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Canada needs a vast national working capital. The Victory Loan will provide it. Get ready to support the loan.

"Among the memorable dates in history," wrote a boy, "was Antony's date with Cleopatra."—Boston Transcript.

The opposition to the Grand Trunk deal is both strong and widespread. It may yet force the government to go to the country on this question.

Lord Fisher gives as the secret of a happy life that he never argues, contradicts, explains or apologizes. Such a man ought to make a model husband.

Social regeneration by means of the statute book, instead of the gospel, is the endeavor of the present day. It never has been and never can be effective.

The miners who demand a five-hour day have not yet explained how they justify their stand in the face of the Divine command: "six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work."

The adoption of the metric system of weights and measures and a uniform decimal system of currency for the British Empire is being advocated. Both reforms are long overdue.

Building permits in Kingston, for the first nine months of the year, show an increase of \$219,910 over the same period last year. This growth indicates a healthy condition of affairs in the building line.

At Kansas City 350 persons sought release from the marriage bond at a single court session. How long can society, which is founded upon the home, endure in a country which presents such a record as this?

The leader of the Nationalist party in Turkey scores one against the Christian nations when he says: "There is no drunkenness or thievery in Turkey. That is more than many civilized nations are able to claim."

Remembering his experience with government ownership of railways during the war, Premier Lloyd George tells the miners, who demand nationalization of the coal mines of England, that there would be no saving in expense, that state ownership tended to kill enterprise and initiative, while an increase in wages and shorter hours would militate against an increase in output. Such facts are stubborn things to argue against.

CIVIC DEFICIT COMING. According to the city auditor the Council will face a deficit of between \$15,000 and \$20,000 at the end of the year. This represents about a mill and a quarter in taxes. During 1917 and 1918, the council had small surpluses, because economy was the watchword, in view of war conditions. But the time had to come when the roads, which had been neglected, would require larger expenditures, and 1919 was the year when a start had to be made in general repairs. No provision whatever was made for this when the council struck its budget last March. The Board of Works took what was left, when all other civic committees had been provided for. In other words 2 1/2 mills of taxation was not sufficient to meet the needs of the municipality. To have met all ex-

penses, thirty-one mills would have been required. Owing to building operations having been at a standstill during the past four years, the assessment has increased very little, and accordingly the civic revenue has not been sufficient without yearly tax increases. The assessment this year does not show any notable increase, and therefore, another year must elapse before an increase in the assessment will show itself in the taxes. It would appear, therefore, that Kingston's tax rate for 1920 would be over thirty mills, for road repairs must be continued.

MONEY A VITAL FORCE.

Surplus profits or earnings may be made a living force or a dead and stagnant one according to the way they are applied. Money invested in Victory Bonds in the past has proven a vital instrument in building up Canada's trade and thereby showering the benefits of prosperity on everyone. It has done a great deal more than that; it has enabled Canada to make a military effort that has covered her name with immortal glory; it has enabled her to deal with the returned soldiers during demobilization on a scale of generosity unequalled anywhere. If this money had been hoarded or wasted there would be no such story to tell.

In offering the 1919 Victory Loan to the people of Canada, the Government and the multitude of salesmen who will be enlisted in the cause, can point to an investment that will serve as a living—indeed a moral force; conferring great benefits on the community at large, and yielding a handsome return for the thrift of the investor. It will be used to complete the re-establishment of the soldier along lines that will make him an asset to the country; and also finance great purchases of Canada's products by Great Britain and European countries. It will keep Canada in the forefront of the world's progress and contribute to national happiness and contentment.

EIGHT HOURS FOR FARMERS.

"No individual who calls himself a man ought to object to working ten hours a day," was the remark a farmer made to the Whig a few days ago. That, in his opinion, constituted only a fair day's work. He did not, of course, understand conditions as they prevailed in some of the big industries. Here men are called upon to perform manual labor of a character that imposes a terrible physical strain, and even eight hours of continuous work is bound to impair their health. They are not privileged to perform their hard tasks in the open air and the bright sunlight as the farmer does.

Addressing the Industrial Conference, now sitting at Washington, O. E. Bradfute, of Xenia, O., demanded that the farmer ought also to have an eight-hour day, or extra pay for overtime. Commenting upon this, the New York World says that the conference might have replied: "Certainly, help yourself."

No one in particular is stopping the individual farmer from declaring an eight-hour day or a six-hour day. No farmer has any boss against whom he can strike for shorter hours but his own pocketbook; and what that contains is, in time of peace, decided by the world market and the law of supply and demand.

