CANADA'S EXCELLENT FINANCIAL STANDING

Bank Clearings Increase—Agriculture Is a Paying Industry—Manufactures Doing Well.

"Business experts assert that Canada is on the threshold of perhaps the most prosperous era in her history. The unprecedented value of the farm products of 1915, together with the very large output of factories working on munitions of war has suddenly brought the country into a position, financially, scarcely hoped for as a nation for years to come. Export surplus of $50,000,000 a month is making Canada very strong in cash."—Extract from official bulletin of February 11, 1916.

The response by the farmers of Canada to the call for increased production in 1915 was a total net output exceeding one billion dollars, an increase over normal years of at least three hundred millions. The three Prairie Provinces contributed probably nearly one-half of the total product.

The wheat crop was worth $310,000,000, and accounted for about 30 per cent of the total agricultural product. Other things counted also. Look at dairying. In Ontario the dairy production was increased 20 per cent, and prices were over 10 per cent ahead of 1914. Other provinces shared in the increase, especially Alberta, Saskatchewan, Quebec and Nova Scotia. The dairy cow was "on the job" in 1915. So also were the beef cattle, the pigs and the hens.

It is not fair to the farmers of the Prairies to call the wheat crop of 1915 a "miracle" crop. The farmers cultivated more land and gave attention to their seed. Providence gave them favorable weather. Then they toiled early and late in the harvesting and threshing. Good cultivation gave bigger yields than careless work, 45 bushels as against 25.

The wealth of Western Canada is by no means all in its wheat crop. If the country had no wheat at all it would still be famous as a land of successful farmers on account of its stock production. From one shipping point (High River, Alberta) over $75,000.00 worth of horses have been sold in the last two months. The average price to the farmer has been about $175.00 per head. According to Government returns there are a million and a half horses in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, worth probably $150,000,000.

The investments which farmers of Western Canada are making in livestock and farm improvements are good evidence of the fact that they have money for these purposes. It is apparent, however, that they are also spending some of their profits on those things which will bring greater comfort and enjoyment to themselves, their wives and their families. The automobile trade all through the country is particularly active, and farmers are the biggest buyers. A recent report of the Saskatoon district shows that in two months a million dollars' worth of automobiles have been sold, largely to farmers. Nor are all of these cars of the cheaper makes; some high-priced machines are in demand.

Bank clearings throughout the Western Provinces show greater commercial activity than at the same season in 1915 or 1914, the increase for the last week of February being $8,000,000 and almost $9,000,000, respectively, for the first week of March $15,000,000 over 1915 and $18,000,000 over 1914. The same excellent story comes from Moose Jaw, Sask., where they showed from 40 to 100 per cent over the previous year. Calgary, Alta., bank clearings continue to reflect the greatly improved business conditions as compared with a year ago. Canada's bank clearings for the month of February, 1916, were the greatest for any February in the country's history. The totals amounted to $664,222,000.00, as compared with $487,296,000.00 for the same month a year ago. An increase of $177,000,000.00 in bank clearings for the month tells its own story of the country's prosperity.—Advertisement.

Something Different.

"Flabdub has written a very unusual romance."

"What's the startling theme?"

"It's about a married couple who live happily together."

Never Varies.

Doctor—What was the patient's mean temperature last week?

Wife—Oh, doctor, it's always mean.

Yea, Verily!

Little Lemuel—What an essay, paw?

Paw—An essay, son, is a paragraph padded with words.

One Reason for Peace.

Miss Biddie—I'm sure you'll sign this petition we're getting up to end

SOCIAL DISEASES.

The British has a custom of referring questions of great public moment concerning which there is great difference of opinion to royal commissions. These commissions consume much time in investigating and deliberating, but then they report the facts given and the recommendations made carry great weight.

In their great disappointment over their poor showing during the Boer war they appointed such a commission to investigate the causes of physical deterioration of the race. When Kock had asserted that tuberculosis of cows was of no great importance as a cause of human tuberculosis the report of a British royal commission corrected the error into which the great German authority was leading the world.

In 1913 the International Medical congress meeting in London drew attention to the prevalence of venereal diseases. The English Review, the Morning Post, the Pall Mall Gazette, and other great London dailies told their readers the truth without mincing words. A royal commission was formed. This commission spent nearly $20,000 on an investigation. They have recently reported.

