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Aften Ten Years' Absence F. A. McKenzie, War Correspondent, Tours Canada and Tells What He Sees and Hears

prosperity lie ahead?

Farming, Canada's greatest indus- prices. balance sheet. He had cleared down." eleven thousand dollars last year off. So here capital and labor stand of them are making their way to Deforty acres. "Of course it was an racing one another, like two bulls, troit, attracted by the tale of high medicine; and it seemed just what I unusual year," he admitted modest- wages there. But the vast majority medicine; and it seemed just what I be coded, so I decided to try it.

It. Cattle ranches were equally LIFT OFF CORNS

The first how helded me and I took sentiaged. In Alberta, there is a be-The first box helped me, and I took satisfied. In Alberta there is a be-Hef that the big ranchers always make money. Last year they had to hire extra clerks to add up their

> Wheat farmers had varying luck. Those who reaped full crops cleared the cost of their farms. Some regions, however, suffered heavily. In North Battleford the crop was ruined by July frost; in Southern Alberta and Saskatchewan whole regions of crops were blown into the air. But in other parts the tale was different. "The farmers around here

have so much money that they don't know what to do with it," a Prince Afbert hotelkeeper told me. "They come into the city for the winter with their families. They take the best rooms, they don't haggle over prices and they have a good time." Farms have changed hands around Regina recently at a hundred dollars an acre, a price that would have seemed incredible five years ago.

The general belief among the far-

mers is that this state of affairs will continue for two or three years yet I came across cases of contracts be ing made ahead for cattle for autumn delivery at prices but little if any below last year's figures. Cheap food seems very far off yet, and dear food means profits for the

Let us turn to industry. The great producing industries-mining, smeltloying twenty per cent. less men han they were when meeting war

A number of war plants have losed right down. Their owners did weight and energy—who need to take fresh risks in new enterprises at present. In fact, they are not in a position to do so. Their big shell-making machinery is use-less for other work, and machine tools for new tasks take time to pro-

Certain specialized industries, fos tered by the government during the war, are drawing near their end. Shipbuilding on the Pacific coast is a good example of this. It was a war industry, and much of the work done was pretty poor. Most of the yards had no specialized knowledge of shipbuilding, and nearly all the workmen were new to it. Now shipbuilding is an industry above all others where experiness tells. Left alone, under normal commercial conditions, the Pacific coast shipbuilding waiting in every field of will finish, although some repairing men trained to fill them. yards will keep on.

Is it worth trying to save this in the Pacific coast yards last year rately made up its mind that it was rould be able to build its own ships, to-day Japanese shipbuilding takes its place with the foremost. Is it worth while for Canada to do the

ace air of great prosperity. The b otels were never so full. "I don't know where all the people have been at Winnipeg. Montreal in all its his-tory never had such a New Year's light as last. "We have only one room deft, twelve dollars," the clerk f a big Toronto hotel told a casus caller. His menner said, "Take it or eave it. If you don't want it, some

on of this boom in hotels, and stores and with bonuses shead, and are opending it freely. This buying has tries making supplies for the ho They can obtain enough labor to

meet their needs. Now for the other side. Capital is backward. There is a remarkable abconce of fresh industrial enterprists. There is a famine of house in Toronto and Winnipeg, but buil ng continues almost as a standstil

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AFTER THE WAR—THE PROBLEM OF TO-MORROW.

By F. A. McKENZIE.

(Specially Written For the Whig.)

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everywhere. Building material is pawing the ground before interlocktoo dear, we are told. But that is not ing their horns in conflict. The conflict may be woided. But the threat the feeling of apprehension. "We do of conflict is hindering fresh enternot know what is ahead," say the prises, is preventing expansion, and capitalists. "We will wait and see," is doing manifold harm.

Does a time of distress or a time of Employers believe—apparently rightrosperity lie ahead?

This feeling is based on two things. And we must have expansion. Every week soldiers are being demobly, that prices are bound to fall. The ilized by the ten thousand. Every Let me try to answer the question, high war figures cannot be kept up, week, armies of soldiers' families not by propounding any theory, but While prices are falling, the costs of are arriving from Europe. There is by an exact statement of the facts of the industrial situation, as I saw them from end to end of the Dominion.

