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EMPIRE DAY

Tomorrow throughout the British Dominions the world over Empire Day will be celebrated in one form or another. On the battlefields of Europe, in the homes where only the shadow of the war has fallen Empire Day and the flag which stands for it will both have a deeper meaning than ever before. It will be observed here merely as a holiday, a day to spend in the country or visiting friends or otherwise pleasuring. This year it should be more than a holiday; it should be a holy day and the Empire's flag should have a larger place than heretofore in our observance of both the holiday and the holy day. The Empire has had the fight of its life for its life. The fight is not over but the collapse of the enemy is in sight, although there is yet room for much bloodshed and sorrow. Let the flags be spread to the breeze then, tomorrow. Let the City be red with flags and let the children know what it stands for. Let them know what it would have meant to the world, to civilization and to Christianity if the celebration of Empire day had been stopped, if the flag had been supplanted by the German eagle. And let them know also what it has cost and shall yet cost to the homes of the Empire to keep it flying.

OUR VACANT SPACES

It has been demonstrated beyond any question that vegetable and flower gardens even within the circumscribed limits of Charlottetown, can be made pay. There are many families in the City who raise most if not all of their own vegetables and flowers and who find it not only a profitable but an agreeable pastime, a healthful diversion in the midst of the ordinary business. While there are many such gardens there are also spaces which might be converted into gardens and which are littered and cluttered with everything from a battered tin can to the most noxious weeds. At a time when economy and thrift are supposed to be the watchwords of all Canadians this is a condition that should not exist. These vacant lots of which there are many in different parts of the City, could easily be converted into profitable gardens. Any one of these plots, if handed to an industrious citizen would produce vegetables enough for his family and probably something for the market. In this way the unsightly spots in the City could be transformed not only into beauty spots but into things of considerable economic value and we have no doubt that there are many citizens who would gladly avail themselves of the opportunity to add something to their regular earnings by spending a few profitable hours in a garden. The owners of these properties could legally protect themselves against any "squatter" rights; their property

THE DAIRY OUTLOOK

Sir: There never was a time in the history of Prince Edward Island when the outlook for the Dairy Industry was better than it is today. Almost all the Agricultural papers are noting the unusually high prices that are being paid for cheese and forecasting exceptional prices throughout the season. The Weekly Sun of May 17th gives the prices on the Western Ontario Boards as from 19 1/2 to 19 3/4 c. per lb. "There is practically none of last year's make on hand. Dealers expected to buy on easier terms at Brockville last week than the previous one, but prices were sharply advanced. It hardly seems possible that prices can be kept up to the present level throughout the season, but in any event cheese promises to be a profitable crop." The Canadian Farm of May 19th says "Cheese looks like a spot light favorite again this year. Already noting the unusually high prices that are being paid on the cheese Boards and higher prices are expected. At present the markets show great strength." In this Province no cheese has as yet been manufactured this season but large firms that have never done business in cheese here before are making enquiry as to the quantity and quality of the cheese manufactured here with a view to getting a share of the business, and it is up to every farmer to do his utmost this year to increase the milk supply. No one need expect that the present prices will be maintained, but there will be no slump. The campaign for Thrift which has been carried on throughout the British Empire has called special attention to the food value of cheese. Last year the British reduced their imports of meat by 215 million pounds and increased their imports of cheese by 33 million pounds. In addition to this they

have been supplying in large quantities to the men at the front. The Canadian War Book for 1916 gives a special paragraph to the "Food Value of Cheese" and Professor Dean states that the food value of a pound of cheese is equal to that of two pounds of meat, 16 eggs or three pounds of fish. The likelihood is that after the war is over the price of cheese will be higher for some years than it was before the war began. The price of butter has been declining somewhat and is now quoted at from 27 to 28 cents per lb. in Toronto. The Canadian Farm, however, suggests that prices have about touched bottom. A great deal of milk that formerly went into butter is this year going into cheese factories, and consequently less butter will be made. There is still, however, a large quantity of last year's make on hand, and when this is worked off an upward tendency is expected. The Sun says "The butter situation shows a good flow of milk, increasing make and a tendency to lower prices, but still the market does not respond, but presents a puzzling face to the trade." This is the time of opportunity for Prince Edward Island. The prices of dairy products are very high and will undoubtedly be high for some time at least. Oats and oilcake are not above average price. Indeed the latter can at present be purchased cheaper than for years in this province and cattle that have been fairly well wintered will respond very readily to these feeds. It is not only in the interests of the farmer but also in the interests of the Empire and indeed of civilization that more cheese and butter should be produced this summer than ever before and the farmers of Prince Edward Island will no doubt, as in the past do, their utmost to rise to the occasion. I am, Sir, etc., THEODORE ROSS.

would be enhanced in value by such cultivation, the industrious poor of the city would be benefited and the whole province enriched by so much additional production.

In a walk around the City a number of these vacant spaces may be seen. On the corner of Grafton and Pownall Streets; on Rochford Street, between Richmond and Grafton; on Kent Street between Pownall and Rochford; opposite the City Hospital, and in other places that might be named there are gardens now hidden under debris or grown up with weeds. If offered to those who would undertake to work them they would add materially to their income and at the same time be made much more valuable to the owner than they are at present.

