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Christmas is still a few weeks away, but the wise ones will begin their Christmas shopping right away to avoid the rush later on.

Those who cashed Victory Bond interest coupons this week could not do better than invest the money in war savings stamps. They are a splendid investment and on a par with Victory Bonds.

The debate on the report of the re-establishment committee takes place in the House of Commons next Monday. The result will be eagerly watched by veterans and their friends all over the Dominion.

The Victory Loan figures for the whole of Canada are ahead of last year's efforts, but so far Kingston is away behind. Subscribers must get busy to save the splendid reputation of this city.

Now that we have a farmer premier and a farmer government, perhaps it would be in keeping with the spirit of the times to have a farmer lieutenant-governor to succeed the present holder of the office.

The election of a farmers' government in Canada would probably see the end of oleomargarine importation and manufacture. That is something to be considered in these days when butter is so high in price.

It is going to cost \$276,000 to reorganize the Government Printing Bureau in Ottawa. It would probably be far cheaper to abolish the institution. And no one would feel the loss, except perhaps the waste-paper baskets in newspaper offices.

The little town of Oshawa has already subscribed over half a million dollars to the Victory Loan. Kingston must not be put in the shade by her smaller neighbors, and the only way to avoid that is to subscribe liberally.

While manual laborers are striking for higher wages owing to the high cost of living, the salaried professional man has to be content with his old salary. This class is the one which is hit hardest by exorbitant living costs.

There has been an epidemic of church receptions to the returned soldiers during the past month. That makes us wonder when the civic reception promised by the finance committee early in the year is to take place.

Some of the members of the House of Commons, on hearing of the successes of the Farmers' party, announced their intention of buying farms, so as to become eligible as farmers' candidates. But we are afraid that this is an exception to the rule that a rose by any other name would smell as sweet.

Ottawa is making arrangements to have the question of a memorial hall in honor of the fallen heroes presented to the people at the next election. All that Kingston has done in the question of a memorial is to have a meeting promised to discuss the matter, but this meeting has not yet taken place.

Under the present system of franchise distribution the farmers have the edge on every other class of citizens in the matter of representation. On a population basis the cities should have more members

than they have. It seems rather unwise to let anyone class have the advantage in this day.

The New York Sun says, "When it is known that these striking miners demand a working period of twenty-five or thirty hours a week and an increase in pay of sixty per cent., sympathy for their cause is liable to suffer considerable shrinkage." There is a whole lot of truth in that to the man who has to pay high prices for his coal supply.

It seems rather strange that the country should have enough money to finance the purchase of the Grand Trunk Railway system and yet cannot afford to give further re-establishment to its soldiers. Perhaps the Minister of Finance can explain the consistency of his statements as to the country's ability or inability to provide for the disabled and needy veterans and the widows and orphans.

THE DESERTED VILLAGE.
When the Prince of Wales wanted a real rest he travelled all the way from Montreal to Toronto to secure it. Which goes to show that Canada has a deserted village all its own, where a man may not even buy a postage stamp on a Sunday. The prince has discovered, like many another individual, that Toronto is not a bad place to sleep in.

A FLYING VISIT.
The king and queen of Belgium regret their inability to visit Canada, says the Toronto Star. They might have made a flying visit. Quite a few Canadians flew over Belgium during the late unpleasantness. In fact, on the basis of population, the Canadian airmen did more for the cause of Belgium—and of humanity in general—than any other nation on earth. Knowing that fact, we can overlook the failure of the Belgian royal couple to visit this dominion.

AUTO THIEVES.
Canadians will be interested in learning that a bill has been introduced in the United States Congress providing a \$5,000 fine and five years' imprisonment for stealing an automobile. This may seem severe, but it is much milder than the penalty meted out on horse thieves. And something must certainly be done to curb automobile thefts. Nearly every day the news despatches tell of cars stolen in broad daylight, and very few of the thieves are brought to justice. The owners of cars should insist that the government take steps to give them some measure of protection.

