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A drop of from four to six cents per pound in the price of bacon is forecasted for the coming week. The work of the Board of Commerce seems to be having some effect on prices.

The other cities which are being visited by the Prince of Wales are proclaiming a general holiday for the day of his visit. Even although it is on a Saturday, the same should be done when he visits Kingston.

The Australian government has fixed the price for wheat in that country at \$1.25 a bushel. At that price it would be cheaper to import Australian wheat into Canada than to use the home product, which has a fixed price of a dollar more.

The Board of Commerce proposes to bring down prices "inch by inch." As they are away up in the air at present, the rate of reduction must be faster than that if they are to come down to a reasonable figure during the present generation.

Every Allied general has so far given all the credit for the victory to the men in the ranks. They realize that their plans would have been useless but for the splendid heroism and initiative of the men who carried them to a successful conclusion.

The attendance at the New York State fair at Syracuse has broken all records. As this seems to be a record-breaking year, it is hoped that Kingston's fair will also go to the limit and add one more to the list of new records.

It is only natural that Britain should demand the lion's share of the German ships to be given up to the Allies. Her losses in shipping would not be half made good even if she were to receive all the surrendered merchant vessels.

The member of parliament for Qu'Appelle wishes to put restrictions on the length of addresses in the house. Perhaps he is one of those who are very seldom able to catch the speaker's eye, and wants to have a chance to get a word in.

In his speech at Winnipeg, the Prince of Wales said that all classes and parties must stand together for the great work of rebuilding Canada. If he goes on making speeches like this, it would be a good plan to invite him to join the Canadian cabinet as Minister of Reconstruction.

The statement made by R. J. MacMillan, the U.F.O. orator of Seaford, that the payrolls of the Canadian Overseas Force had been padded by the extent of thirty million dollars must be either substantiated or retracted. These are the things which do a great deal to cause unrest and dissatisfaction throughout the country.

A delegate to the national convention of retail clothiers in the United States said, "Lower prices are on the way, and we clothiers will sing the loudest when the change comes." We are ready to bet that the man who has not been misled into buying large stocks of clothing by the talk of rising prices will crow the loudest of all.

The principal reason for the high cost of living at present, according to various authorities, is the high cost of labour. Every time tradesmen of any kind get an increase in wages, up goes the price of his pro-

duct. Then why blame the farmer if he also asks for a higher wage, especially when he can have no hope of having an eight-hour day, nor even a twelve-hour day at some seasons?

THE KINGSTON VETERANS' DECISION.

After a very turbulent meeting, which at times required all the tact and good humor of the chairman to prevent it developing into a rabble, the Great War Veterans of Kingston on Saturday evening passed a resolution which was not in favor of a gratuity of \$2,000 for each veteran of the war. The resolution adopted was the famous compromise resolution passed at the Dominion convention of the G.W.V.A. at Vancouver, and it provides for the payment of cash bonuses to men who require assistance to re-establish themselves securely and happily in civil life. The veterans of Kingston have shown themselves to be wise and sane men, with no desire to impose any demands upon the country's resources which might be considered a menace to its prosperity, and the president especially comes in for a large amount of credit for the manner in which he handled a very difficult situation. The resolution passed, while calling for further financial assistance for the returned men, did not imitate the mistake made by the Toronto veterans, in that it did not stipulate any sum to be demanded from the government. The wisdom of this decision was shown by the statement made by the minister of justice that the government would not be intimidated by the veterans' demands for \$2,000. The policy adopted by an almost unanimous vote of the Kingston G.W.V.A. leaves their interests in the hands of their own elected dominion executive, all of whom are strong men of a type who will not permit of any falling down of the government on the subject of proper re-establishment of every man who made the sacrifice entailed by donning the khaki garb of the army and giving up his civilian career. The people of Canada are behind them in this. There is not a citizen who would wish to have these men suffer needlessly because of their service overseas, and the reparation to be made will be limited only by the ability of the country to make reparation. The Kingston veterans chose well the line they will adopt, and their action will bring out once more the fact that they are a body of soldiers who are still fighting for the best interests of Canada might be upheld.

A GREAT ORGANIZATION.

