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HIGH COST OF LIVING AND THE FARMER.

How does the high cost of living affect the farmer? Does he lose or gain by it? Some say he gains, and has no just cause to complain, and others say he loses and has a just cause of complaint.

It may be said that the price of what the farmer produces has more than doubled in recent years, and his expenses also have increased to about the same extent.

The farmer whose receipts and expenditures were meeting under old conditions, is still coming out square, all the difference being that he handles more money every year but is no better or worse off and cannot complain of or praise the new conditions.

The farmer who had been making some headway before and had a margin over, whatever it was, has that margin doubled now. Say he had at the year's end a portion of the crop over, after his expenses were all paid, and sells that portion for twice the price he had been getting, he manifestly will have twice as much cash to bank than he would have had when farm products were selling at half their present price.

Take the case of the Western man, who, being a small farmer, produced say 2,000 bushels of wheat, on an average a year, and it took 1,000 bushels at one dollar per bushel to pay his bills under former conditions, he would have \$1,000 to the good. But the price has advanced to \$2 a bushel for his wheat and his expenses have also doubled.

Thus the high cost of living affects the farmer just as he prospers or the reverse. For this province only a small per centage are in the second and third classes. The vast majority are in the prosperous class.

Of course, the new conditions are bad for the wage earners as they are not getting two prices for what they have to sell, their labor, and they have to pay two prices or more for what they have to buy.

When the editor of the Patriot goes out on his campaign, he should explain fully to the farmers how he is going to make them rich faster by reducing prices all round.

NOTES.

Lord Northcliffe foresees the time when the London morning papers will be selling in New York in the evening. The morning papers on this side of the Atlantic will not have the same chance to invade the British field on account of the difference in the time.

It is declared the Germans will present a counter claim for 12,850,000,000 marks for damages from the British blockade. That is not so bad. One writer has already suggested they will claim payment for the loot they were unable to take out of France and Belgium because of the ending of hostilities.

"The morning after the night before" is usually when the enormity of the cost of living strikes us and we rear up on our hind legs and blame the government for its iniquitous permission of such a condition of affairs.

FRUIT COMPLAINTS

Sir,—A writer in The Guardian voices complaint against merchants for not buying fruits from home growers, and a Guardian editorial charges careless methods of marketing fruits as the primary cause.

This revives oft-repeated evidences of the shameful neglect of our fruit industry in this province, a neglect which has been more pronounced in the last five years than ever before in our history.

Through blundering and stupidity there has been practically no fruit production in the last four years, and both merchants and private consumers have gladly absorbed all that offered. But this season promises to be a record year in fruit production.

Is no effort going to be made to save and conserve this crop? In small fruits, there will be the usual outlet provided by foreign buyers transporting our products to outside countries for treatment.

This would be a good lead for our Industrial Development Committee. We have some progressive, well equipped canning concerns, which might be willing to take the matter up, if only during the urgency of the harvest season.

Means should be adopted for instructing housewives having fruit orchards in economical methods of preserving at home for sale later on. Every fruit grower could follow the old method of stringing and drying a limited quantity of apples for home use, and probably some for sale.

I am, Sir, etc., L. P. TANTON.

A FIVE DAY WEEK FOR BRAIN WORKERS

LONDON, June 16.—Lord Northcliffe has inaugurated a five day week for brain workers on the staff of the London Times. It includes editors, copyreaders, and reporters.

Daily Selections for Guardian Readers

Furnished by W. S. Louson

"BELIEVE IN PRINTER'S INK"

If I were asked to write out my creed, one article would be this: "I believe in printer's ink."

When a man puts in circulation a good, religious book, he sets in motion an influence the extent and duration of which he cannot estimate. It is a teacher that requires no outfit, no money for travelling expenses, no salary, is not affected by the climate, is never sick, and consequently has no druggist's or doctor's bills to pay.

Books can go and stay where it is not practicable for missionaries to live. Our merchant ships carry books and leave them among the islands of the sea, as well as on the shores of continents, years in advance of the arrival of missionaries.

What agency for doing good in an inexpensive way will compare with the printed page? It is related of Rev. Dr. Goodell, of the American Board, that when, in 1832, he was passing through Nicodemia, having no time to stop, he left with a stranger a copy of "The Dairyman's Daughter," in the Armenian-Turkish language.

—Christian Workers' Magazine.

HINTS FOR The Motorist

BY ALBERT L. CLOUGH

REPAIRING CRACKED WATER JACKET



R. R. S. asks: Can a crack in the outside of a cylinder, which lets water leak out, be repaired in any way?

Answer: Usually it can. A small crack can sometimes be closed by "rusting it up" with salamoniac solution or by caulking it with copper wire. Most cracks can be filled by the autogenous welding process or by brazing and a properly fitted sheet metal patch screwed on over the break is sometimes used.

MAGNETO INQUIRY
M. J. B. writes: My 1915 car is equipped with a magneto which sparks the two inside cylinders simultaneously and the two outside cylinders simultaneously.

Answer: This type of magneto provokes perfectly successful in practice, the fact that two sparks, in series, occur at the same time, being taken as proof of the design of the inventor, so as to give ample igniting powder. Its adoption permits the magnets distributor to be done away with thus reducing the cost and complication of the instrument.

NOISY AUTOS
Sir,—I would like to seek a little information regarding noisy autos. With all the laws that have been passed regarding running of same, why is there no mention made as to the fitness of a car to run on our streets? What I am driving at is the terrific noise made by some cars.

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A Law Abiding Citizen.

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The Only Policy

NO ALTERNATIVE TO GOVT'S TARIFF POLICY POSSIBLE OR PRACTICABLE

Whatever little sop of comfort the Liberals can at present obtain from the political bowl they must needs try their best to make the most of, for it is obvious that the halo attaching to the memory of their late chief-tain is fast fading away, and that the party, which is still virtually headless, will be compelled to depend upon a platform instead of sentiment for sufficient adhesion to hold it together.

With Laurier gone, the rock upon which the party will split is Quebec, and the shoals are the tariff. Quebec not only will have no free trade but it is adverse to tariff reduction; so Mr. D. D. McKenzie, a pigmy in statecraft compared to the "Old Chief," has announced, as a sop, his adherence to the policy of moderate protection and some Unionist, (erstwhile Liberal) members of the Cabinet, out of touch with the West, have declared themselves in favor of adequate protection—all of which is really an acknowledgement that the policy of the Union Government is the only policy for Canada today.

Though the Liberals profess to be elated at the present sifting process which is taking place at Ottawa, there is only cold comfort in it after all; for it is obvious that although differences of opinion in minor phases of the tariff may induce individuals to revise their party connections, these difficulties will specially pass away, especially as the financial condition of the country is better recognized, and these same individuals will again support the Union Government in other matters of national importance with which they are wholly in sympathy. It is, in fact, only Mr. Carvell whose opinions are seriously at variance with the policy of the government but, having "signed on" until demobilization, he is doing his best to suppress his views in the interests of good government. So long as he plays the game, so long will he be permitted to remain in the Cabinet.

The Union Government had a majority of 71 when it assumed office and there has been no material alteration since in the relative strength of the parties. A defection, therefore, of twelve to fifteen to the enemy's benches on the tariff question would not put the Union shudders up by a long shot. This is cold comfort for the opposition; but it is fact.

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Owing to the inconvenience this may cause merchants, the commission would regret being compelled to take this action.

By order
HENRY SMITH,
Secretary of the Commission.
6022-5-30Mfmw4wks.

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