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THE ONLY PLACE WHERE THE HOUSING PROBLEM IS NOT ACUTE IS IN CANADA. There the natives build their own houses of snow and ice, and no landlord has a chance to raise the rent.

One advantage of this primitive method of housebuilding is that an Eskimo can, in a few hours, put up a perfectly comfortable, cold proof and—for his purposes—commodious home wherever he may happen to be.

On Monday it was intimated that the Minister of Militia and Defence expected that some measure of compulsory militia service would be introduced in Canada.

Despite the severe losses sustained during the war, the deposits in a group of English banks increased from 439 millions pounds in June, 1914, to 1,604 millions in June, 1919.

A cable despatch from Vienna, via London, says that food conditions in Austria have become so desperate that cannibalism has been resorted to.

Thomas Hewitt, Utilities Commissioner, has performed a valuable service to the city by his thorough investigation and able criticism of the report of the Canadian Underwriters' Inspector concerning the city water-works.

A Toronto physician, Dr. S. M. Hayes, surgeon-in-chief at the Western hospital, declares that nurses should work twelve hours a day, basing his argument on the claim that after the first two or three days on a case the work is very light.

It is not without significance that the Krupp works, which turned out so many engines of destruction, is now prepared to manufacture 300 locomotives a year.

day civilization, and that if ground rents were paid to the state population would be distributed more evenly, vacant land would be brought into use, and industry and agriculture greatly encouraged.

What this enterprise meant to the nation of those days is little understood by the present generation. It was a terrific work, begun after years of preparatory experimenting.

When their stomachs got as empty as their heads the hunger-stricken Reds began to weaken.

After the Civil War there were strikes, riots, inflated prices, and misgiving for the future. History is repeating. Sit tight, laugh when you can, and things will become normal in good time.

Some twenty-five tons of real estate in the form of sand and gravel and masquerading as 30 cents a pound chicken almost got into the New York market this week to be sold to the ultimate consumer—or goat.

To-day the great majority of the holiday gifts are substantial and useful articles that people really want. No Christmas gift is worth making unless it has some practical use or permanent beauty for home decoration.

The proposal that Canada should adopt nickel for coinage of small denomination, which was proposed at the Ontario board of trade meeting by the Sudbury representatives and carried unanimously, is one which has frequently been suggested to successive governments but never acted upon.

The town of Huddersfield, England, is about to embark upon an interesting experiment. More than half the real estate in the city has been owned by a single family, and is for sale.

"If we could live our lives again," thus sigh the old and wintry men, "we'd shun the pitfalls and the gins, and sidetrack fifty kinds of sins which our souls have left their scars; we'd hitch our wagons to the stars, and strive to reach the higher plane, and cut out all that's cheap and base."

Canada-East and West Dominion Happenings of Other Days.

Victoria Bridge. On the 17th of December, 1859, the first passenger train passed over the Victoria Bridge across the St. Lawrence River at Montreal.

Belles Above Bolshevism. (Toledo Blade) When their stomachs got as empty as their heads the hunger-stricken Reds began to weaken.

Want All the Luxuries. (Patterson Chronicle) A lot of people are now demanding enough pay so they can afford to go out on strike.

Unrest Explained. (Brookville Recorder) Some of the woollen underwear recently donned may have something to do with the nation-wide spirit of unrest.

The Cause of It. (New Orleans States) We are strongly inclined to the belief that the general restlessness reported among the people is the result of so many of them taking too much rest.

Bide a Wee. (Ottawa Journal) After the Civil War there were strikes, riots, inflated prices, and misgiving for the future.

Loading Up Chickens. (Hamilton Times) Some twenty-five tons of real estate in the form of sand and gravel and masquerading as 30 cents a pound chicken almost got into the New York market this week.

Christmas Gifts. (Kitchener Telegraph) To-day the great majority of the holiday gifts are substantial and useful articles that people really want.

Boats Captain Kidd. (Youth's Companion) Pirates and buccaniers are by no means characters of the remote past only. A recent despatch from Constantinople reports that pirates who had concealed themselves in the steerage of the ship Maria, bound from Novorossiysk to Batum, overpowered the crew and robbed the passengers of about \$6,000,000.

Nickel Coinage. (Montreal Herald) The proposal that Canada should adopt nickel for coinage of small denomination, which was proposed at the Ontario board of trade meeting by the Sudbury representatives and carried unanimously, is one which has frequently been suggested to successive governments but never acted upon.

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