The presence in our city during the week-end of a visiting deputation from the Canadian Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society brings to our attention some interesting facts concerning that greatest of all Christian organizations. Established in the year 1804, its founders and promoters set before themselves the stupendous task of giving to every man a copy of the Christian Scriptures in his mother tongue. This task involves not only the translation and frequent revision of the Bible, but very frequently the reducing of languages to writing before translation can be undertaken. For this the society has secured the ripest scholarship, with the result that in many tongues the purest form of literature is that contained in the translations of the Scriptures. The enormity of the completed task on such translation and revision may be realized by noting that the ordinary English Bible covers from 1,000 to 1,200 pages of closely written matter, and that already the whole Bible has been translated into 134 languages or dialects, the New Testament into 110 additional and some portion of the Word into 517 tongues. It issues over 9,000,000 copies of the Scripture each year.

The society is sources of supply from which almost all of the great missionary societies draw their editions of the Scriptures, and it endeavours to relieve the missionary societies of all financial responsibility for the production and distribution of the same. It further aims at selling the Scriptures at such a price that the very poorest can buy, with the result that sales only cover about thirty-two per cent. of the cost of production. To supply missionary bodies with the Scriptures they need makes large demands upon the Bible Society. Last year China alone demanded three million copies and India a million and a quarter. For this the church needs to contribute ten per cent. of the amount asked for missions to guarantee through the society this supply.

It will be of interest to the people of Kingston to know that the first translation of the Scripture into the society was that of the Mohawk, made by the Rev. John Stuart, whose remains lie in St. Paul's churchyard, and to whose memory there is a tablet in St. George's cathedral. We bespeak for the work of this grand organization the liberal support of all the church people of Kingston.

UNNECESSARY EXPENDITURE.

During the last week much has been heard as to the ability of the country to pay any further bonus or gratuity to the veterans of the war. The plea has been put forward that the country cannot afford to do so.

But yet this poverty-stricken condition does not prevent the expenditure of millions of money on matters which are not at all necessary, or at least which could be done with a great deal less trouble and expense. Take for example the trouble and expense of preparing voters' lists for the referendum and the provincial elections, and for the dominion elections. This was a task which entailed a tremendous amount of work. First of all the Ontario provincial government ordered a new list to be prepared. This has been done, after a fashion, at a cost of hundreds of thousands of dollars to the province. And it was not done efficiently. In London over two thousand names were left off the list. In Kingston we were more fortunate, only between four and five hundred names being omitted. But this shows the fallacy of having this work done by green hands.

Now the provincial list is practically ready, when an order comes from Ottawa to prepare a dominion voters' list. This will be done by registration. Tremendous expense will be incurred, and in doing work which is simply a duplication of the work that has just been completed. The whole business is simply shameless waste.

Why cannot these voters' lists be kept ready from year to year as the municipal voters' lists are prepared? The work could be done by the same officials, who are men situated in their own municipality and who know the persons who are entitled to vote and who are not. They could easily keep up the provincial and dominion lists by adding the names of those entitled to vote in these elections only to the municipal voters' list. Such a scheme would do away with the necessity of having to engage a large and costly staff of enumerators every time a new list is desired. At a time when the government is complaining that it cannot afford to give relief to our veterans, it seems to us that this is one direction in which they can save money.

PUBLIC OPINION

Conditional Piety.
(Correspondence, Denver Post)
The Leesville Bible class meets every Wednesday night unless there is a good show in town.

Public Confidence.
(London Free Press)
The returned soldiers' button stamps the wearer as one in whom his fellow-citizens have confidence. That is a fact that the wearer must not lose sight of.

Clubs.
(New York Life)
Sweet Young Thing—Why do men join clubs?
Sour Old Dub—Well, some join because they have no other homes and some because they have.

Quality Better Than Size.
(Toronto Star)
Toronto's population is within a few hundred of 500,000. A decade ago it was only 350,000, a quarter century ago, 165,000; a half century ago, 50,000. Nevertheless, "How much better is Toronto?" is a more important question than "How much bigger is Toronto?"
It's easy to find fault where it isn't.