Farming, Canada's greatest indus—

While prices are tailing, the costs of are arriving from Europe. There is production are still on the same high war level. Naturally and inevitably, they arrive. In Toronto today the wives of returned men are paying not going to turn out goods at war five dollars a week for single, uncost of production to sell at pre-war furnished rooms. In some places the prices. try, is more prosperous than ever out that so far as the average work- this does not so much matter. The

before, I did not come across a single ing man is concerned, the cost of living man is concerned, the cost of living ing is still at the war level. Rents are higher than ever before, clothing shows no reduction. "More than the end of the six months? The man who imagines that the remarks the year a record one. Fruit growers coined money. One apple has acquired a new standard of company to make the year a record one apple has acquired a new standard of company numbers, or will settle in small to the first standard of company numbers, or will settle in small to the first standard of company numbers, or will settle in small to the standard of company numbers, or will settle in small to the standard of company numbers, or will settle in small to the standard of company numbers, or will settle in small to the standard of company numbers, or will settle in small to the standard of company numbers. grower in Okanagan showed me his fort. He is not willing to go back to towns, is an uninformed optimist. A the old life. Wages must not go few of the single returned men are down."



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This problem to employment tomorrow is essentially the problem of the returned soldier. The two hundred thousand people directly or in-directly employed in munitions production and other war work in Canada were easily absorbed. Many of the women workers had only taken up war tasks from patriotic motives; they naturally went home again. Some of the works were ready to re-sume normal business. Industry everywhere was crying for them. No-where did I find the least difficulty in taking these people back to normal life. But the very re-absorption of these makes it the more difficult to find room for the returned soldier. In. my travels I found in place after place returned soldiers seeking land and not finding it, seeking work and not finding it. The skilled mechanic, the trained man, finds plenty to do. But a large number of our younger men are trained in nothing but fighting. Yet they are tired of purely manual work. They do not want to be laborers. They do not want to be farmers. What openings are found for them

The starting and renewal of hig public works will absorb many for the summer. The war bonuses will keep all during the summer in com-fort. But the real problem will start in the autumn. The time to start preparing for that autumn problem

How? By an organized and sys-tematic drive, public and private, to increase the essential production of ing, lumber and the like-are de-corn, instantly that corn stops hurt- the country. Canada to-day is amazpressed. Many of the producing ing, then you lift it right out. Yes, ingly prosperous. Money is superplants were left at the armistice with magic!

abundant. Our people are not feeling enormous stocks. I saw a million A tiny bottle of Freezone costs the burden of the war like most of pounds of lead at Trail waiting a but a few cents at any drug store, the nations of the world. When I ourchaser. The demand for nickel but is sufficient to remove every hard contrast the conditions of life of the has slumped so that the largest plant corn, soft corn, or corn between the average family here and in England, t Sudbury was employing 950 men toes, and the calluses, without sore- I am amazed at the contrast. In when I was there recently in place ness or irritation.

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England the citizen is drained by enormous taxes; and heavy rates of Nova Scotia have sufficient orders ery of a Cincinnati genius. It is pays twelve cents out of every dollar

pays twelve cents out of every dollar he earns in income tax. He does not own his house, but rents it; his rent is often a sixth of his income, and he has to pay further one-third as much as his rent in rates—local taxes; his children go, almost of necessity, to private schools, for few people out-side the working classes send their children to the public schools. Good private schools are very costly. In Canada, the average father of a family is saving substantial sums sach year; in England the average father of a family counts himself fortunate in there times if at the end of the year he has been able to break even

Canada has the money Every extra acre of land broken this year is going to be an insurance against distress in the autumn, for the world will still be seeking a year hence all the food we can give it. A revision of the present official regu-lations and limitations for assisting the building of small homes would help to lessen the housing problem, of which much more will be heard in the months ahead. There are a hun-dred small industries that could be started to-morrow in many parts of the country, to the universal benefit Many things that are imported coul-

be made at home. When war came, the people o Canada got together and tackled the issues ahead. Plenty of mistakes were made, but things were done Fo-day we are too apt to think the we can leave the new issues to th selves or can leave the officials take care of them. If we do, Canada will find herself faced within a year with distress and growing labor un-rest. Officialism, even Canadian of ficialism, is too slow, too cumbe Mark and mail the coupen and find out-# and too hindered by favoritism. meet the crisis alone. The cr NTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS but a World or alone a Canadia it easier than any other nation. With out it-heaven help us. -F. A. MCKENZIE.

> "Who can follow the reasoning of a child," remarked Dr. Brougher th other day. "Their logic is sim and straightforward, and sometim the grown-ups are put to it to an swer their questions. Like tha propounded by an urchin in Sunda

"Yes, Willie, of course they do."
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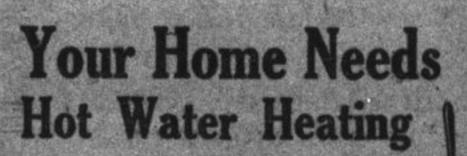
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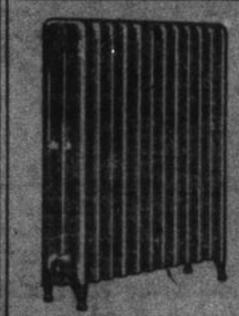
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