They found venereal diseases to be one of the great problems of society. They found that 10 per cent of the people of English cities have had syphilis and about 30 per cent have had gonorrhoea. The diseases are not so prevalent in the country. The diseases are contagious. They cause widespread and very important after effects. They are curable. They are preventable. Therefore, they conclude that society must go to work to eradicate them as it has done with yellow fever and cholera and is doing with smallpox and malaria.

The report makes 35 recommendations for governmental activities. Among them are the following:

Extended facilities should be made available for the diagnosis of venereal diseases, by laboratory methods.

Every government should provide ample hospital and dispensary facilities for treating every person affected with venereal disease who desire treatment.

Hospital cases should be taken care of in general hospitals.

Special venereal disease hospitals are not advised.

Treatments should be free to all. Evening clinics at hours convenient to the working people should be established. Subject to proper safeguards the authorities should provide salvarsan or equally good remedies gratuitiously to those who cannot pay for same.

Every patient in hospital, dispensary or clinic, or by private physician should be given a card containing instructions and warning.

The government should provide ample opportunities for the education and training of physicians and medical students. Prisoners should be treated for their venereal diseases until cured.

The advertisement of patent medicines for venereal diseases should not be allowed. Infectious venereal disease should constitute a bar to marriage. Teachers should impart sex information to pupils in private interviews.

More careful instruction should be provided in regard to moral conduct as bearing upon sexual relations throughout all types and grades of education. Such instruction should be based on moral principles and spiritual considerations and should not be based only on the physical consequences of immoral conduct.

Music vs. Castor Oil.

From London Answers.

"Now, daddy's darling must take the nice medicine to make her well," pleaded the man who bent over the cot in the nursery.

"'Taint nice!" retorted the little woman in the cot, as with a well aimed kick, she sent the castor oil flying all over the floor.

With a sigh of resignation father poured out another dose, and, by dint of presenting her with a bright new three penny bit, persuaded her to swallow it.

Next day she was on strike again—this time at practicing the piano. Mother tried hard to coax her, but she was firm.

"Well, little treasure, if you will practice for half an hour mummy will give you a penny," "mummy" said, after many wasted minutes.

"A penny!" sneered the wise youngster, descending determinedly from the piano stool. "Pooh! I can make more than that taking castor oil!"

How the Baby Looked.

From the Chicago News.

Johnson, a bachelor, had been to call on his sister, and was shown the new baby. The next day some friends asked him to describe the new arrival. The bachelor replied: "Um—very small features, clean shaven, red faced and a very hard drinker!"

The Trained Nurse.

The qualities a nurse must own
And what she ought to be
Would make one woman all alone
A varied company;
Creating in a single soul
A curious, many sided whole.

For "argus-eyed," she needs must be,
Should have a "rubber neck,"
An angel's temper, for, you see,
Her own must be in check.
For when she fain would slam the door
She sweeter seems than e'er before.

For social life she has no use,
Nor any gaiety—
"Prefers" to live as a recluse,
She's but a nurse, you see—
The strength of Hercules she needs
To stand the strenuous life she leads.

Accomplishments she should possess,
A charming singing voice,
Though cooking is, we must confess,
What makes the men rejoice;
For nervous wrecks play soulful airs
To win them from imagined cares.

But the one thing she does not need
Though you would never guess,
(Her patients' friends are all agreed
She ought to do with less!)
Is "Nature's sweet restorer, sleep"
Eternal vigil must she keep.

And what she needs the very most,
But you must never tell;
Of it she'd hardly care to boast,
Though oft it serves her well
To tell with straight and solemn face
Those fearful fibs that fit each case.

A mixture of a centipede
An octopus should be
The maid who wants this life to lead
And join the registry:
Two feet scarce cover all the ground
Nor can two arms go all around.

Her poor old feet should be of rock,
Though light as feathers, too;
Nor must she ever seem to balk
At ought she has to do.
Nerves are perforce to be tabooed
Nor must she care for dainty food.

Her compensations do, 'tis true,
Make up for most she bears;
So many things she learns to do;
So many lives she shares;
And what she knows of human kind
Is really quite a bit, you'll find.

—Alice Eaton Burbridge.

LURE OF THE GREAT CITY

In Spite of Royal Mandate London Has Always Proved Irresistible to the Rich.

Royal proclamations, which in these days of stress follow fast and follow faster, differ in one important respect Jacobean days; they merely proclaim what the law allows. One of the most curious efforts to secure reform by proclamation of the illegal kind was that made while London was expanding at a feverish rate and the counties were supposed to be suffering by the desertion of the nobility and gentry, says the London Chronicle.

