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There is little prospect that there will be any reduction in the prices of vegetables and garden truck next year. Now is the time to make preparations for the home garden for next summer in order to beat the cost of living.

The automobile thief in both the city and the country is fast becoming a decided menace. Most frequently he escapes capture and punishment, because the chances are all in his favor. This is all the more reason why he should be written.

This week will decide whether or not the Unionist party is to become a permanent feature in Canadian political life, but it will be left to the electors at the next general election to decide whether it is to be the party in power or not.

The Board of Commerce expects that its order regarding hog products will reduce the prices by from two to eight cents a pound. We accept that with a pinch of salt, having been fooled by previous rumours of price reductions in this same commodity.

The Board of Commerce has ordered that prices of pork and other hog products must be reduced to the price levels of last March. That leaves a big loophole for the merchants, and the consumers will perhaps find little advantage from this order.

The Board of Commerce has elicited the fact that pears which are selling at one dollar a basket in Toronto could not find a market at thirty cents a basket in Oakville, less than an hour's run distant by train. In this case it does not look as if the producer was the profiteer.

The present session of Parliament is costing the country approximately fifty dollars an hour. Some of the long-winded members of the house can now figure out how much the country is paying for the privilege of allowing them to make lengthy speeches on unimportant questions.

A school near Madoc has come into prominence by a demonstration of its system of providing hot lunches for the children. This is a movement which will soon be found in every rural school in Ontario, for it is a great step forward in educational matters.

Under the present system of paying gratuities to returned soldiers, a private who is married receives a maximum of \$600, while generals receive sums ranging from \$2,700 to nearly \$3,000. From this it would appear that the man in greatest need of assistance towards re-establishment receives the least assistance.

English railways, from the opening of the war down to the end of 1918, showed an actual net loss of about \$119,000,000. For the present year it is estimated that the charge on the public for government operation will run to about \$370,000,000. This record, with its parallel in the United States, does not augur well for government ownership of railways in Canada.

EDUCATIONAL CHANGES. Under the regime of the Hon. Dr. Coady many important changes are being made in the educational policy of the province of Ontario. The newest change is contained in an order issued to school principals and teachers that they must ease up on

the amount of home work given to the students in high schools, continuation schools and collegiate institutions. This is a change which will meet with the approval of the pupils, and to a large extent to the parents whose children have in the past been overburdened with home study and set tasks for home work. The old maxim that all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy is still true, and it is well that the department of education has recognized that it is unwise to load up the pupils with home studies to the curtailment of their hours of play and leisure. Several other changes in the lessons given have been made, all of them with the purpose of making the work of educating the children less complicated and hard to grasp. These changes are welcomed as progressive movements at a time when even education has to be made intensive and easily assimilated.

WHAT WAS DONE WITH THE LAST VICTORY LOAN.

At the present time, when we are almost on the eve of the launching of the 1919 Victory Loan, many people are anxious to know what was done with the six hundred million dollars which was raised in the same manner about a year ago. They are certainly entitled to this information, which is very enlightening, and which should make it clear that the success of the coming loan is necessary to enable the country to carry on its financing as efficiently as it has done in the past.

Of the amount raised last year \$66,000,000 was spent in advances to purchase, wholly in Canada, wheat, foodstuffs and other supplies for Great Britain, and in war and demobilization expenses in Canada prior to the signing of the armistice. A further sum of \$190,000,000 was advanced to Great Britain for the purchase in Canada of wheat, foodstuffs and other supplies, including interest payments due by the Imperial government to Canadian banks for one hundred million dollars advanced by them for munitions expenditure in Canada. A sum of \$8,200,000 was advanced to other Allied countries for the purchase in Canada of raw materials, foodstuffs and manufactured products. A grant of nine million dollars was made to the Halifax Relief Fund. War Service gratuities ate up \$57,000,000, and the remaining \$276,000,000 was spent in war and demobilization expenditure in Canada.

It will be noticed that every cent of this loan was spent in Canada, and provided the means whereby Canada was kept busy during a very critical period. The same assistance is even more necessary now than it was a year ago, for it is predicted that there is a serious winter ahead of the country. Canada cannot possibly carry on financially unless the people "come across" in the 1919 Victory Loan Campaign. They can be assured of a safe investment, at a rate of interest which makes it very attractive, and in addition they will be doing their share to keep Canada on the right track towards prosperity and efficient reconstruction, which is much needed at the present time.

MEASURING THE STUDENT'S THINKING POWER.

The fact that college students are entering universities this autumn on a basis of psychological tests does not seem to have upset the academic world so greatly as some people feared. The list of institutions which have already adopted these tests, first officially endorsed by Columbia University, New York, is already an imposing one, and it will undoubtedly grow. While the public looks somewhat askance at the idea of asking a student "catch questions," and then basing his college entrance—largely in part, at least—on his ability to find his way out of these verbal traps, the educational world long ago accustomed itself to the use of these methods. The science of intelligence measuring has made great strides during the war, aided by the practical experience which numbers of college psychologists had in the army camps; and to-day the grade of intelligence of any child above the age of three or four years can be determined with a high degree of exactness.

