

# Optimism a Nation Builder

## Many Developments in Canada Point to Improved Conditions. Wool Industry Grows in Last Few Years. Pessimism Should Have No Place Here.

The prince of optimists was the man who, already on the scaffold, opined that his execution was going to be a powerful warning to him against committing more murders.

Next in distinction probably, is the married man of more than five years standing, who still cherishes the belief that he can show his wife new wrinkles in house-keeping.

The optimist is the constructor, the accomplice, the nation builder. When his plans are smashed by catastrophe, when his castles in Spain are blown away by the winds of adversity, when hard knocks have rendered him all but speechless, he mutters, "It might be worse," and starts all over again.

Optimism is the only known antidote of pessimism, and pessimism is the curse of every nation. Faith is the essence of national progress. Canada has as much of pessimism to the square yard as any other country. It is nothing to brag about; never was and never will be.

asonable quality of optimism in spite of the pessimists, who are many and persistent. One dispenser of gloom draws a terrible picture of a coal-less world, three hundred years from now. Who cares!



grows smaller, "that people have ten times more brain than they need, and most of them use a very small part of what they have."

lames on bachelors, spinsters, and childless couples, and raise the bonuses to parents of large families. Britain is also worried about the decline in the birth rate.

On this side of the water an Ohio professor has been trying to convince his fellow countrymen that the increase in population is more than the United States can stand.

The pessimists who vision these dire happenings to occur in a time when all who now read or hear of them, will be deceased—quite dead in fact, are kindergarteners to some in our own Canadian midst.

Most Canadians were shocked to hear that some of these pessimists were writing to English papers in a strain calculated to make John Bull's hair stand on end. It isn't fair to give the old gentleman that kind of shock; he has so many world problems on hand, and such a sublime faith in the ability of the Overseas Dominions to look after their own interests.

Perhaps one reason for the veneration of pessimists in Canada, is the inclination to look too closely at "the bigness" of everything in its geographical neighbor, and compare it with the attainments of their own country.

little more time in consideration of what has been done by the Dominion, and in contemplating some of the securities of a still brighter future. The history books are available to all. Two references here will suffice. Kingston, Ont., and St. John, New Brunswick, were founded by United Empire Loyalists in 1782. A census taken in 1831 showed a population in Upper Canada of 236,702, Lower Canada 553,131, and Assinibola 2,390.

Theodore G. Morgan, chairman of the United States Federal Economic Survey Committee, has just

completed a thorough survey of this country. He predicts that the next ten years will witness a tremendous transformation, industrially and agriculturally throughout the Dominion. He uses superlatives freely in his opinions of Canada's bright future. Too bad he cannot be engaged to teach the Canadian pessimists the lessons of faith and courage.

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British Columbia's salmon canneries made new records in 1924; its halibut fisheries are making the eyes of fishers in other countries goggle with envy, and its whalers got lots of the big fellows to turn into profits last year.

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Yet there are pessimists who would go down the list from whales to minnows, and declare that Canada's fisheries will be so depleted a few hundred years from now, that the people will not know what fish tastes like. If the whales would swallow some of these Jonahs and keep them down Canada would be a happier country.

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Whales and Wool

Talking about whales brings to mind another word starting with "W"—wool. Time was when Canadian wool was about as welcome to the spinners as rawhide; it was usually in poor condition and a total stranger to grading. Sheep were despised in many sections of the country unless they appeared in the guise of mutton. Optimists began to talk sheep and wool. Now Canadian farmers are glad to have the home clip of the latter, and an increasingly large number of farmers and others are finding that there is something more than "baa" to be said for sheep. Over twelve million pounds of wool is the estimate of last year's Canadian clip, which is four or five times more than it was two or three years ago. Ontario and Quebec are the leading provinces when it comes to the woolly gamblers, but every province is beginning to realize that far from being the nuisance some folks have always held them to be money may be made out of sheep.

Want Canadian Sheep

The Japanese government at this very moment, is striving to make sheep raising popular with its stock farmers. It is importing sheep from many countries. Those from Canada are rated second best, but in view of the notable success some Canadian sheep breeders have obtained there is no reason why first place should not be taken. Japan does not like the idea of importing sixty to seventy million pounds of wool per annum, and producing less than thirty thousand pounds itself. The proportions in the Dominion are nothing like that, but with Canada's possibilities for sheep-raising there should be no need for importing wool.

There ought to be surplus enough in domestic wool in this country to give the lamenters whose doleful choruses are disturbing adults and keeping the children awake at night.



Pessimism is no good to any nation: never was and never will be.

## JEW AND CHRISTIAN AS BROTHERS

Distinguished Rabbi Writes Plea for the Understanding of Each Religion in a Reverent Friendly Spirit.



two great religious communions, bound together in many ways. The churches in Christendom must go before by stressing those priceless gifts of Israel to the world, which include religion, the Bible and the personality of Him who is come to be regarded as the founder of Christianity.