Proclamations were issued by James I forbidding the erection of new building in the metropolis, and ordering the well-to-do to reside in their country houses for the good of their neighbors and the poor. One of these kingly efforts pointed to "those swarms of gentry, who, through the instigation of their wives, or to new-model and fashion their daughters (who, if they were unmarried, marred their reputations, and, if married, lost them) did neglect their country hospitality, and cumber the city, a general nuisance to the kingdom." In spite of the star chamber, however, and heavy fines (one Sussex gentleman was fined £1,000) the lure of London proved irresistible, and the melancholy prediction of James was realized, "that England will shortly be London, and London England."

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"I say, I'm afraid I sha'n't be able to appear tonight," he said.

"Why not?" was the angry question.

"Dunno what's the matter, but I feel so funny."

"Then, for goodness' sake go on now!" yelled the manager. "It'll be the first time you've been funny since you joined this gang."

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There are no people in the world with whom eloquence is so universal as with the Irish. When Leigh Ritchie was traveling in Ireland, he passed a man who was a painful spectacle of pallor, squalor and raggedness. His heart smote him and he turned back.

"If you are in want," said Ritchie, "why don't you beg?"

"Surely it's beggin' I am, yer honor."

"You didn't say a word."

"Of course not, yer honor, but see how the skin is sp'aking through me trousers! and the bones cryin' out through me skin! Look at me sunken cheeks, and the famin' that's starin' in me eyes! Man alive, isn't it beggin' I am with a thousand tongues!"

Lost.

The late Gilman Marston of New Hampshire was arguing a complicated case, and looked up authorities back to Julius Caesar. At the end of an hour and a half, in the most intricate part of his plea, he was pained to see what looked like inattention. It was as he had feared. The judge was unable to appreciate the nice points of his argument.

"Your honor," he said, "I beg your pardon; but do you follow me?"

"I have so far," answered the judge, shifting wearily about in his chair, "but I'll say frankly that if I thought I could find my way back, I'd quit right here."—Christian Register.

Trying to Amuse.

"John," said the nervous woman, "I believe there is a burglar in the house. Shall I telephone for the police?"

"Yes. And in the meantime let's be quiet and not scare him away. There is a brand-new policeman on this beat and I think it would interest him to see a real burglar."

Fitting Devotion.

"That infatuated youngster fairly dogs my steps."

"Merely a case of puppy love."

Reticence and Discretion.

"I suppose you know the answer about any question an interviewer could ask?"

"Possibly," replied Senator Sorghum. "The fact that I know the real answer so thoroughly is sometimes what makes me a trifle diffident about expressing myself."

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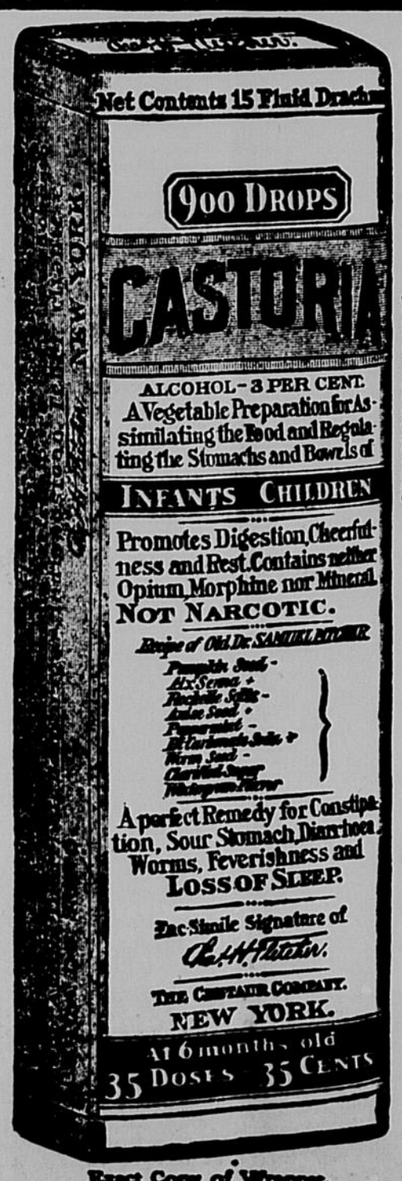

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