Rippling Rhymes

USELESS NOISE
The prices still are soaring, but noise won't bring them down; not all our frenzied roaring will cheapen tactics vain, and ask our neighbors whether we can't do something sane. The prices have been speeded until our hearts are sore; and sanity is needed more now than e'er before. We must be sane and thoughtful if we would lay it clear, our vengeful hands and swatful upon the profiteer. No vain and rapid ranting, no anarchistic wheeze, will bring the robbers panting upon their stilled knees. We must be calm and sober, an earnest, quiet troop, or long before October we'll all be in the soup. While we remain excited the profiteers will say, "These delegates he blighted are easy marks to flay. While they are raising thunder, and standing things on end, we have a chance to plunder that quiet wouldn't lead." The pirates profiteering will hear their passing knell, when we are done caring and raising merry Halifax. So let us go together, and cease our riots vain, and ask our neighbors whether we can't do something sane.
—WALT MASON.

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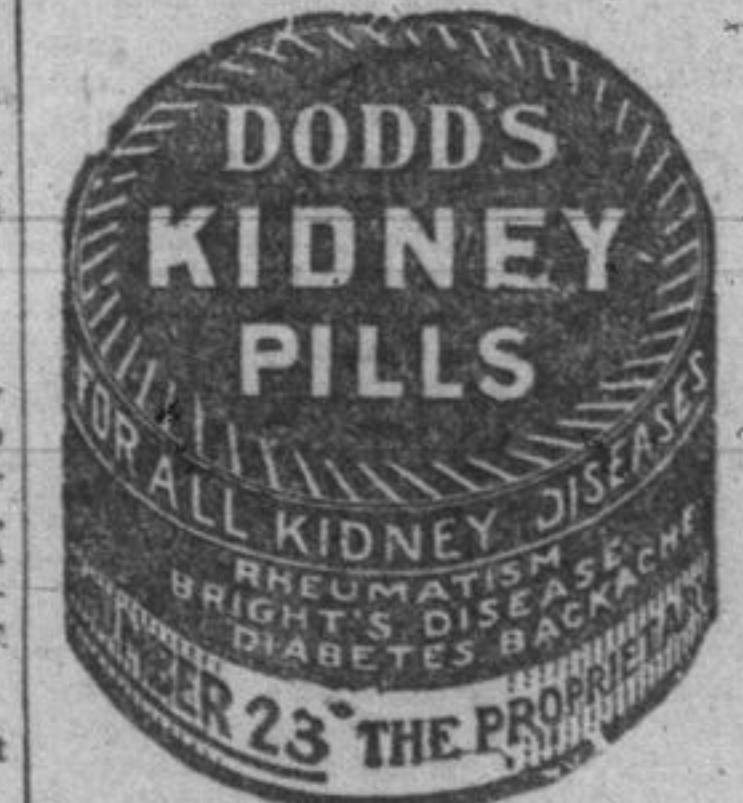
THE SIEGE OF QUEBEC
When Generals Wolfe and Montcalm fell in the battle of the Plains of Abraham on Sept. 13 the commands of the two armies passed into new hands. General Townsend became chief of the British force; the French force had a division regarding its leadership. Vaudreuil, it is claimed, insisted upon commanding the French in the emergency. One of his first acts was to order the heading flight to Jacques Cartier. But in the City of Quebec, into which the remnant of the proud armies of France had retreated, the commander was General Ramsay. He was in a terrible plight. Only recently had he left a sick-bed, but his heart was as stout as his body was weak. So while others were talking of surrender on the three days following the battle, he prepared for the siege of Quebec. He knew it would be the next enterprise the British would undertake. He had little food, the people were panic-stricken, Quebec was crowded with refugees and his arms and equipment were poor and meagre. But he was ready to fight the enemies of France. He had great hopes, however, of being able to hold out until assistance would arrive from Montreal, and so with a brave heart—at least outwardly, with a heroic spirit—he prepared for the fight with the victors of the Plains. That was his work on September 16.



JAMES W. McLEOD
Resident of Cornwall Township, who has been nominated by the Liberal party to contest the provincial riding of Cornwall and Stormont in the approaching elections.

Foch Seeks Son's Body.
Paris, Sept. 16.—Marshal Foch has recently asked the Belgian government to have a search made for the body of his son, who was killed in August, 1914, in the Belgian Ardennes.

Marshal Foch has religiously refrained from mentioning his lost son, and few knew that the younger Foch was killed early in the war.



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