THE COAL SUPPLY.
According to a statement issued by Sir George Foster we have been assured from Washington of an adequate supply of coal notwithstanding the strike in the United States. This is not the first time, remarks the Montreal Herald, that we have received a friendly assurance of this kind from our big neighbor, and, of course, we appreciate it and stand ready to reciprocate. The president of the Privy Council, Hon. N. W. Rowell, is at Washington, watching our interests, we are informed from Ottawa. We are also told by the United Mine Workers of America that Cape Breton coal will not be available for the warships of the United States.

It seems to us that the president of the Privy Council might be better employed at Sydney than at Washington, returning the friendly assurance from Washington that if required we would supply United States warships with fuel. That would be something appreciated by the United States government, and, more than that, by the whole people of the United States. Their coal is available for Canada, or for the Renown carrying the Prince of Wales home. Our coal should be available for any friendly nation. The notion prevailing so long among so many of our people that the United States is an unfriendly nation is now obsolete. The war has taught us many things, and the assurance given to Ottawa from Washington, and publicly acknowledged by the acting prime minister of Canada, is one of the illustrations. At the same time there is no good reason why Canada should be dependent upon the United States for fuel between the two seaboard. The development of our own natural resources would solve the problem.

Mayors Elected in Empire State.
Syracuse—Mayor H. H. Farmer (R).
Rochester—Hiram Edgerton (R).
Utica—Jack O'Connor (R).
Binghamton—Wilson (R).
Watertown—Robert E. Cahill (Non-partisan).
Cornwall—Dr. George Lane (D).
Tonawanda—William C. Hubman (D).
Olean—W. Z. Georgia (R).
Schenectady—George R. Luna (D).
Rome—Mickie (R).
Niagara Falls—M. W. Thompson (R).
Lackawanna—J. K. Gibbons (Socialist).
Hornell—Fred A. Robbins (R).
Geneva—George W. Peck (D).
Ithaca—Edwin C. Stewart (R).
Troy—James Fleming (D).
Auburn—Dr. A. F. Burkhart (R).
Saratoga Springs—James D. McAuliffe (D).

London is afraid of a diphtheria epidemic, nine cases being reported, of which four children under 11 years of age have died.

PUBLIC OPINION

Government House Must Go.
(Parade on Sun, Toronto)
The days of an official palace which none but a millionaire can occupy, and which tends to the development of snobbery and snookism in a democratic community, are numbered and the U.F.O. will do the numbering.

Patriotism in Schools.
(Galt Reporter)
What are our public schools doing to give pupils some idea of civics, of our municipal government, for instance? Are they taught how and why we are governed? At the school desk do they receive the impression that public property should not be destroyed or defaced? Is patriotism in the school and on the school playground wrapped up in flag waving and marching? Is the heart of the youth properly appealed to by spectacular things? And by the way, taking of flags, how many pupils of hand could draw the British Union Jack or briefly sketch its evolution from the cross of St. George, the cross of St. Andrew and the cross of St. Patrick?

Use the Telephone Quietly.
(Toronto Star)
Talk gently into the telephone. Do not talk across it, nor about someone in the general vicinity of it. Too many people use the telephone as if they had no confidence in its carrying power.

A story, illustrating this, is told of the late Hon. James Duff and the late Sir James Whitney. Mr. Duff used to shout over the telephone, and one quiet summer day he was on the phone, and his shouting ran along the corridors and disturbed Sir James in his office. "What on earth is all the racket about?" demanded the premier. "It is Mr. Duff, sir," replied the clerk. "He is talking to his wife in Simcoe county. 'He is, eh?'" remarked Sir James. "Well, why doesn't he telephone her, instead of yelling across the province like that?"

