERS.

The high cost of living hits every person, and it is a hardship and anxiety to most people. That the war was responsible for some of the rise in prices of food is undeniable and easily demonstrable. But the trouble began before the war—long before. And the organization which created the deliberate inflation in consumer-cost has merely become wealthier, stronger and more closely knit together by the experience gained during the stress of the war period. It has a good thing and knows it, and does not intend that the people shall ever again be allowed to feed themselves freely on good foods at reasonable prices. Millions of eggs have been kept in storage until unfit for consumption. Thousands of tons of beef and mutton have been allowed to deteriorate into carrion. Millions of bushels of fruit have been bought up on the trees and allowed to rot rather than be used to ease the situation and restore the people's health. Untold quantities of vegetables have been similarly abused, or dumped into the ocean. Yet one concern declared an annual dividend of 150 per cent on these and like articles. And this only begins to tell the story. For years before the war wheat grown on Canadian soil and milled in Winnipeg was habitually sold in England and on the continent for less than Canadians paid for it. Considering the long freightage and many handlings involved in crossing the ocean, this was simply sinful. Take a local instance. Last autumn some sort of a public investigation was started in order to determine if there was justification for the inflated price of milk. We were gravely informed, in essence, that, after taking all the circumstances into consideration, we were lucky in getting it at the price of, say, fourteen cents, and that the dairymen were a self-sacrificing and poorly paid lot. All of a sudden the machine slips a cog, somewhere, and down goes the price to ten or eleven cents. And, as Mr. Dooley frequently remarks to his friend Himsley: "There ye are." The price-boosters have "Get-Rich-Quick Wallingford" beaten to a frazzle.

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To accomplish this, the expert staff of the library department is being increased, and librarians' schools are being held in various parts of the province. The Public Library Act is being recast with a view to making it possible for municipalities to make larger grants to libraries, and with a view to devising better facilities for a free library system in rural districts.

To read this report should almost bring a blush of shame to the cheek of every Kingstonian. Here we have Ontario's library system lauded to the skies, while here in Kingston, a city of over 23,000 inhabitants, there is no free public library. This city is taking no part in this great new educational propaganda. The report states that the Public Libraries Act is being recast with a view to making it possible for municipalities to make larger grants to libraries. Of what use will that be to Kingston unless our city fathers use their powers under the act to give a reasonably large grant for library purposes? Under the present act, Kingston has power to set aside a sum of over \$6,500 yearly for library maintenance, exactly half a mill on the dollar at least. But instead of this we find the city grudgingly giving an allowance of \$2,400. It is little wonder that our library is held back for lack of room, to expand when the policy of the city council is such a mean one.

The report of the Minister of Education again brings to the front the needs of our city in this respect. A modern free public library is what Kingston needs. It must be built by some means or other, for it is an absolute necessity to our city. If a memorial library scheme is approved, the difficulty will be solved, but the library needs of the community should not be made an excuse for having a memorial library built. It is up to our board of education and our city council to press to the utmost for a library building in keeping with the needs and the size of our city.

An Empire Calendar.

Treaty of Utrecht. April 11, 1713.—Modern historians have agreed in ranking Blenheim among the decisive battles of the world, and there is no doubt that the defeat of Tallard by Marlborough broke the ambitious schemes of Louis XIV. Blenheim paved the way for the signing of the Peace of Utrecht, to which representatives of Great Britain, France and all the other Allies attached their signatures in nine distinct treaties, two hundred and six years ago to-day. And if Blenheim is one of the deciding battles, the Treaty of Utrecht is one of the epochal treaties of history. By its terms the Protestant succession was secured for Great Britain, and the claims of the House of Hanover admitted and acknowledged. In addition, the crowns of France and Spain were separated for all time, and the British colonies and plantations on this continent were enlarged. Under its terms France ceded to the British Crown, Hudson Bay and Nova Scotia as well as Newfoundland and St. Kitts, and abandoned all claims to Gibraltar and Minorca. Further it was stipulated that the military works and fortifications at Dunkirk should be demolished, and that no part of the Spanish Netherlands should ever be ceded to France. The place in which this composite treaty was signed and where the destiny of the British Empire was moulded has been one of the historic centres of continental Europe since the earliest dawn of history. Situated on the Crooked Rhine between Rotterdam and Amsterdam it contains the ruins of a cathedral that dates back to St. Willibrord, and within a stone's throw of the birthplace of Pope Adrian. Delegates of the seven Protestant provinces met in 1579 and drew up the agreement which may be called the charter of the Netherlands nation. The history of Canada would have been written very differently but for the victory at Blenheim and the signing of the Treaty of Utrecht.

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Rippling Rhymes

FIX UP

The long war made us sick and faint, we had no heart to hump; and so, alas, we did not paint the cowshed and the pump; we read long tales of bones and woe, and let our chores to thunder go, and now our houses look as though they should be at the dump. We had no heart to trim the trees, or bear dead cats away, when mighty legions, o'er the seas, engaged in bloody fray; and when those legions thundered on, the tin cans gathered on the lawn, with broken dish and demijohn, and heaps of leaves and hay. While still upon the kaiser's brow the tyrant's crown was seen, we had no heart to groom the cow, or plant the pinto bean; we had no heart to decorate the lawn swing and the garden gate; we merely stood and railed at fate, and cursed the submarine. Now in a casual queer and quaint the mildewed kaiser sits; and we should buy some rich red paint, and throw some clean up fits; for kalsomine of gaudy hue, to make the shack look good as new, for clover seed and blue grass, too, we ought to blow six bits. We've talked of war a weary while, of admirals and kings; now let's put on our peace time smile, and think of other things; let's fix the roof before there's rain, replace the broken window pane; a lot of duties in its train this smiling season brings.

—WALT MASON.

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