Arrangements of this kind are being made in many Canadian cities the owners of vacant lots placing them freely at the disposal of those who are willing to work them. Who will make a beginning in Charlottetown?

RUSSIAN RESOURCEFULNESS

Since the outbreak of war new problems in defensive and offensive weapons have been continually arising.

As a result, quite a number of devices have been invented in the nature of shields, armor, etc. One of the earliest of these is the trenching spade. Another is the sectional armor plate of a certain type of auto, so made that each section may be taken from the machine and carried by a soldier and used as a body shield, much as in the ancient days when lances, swords and shields were the principal implements of war.

Then, a little later came the steel helmets to protect against shrapnel bullets, and shell splinters.

Recently, the Russian infantry has developed a large movable shield, made in duplicate sections with steeply inclined front face provided with ports or rifle openings, each section large enough to shelter and protect six men. The rigid part of the shield is about three and a half feet high and its lower edge about two feet from the ground. To this lower edge is hinged a bottom section which is free to swing rearwardly and upwardly so that, as the shield is moved forward it will pass freely over any unevenness and the lower section will swing down as soon as the rock, hammock or other obstruction is passed.

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It is a very valuable equipment when attacking an entrenched enemy across open level ground, as in frequently occurring in the present war.

The inventiveness and resourcefulness of the Russians has been evidenced more than once during the present war. The appearance of a body of Russian cavalry in Mesopotamia, as recorded in our telegrams yesterday, following closely upon their almost mysterious landing in Versailles, is an exhibition of mobility and dash for which there are few parallels in history. That they have the Turks well nigh paralyzed is now evident. They have constructed a very important section of the ring of steel that has been slowly but surely encircling the Germans and that as surely will crush them into submission. The Russians are playing a bigger part in the war than has been generally supposed. Their activities in the north, whether retreating or advancing, have lightened the German pressure on the west while the Allies were preparing. Now they are on both sides of the Turkish forces and the Turks are doomed.

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OTTAWA, May 19.—Evidence of the growing seriousness of the food situation in the central empire is furnished in a letter received in Ottawa. While the source may not be divulged it is such as to guarantee the accuracy of the information. Food prices in Austria, according to this letter, have soared to extraordinary heights, half a dozen quotations which are contained in the communication being as follows:—\$50 for a 100 pound bag of flour; \$1.25 for a pound of meat and \$2 per tin for cooking oil which the letter states is now being used in Austria households instead of butter. Two hundred pounds of straw cost \$30 while a pint of coal oil costs 30 cents. A yoke of oxen cost a remarkable figure, \$360.

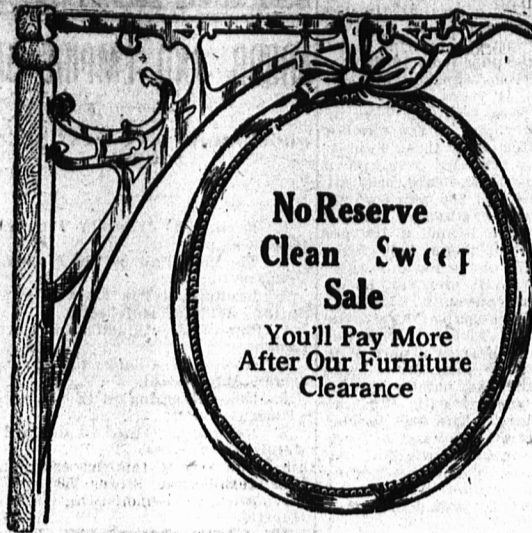
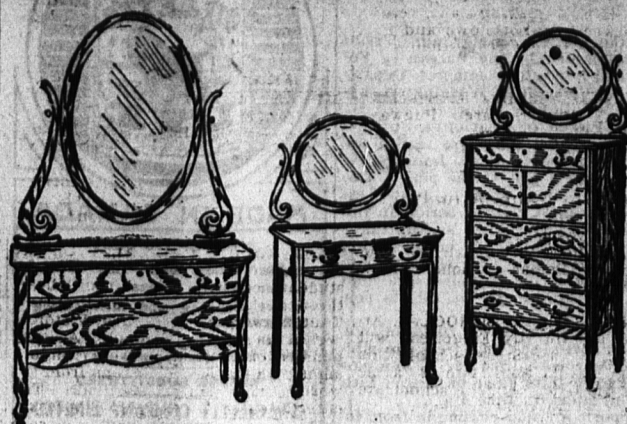
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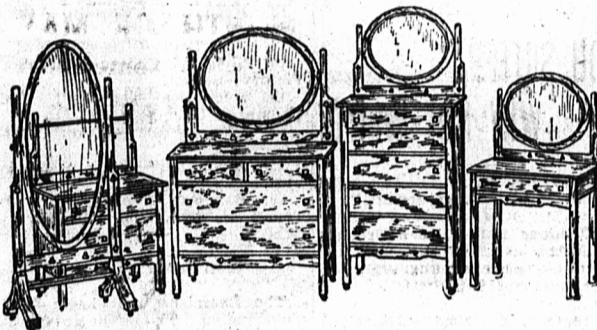
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