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there will be nothing to divide them in practice and conduct from one another, whatever be the types of faith to which they severally adhere.

The foregoing statement by Rabbi Wise would be incomplete without a look at the man himself. The impact of fiery energy and unlimited reserve impresses the beholder, whether Rabbi Wise is seen on the platform or in social greeting. A tall, bulky man, quick on his feet, sharp of eye, dominating of manner, the red bow of the Legion of Honor at his lapel, he probably is attended by as large and varied a congregation as any churchman in America.

He founded the Free Synagogue and now is rabbi of the Central and Free Synagogue. He founded the Zionist Organization in America and the Jewish Institute of Religion. In recent years he has spoken widely on his favorite themes of world peace and the relations between Jews and Christians. He has proved an ambassador from his race to all mankind, inspiring confidence and good will.

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Six Nations Indians on Brantford reserve warned that Canadian law will be enforced.

## LATE MRS. PATTERSON

The Mother of Mrs. George Taplin, Addison—Mission Circle Meets.

Addison, Feb. 19.—The pie social which was to be held in the church hall, on Thursday evening, was cancelled till a later date, owing to the death and funeral of Mrs. Patterson. On Sunday morning Feb. 22nd, Rev. H. E. Warren, Athens, will preach in the Methodist church here. The pastor, Rev. D. D. Elliott, will take Mr. Warren's work and preach in Athens.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Mouton are now comfortably settled in the house lately vacated by Mr. Walker. Miss S. Niblock is spending a pleasant visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. Scott. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley McVeigh spent the week-end with friends in Brockville. Mrs. Frank Taplin and Mrs. M. Brayton spent a couple of days with friends in Brockville.

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Kelly, Delta, were guests on Monday, at the home of Dr. Kelly's mother, who has been so ill for some weeks, suffering from a severe attack of appendicitis, but under the careful nursing of Mrs. Niblock, Athens, is improving rapidly. Mrs. H. Percival and Mrs. J. M. Percival were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Lovera, Finch.

Mrs. George Taplin was called to Brockville, Saturday evening, owing to the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Patterson, whose death occurred Tuesday night, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. Dowley. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Percival and George Taplin attended the funeral, in Brockville, on Thursday.

The Mission Circle met at the home of Mrs. George Miller, Saturday afternoon. Almost all the members were present as well as a good number of the members of the W. M. S. A good programme was given. At the close Mrs. Miller served refreshments which was much appreciated. Miss Opal McVeigh is at present visiting friends at Fort.

Mrs. Lamson, Pakenham, spent a pleasant visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Mott. Mrs. T. Brown has been spending some time in Brockville and Bellamy's. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Blanchard, Greenbush, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Peterson.

Mrs. W. McVeigh and Mrs. Kilborn were recent visitors at the home of Mrs. E. David Greenbush. Miss Beatrice Dudson was a recent visitor at the home of her sister, Mrs. Spicer, Frankville. We are glad to learn the scarlet fever patients are all better again and will soon be liberated.

## M. O'Connor Died Suddenly

Cole Lake, Feb. 20.—Sawing wood is the order of the day. A number from here attended the concert in Picadilly, Wednesday evening last. Mrs. J. Wilkins, Verona, is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. C. M. Kennedy. Mrs. William Shillington spent week-end at John Peters', Wilton. Miss Eliza Judge returned to Crow Lake after spending Sunday with her parents. Archie Jackson has gone to Ogdensburg, N.Y., for a few days. Mrs. R. Jackson spent Saturday in town. Mrs. C. Both has returned to her home in Denbigh after a few days visit with her daughter, Mrs. Jackson. William Judge, Belleville, at James Judge's. Mr. J. Judge who had his arm wrenched in the pulley of the sawing machine is getting along nicely now. Much sympathy is extended to B. O'Connor and relatives in their sad bereavement of their father, Michael O'Connor, who died suddenly, Tuesday afternoon.

## Higher Tea Prices Expected Any Day

The estimated increase in the consumption of tea in 1924 over 1923 has amounted to about 30 million pounds. An increase in production of only seventeen million pounds during the same period has resulted in tea prices advancing in primary markets from ten to fourteen cents per pound since last summer. The price to the consumer today is on the basis of much lower primary costs than those at present ruling in India and Ceylon, so a general increase to tea drinkers seems inevitable in the near future.

## Autos Are Travelling

Westbrook, Feb. 20.—The roads between here and Kingston show considerable improvement during the past few days and automobiles are getting through without much difficulty. W. L. Grass, proprietor of the Willowdale ice cream plant, has a number of men and teams engaged filling his ice houses. James Wilson still continues very ill in the General Hospital, Kingston, with slight hope of recovery.

Mrs. Sophie Roomer, Kingston, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Smith. A number from here attended the dance held in the Dairy School, Kingston, on Thursday night. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ames, Gladworth, Sask., were recent guests of his brother, Dilbert Ames.

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