Every one has been waiting for the war to do great things to our communal life. "The reconstruction period" has been a magic phrase to denote a charmed period wherein every reformer has fondly hoped that his pet idea would be introduced and would promptly make the universe over. In no field have such reformers been more enthusiastic in their prognostications than in education. Old methods were to be swept away. The talent of Teutonic scholasticism in the colleges was to be annihilated. The schools of the "reconstruction period" were to train better citizens for more usefulness in the newer, finer community. These ideas have so far found little fulfillment. The curricula of most institutions remain about as they were. The introduction of psychological tests is, therefore, one of the few concrete reforms which may be said to have grown out of the war. Since these tests will unquestionably result in weeding out many hopelessly bad thinkers, and thereby enable attention to be concentrated upon the

better material, they are by so much a net gain. But as the chief villain of the great after-war revolution in education, this development is not very exciting.

STRONG FOR PATRONAGE

DR. J. W. EDWARDS OF FRONTENAC FAVORS IT

Claims That the Commission Has All It Can Attend To In Connection With the Inside Service.

Dr. J. W. Edwards of Frontenac was strong for patronage in discussing the civil service reform bill in the Commons. He was unalterably opposed to the principle of the bill in so far as it applied to the outside Civil Service. He contended it had been amply demonstrated that the Commission had more than it could attend to in connection with the inside service. He thought the principle of the bill was "illogical, unfair and absolutely unreasonable." Dr. Edwards characterized the Chicago men brought by the Government at great expense as "so-called experts," and said a committee of Canadians could have been chosen by the Deputy Ministers who would have given a more reasonable and just classification. He complained that the Customs Depart-

LONGEVITY INCREASED

Half of Ailments Under Seventy Preventable.

New York, Oct. 4.—Fifty per cent. of the ailments from which persons under 70 years of age suffer are preventable and should be prevented, declared Sir Arthur Newsholme, formerly principal medical officer of the Local Government Board of England, in addressing the Academy of Medicine here tonight. Sir Arthur said that as a result of governmental effort in connection with the medical fraternity, the average longevity of men and women in England has been increased between eleven and twelve years in the last decade.

The residence on Wilson street, Perth, owned by Dr. A. R. Walsh, Winnipeg, has been purchased by Mrs. Thos. Buchanan.

Rippling Rhymes

GIVE A LIFT.

When I'm chugging in my motor, up and down the countryside, and behold a weary voter, I remark, "Get in and ride." And he always looks so grateful that, in sooth, I wonder why any man should be so hateful as to pass a walker by. All day long the cars so skittering up and down the dusty pike, and few drivers are inviting weary Pete or footsore Mike; and these weary men are heaping curses on the idle rich, as from danger they go leaping to the bottom of a ditch. I repeat this simple motto, as along the road I drift: "When you're riding in your auto, give the weary jay a lift." Oh, my car is large and roomy, seven delegates 'twill seat, and I call the pilgrims to me, saying, "Ride and rest your feet." And it fills my heart with gladness, and it makes my bosom glow, when I rescue from their sadness seven delegates or so. In my car I'm grand and stately, like a monarch on his throne, but I'd loathe and hate me greatly, if I rode in there through their leaking bellows, weeping o'er their aching feet. I keep saying while I'm skidding in my wagon large and swift, "Selfishness is most forbidding—give the other chap a lift."

—WALT MASON.

What Doctors Use for Eczema

A soothing combination of oil of Wintergreen, Thymol, and other healing ingredients called D.D.D. Prescription is now a favorite remedy of skin specialists for all skin diseases. It penetrates the pores, gives instant relief from the most distressing skin diseases. Mahood's Drug Store, Kingston.



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SIMPLEX COMBINATION RANGE advertisement by BUNT'S HARDWARE, King St., featuring a damper that changes over for gas or coal.

DAVID SCOTT Plumber advertisement, 145 Frontenac street, Phone 1277.

OUR HOT WATER BAGS advertisement by DR. CHOWN'S DRUG STORE, 185 PRINCESS STREET, PHONE 343.

BUTTER WRAPPING PAPER advertisement, Stock Printing, "Choice Dairy Butter," 1,000, \$2.85; 5,000, \$12.00; 10,000, \$23.00.

FARMS FOR SALE advertisement listing various farm properties with prices, T.J. Lockhart, Real Estate and Insurance, CLARENCE STREET, Phone 1035W. or 1707J.

Lake Ontario Trout and Whitefish, Fresh Sea Salmon, Haddock, Halibut and Cod. DOMINION FISH CO., Canada Foo. Board License No. 9-3246.

Direct Importations advertisement by Jas. REDDEN & Co., Phones 20 and 900, featuring KIILLER'S MARMALADE.

DELAWARE LACKAWANNA and WESTERN RAILROADS CELEBRATED SCRANTON COAL advertisement, The Standard Anthracite, Chief Distributor for Kingston.

Crawford advertisement, Foot of Queen St., Phone 9, featuring a notice about Miss Lillian and Lola Madden returning to Napanee Saturday.