That Delectable Brown Sugar.
(New York Sun)
How about the light brown sugar of boyhood days? Thrifty housewives may have bought it because it was cheaper than the ultimately refined white sugar, but it was not always consumed, we will say because we know, for that reason. It was spread in spoonfuls over buckwheat cakes, over deep saucers filled with whole grain hominy, over cornmeal, over oatmeal, over layers of griddle cakes, full griddle size, with plenty of butter to enrich the luscious tower. And when boys came home after a half day in the lake, the pond, the old swimming hole, after an all day nutting excursion, best of all when was a thick cut of fresh—but or red letter days—homemade bread well spread with butter and then thickly topped with a feast of brown sugar, to be repeated until the partaker felt his buttons. Who wanted lamb chops with creamed potatoes, port tenderloin with apple sauce, after that perfect feast?

World's shippers, except Germany have on the way \$2,234,000 worth of coal, aggregating 8,048,000 tons, and U.S. leads with 2,470 tons. Britain has 2,816,000 and Japan 299,000. Pittsburgh steel men say many mills there could operate for weeks with coal stocks on hand. Other plants use natural gas.

Canada—East and West

Dominion Happenings of Other Days.

The Salt Beds of Canada.
Salt is such a common article in every home that one is liable to forget its necessity also that in Canada are some of the greatest salt beds in the world. The Upper Sturian beds are found in Ontario and New York State, the Devonian in Manitoba and other parts of the West while New Brunswick and Cape Breton have a third supply.

Salt is found either in solution or in rock beds. A number of salt springs arise from the lower carboniferous rocks in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, but this is small and the quantity of salt obtained from this supply is annually small. It is used chiefly to make a fine table brand. But in a belt ten to fifteen miles wide reaching from the Niagara River to Southampton, Ont., is a large supply in beds. Numerous wells have been sunk through the covering layer of rock to a depth of from one to two thousand feet. At Goderich the beds average 126 feet of solid salt with much scattered in the marl above. At Elgin it is only 80 feet thick.

Salt is mined in the Goderich section in this way: The water that finds its way down the outside of the pipes sunk forms an almost saturated solution which is pumped to the surface and evaporated in the same way that maple syrup is made from the sap of the maple. A saturated brine contains 27.5 per cent. salt and frequently a twenty four per cent. solution is obtained in the Canadian mines or wells. The evaporation takes place in pans ranging in length from one hundred to two hundred feet in length with a slow fire burning underneath.

The industry is one producing much work and wealth for the Canadian people—a certain source of employment and income.

Brookville Charity Plans.
Brookville, Nov. 4.—At a meeting of the Council, Mayor Lewis brought up the matter of better regulations and disposition of public charities. He favored the formation of what is known as an associated charities. The council was practically a unit on the question and it was finally decided to hold a meeting of the town's people for its consideration.

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Rippling Rhymes

NOVEMBER.
November skies are dreary, her winds as sharp as knives; and all the world seems weary, when this sad month arrives; the birds no longer tarry where tempests raise old Harry, the bees no longer carry the glucose to their hives. The cockleburrs I tended through golden summer days, the milkweeds tall and splendid, no longer meet the gaze; the frost is falling nightly, I see it gleaming whitely, when in the morning, I cuss November's ways. The night wind, at the casement, now shrieks in fenshish ease; the furnace in the basement is calling, calling me; in spring I didn't need it, the summer weather freed it, but soon I'll have to feed it coal carloads two or three. No wonder if my sonnet should strike a plaintive note; my uncle has my bonnet, he also has my coat; the summer rags I'm wearing won't do when blasts are tearing, and creditors are swearing; my uncle has my goat. Alas, that bleak November, which leaves us cold and numb, is followed by December, the bum of the bum! Then comes fierce January, to punish the unwary; but, ho! ho! let us be merry—the worst is yet to come!

—WALT MASON.

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John Armstrong Chaloner, recently victor in a 22-year fight to be declared sane in New York, is going on the stage in a play of his own production.

Patrik Weisch, of San Francisco, fainted for the first time in his life when he got a message from the hospital saying he was the father of triplets.