The word "farmer" itself has no exact industrial meaning. The large farmer is chiefly a capitalist and employer; the small farmer a laborer and capitalist in combination; and the hours and conditions of each differ with the region. In the season of the chief "money crop" most farmers work long hours. The rest of the year things go more easily. Taking all farmers together, it is quite possible that they do not average more than eight hours of actual work the year through. The farmer cannot be compared with any other worker. His life is the most fate-bound in grim determinism; he is at the constant mercy of weather, insects, market conditions, which no man and no government can control. In another sense his is the freest life; his hours are what he makes them.

PUBLIC OPINION

No Limit. (Sedalia Capital) The only thing agitators haven't asked for is the shortening of the speaking day.

Gets From Under. (Miami Herald) Whatever may happen to the former Kaiser, he has fixed it so that he will not have to pay any part of Germany's indemnity.

Wonderful Vitality. (Syracuse Post-Standard) The President has passed the crisis—the crisis being the time when he had five doctors looking after him.

Let Her Go To It. (Brooklyn Eagle) Germany's billion-dollar lottery scheme to sell bonds bearing no interest, payable before final redemption is worthy of Latin ingenuity. Nor is it to be discouraged. The Allies can invest any money that Germany may raise to good advantage.

Substitutes for Strikes. (Buffalo Express) The printers' strike in New York has demonstrated that magazines can be published without typesetting by simply photographing the manuscript. The next railroad strike, if one ever should come, will show that

the motor truck has made the country fairly independent of railroads. If coal miners keep raising their demands from year to year, business will be forced to develop enough electric power so it can dispense with coal, and if the steel strike is too persistent somebody will invent a new combination of elements which will put steel making among the abandoned trades.

What Is the Solution?

(Boston Herald) One of the remarkable facts brought out by the inquiry being conducted by the board of commerce in Toronto is that while pears are selling at \$1 a basket on the market in Toronto, an Oakville grower complained he could not find a market at 50 cents a basket for his pears. There are no transportation problems in that district. It is by no means an isolated case. While apples are a luxury here this year, the growers farther north complain that they have no market for them. "That man O'Connor" ought to be able to find a solution.

Considering Posterity.

(Toronto World) H. C. Hocken, M.P., has good grounds for his observation that Montreal and Toronto would be all the better of having 200,000 apiece fewer people in their population. The difficulty is one that cannot be overcome by wishing. Cities grow up or grow down in a new country like ours. Whether it be desirable or not it is impossible to set bounds to the growth of a city like Toronto. There is the law of city location which sets a great plexus of humanity at all the crossroads of the world. Toronto is such a centre and a hundred years from now in normal circumstances Toronto will be a Chicago, a Paris, a Petrograd, as the case may be. There are too few of the city fathers and of the people considering such a development, but the plans and preparations that would be good for the third generation hence would be equally good and advantageous for the people of today. It pays to consider posterity.

Rippling Rhymes

Now some gifted men are telling of the life on 't'other shore, where our vanished friends are dwelling, knowing sorrow never more. Messages from soul-departed come across the silent void, and the dead seem cherry-hearted, at their useful tasks employed. And the news seems fine and dandy, that in realms beyond the stars shades still have their suds and brandy, and are not denied cigars. Men of world-wide reputation, Savant Lodge and Author Doyle, with ghosts held conversation, at the hour of midnight oil. Phantoms told what they were doing in the land where time is not, told of chores they were pursuing, and of fun that lit the spot. Nothing that they've said enlightens, clears the mystery of doom; nothing that they hand us brightens any aspect of the tomb. Johnnie dies and goes to Auldern and he talks with mortals here, but the things he says are laden with the piffle atmosphere. I would hail with veneration any clear and vibrant word, any honest revelation that's not trifling or absurd.

—WALT MASON.

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With life so safe and so well regulated as it is now in all parts of Canada it is difficult to conceive of times when only by constant care was there any safety. Such times, however, existed in the early days of the land. This is the way they lived for instance in the old Hudson's Bay forests as an early author describes it. The trading posts on the Pacific coast were mostly square, surrounded by tall palisades, flanked by bastions, armed with six pounders and twelve pounders cannonades with cartridges, round shot and grape always ready for action. Around the insides of the palisades was a gallery the platform of which was about four and a half feet below the palisades. At intervals were sockets for mounting the old blunderbusses on swivels. Each gate was ten feet wide and twelve feet high made of stout planks and heavily bolted together. The top of the palisades was eighteen feet above the ground and consisted of heavy logs fitted closely together. The watchman had to walk around the fort once each hour, then mount the gallery and cry "All's Well." The ordinary movements within the fort were regulated by the bell which rang all to work at five thirty each morning. Strict discipline was enforced and all hands, irrespective of their particular religion, had to attend service each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock in the officer's mess room. The service was read by the officer in charge it was the Church of England order that was used no matter what the particular faith of the commander might be. Besides carrying on the fur trade the Company raised horses, cattle sheep and other stock. It had large mills and exported flour, grain, beef, pork and blubber to the Russian settlements in Alaska and hides and wool to England.

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