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CIVIC RELIEF

Our local contemporary, in referring to civic unemployment relief, objects to point out that of the estimated \$2,000 to be expended in direct relief this month, two-thirds of the amount is made up of federal and provincial contributions, and but one-third out of civic revenues. Moreover, it is reassuring to note that despite the much greater severity of the present winter over last, involving heavier coal bills and other items affecting the family budget, this month's estimated payment for direct civic relief is actually less than for December, 1932. When the amount paid out was over \$3,380, and for the following January, \$4,528.34. One reason for this, of course, the employment measure, paid for wholly by the Dominion Government, consisting of the removal of clay from the Exhibition grounds to the Railway property, for which a grant of \$20,000 was obtained from Ottawa. Other contributory causes were the street project undertaken by the city with assistance from the federal and provincial governments, the rebuilding of the east wing of Falconwood Hospital by the Provincial Government, and such large construction jobs as the new store buildings on Queen and Grafton Streets.

CANADA INTERESTED

Canada, as one of the great silver producing countries of the world, stands to derive some benefit from President Roosevelt's new silver programme, or, rather, from the London Silver Agreement in accordance with which the President is acting. Under the agreement, Canada, the United States, Australia, Mexico and Peru, the principal producers of silver, agreed to limit their mines to a total of \$5,000,000 ounces annually for a period of four years while the principal countries having large silver stocks, such as India, China, Spain, etc. agreed to refrain from melting and debasing silver coins and in other respects to assist in stabilizing the price of silver in the world market.

CANADA'S POPULATION

A comparison of population data for Canada and the United States by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reveals the interesting fact that Canada has actually grown more rapidly than the United States. Canada has reliable population estimates dating from early in the seventeenth century, while the continuous records for the United States date from the first census there in 1790.

It is significant that only five of the fourteen decades for which we have comparable data, disclose a higher rate of growth for the United States. These five decades constitute the period 1850-1900, before western population in Canada had reached significant proportions.

Since 1790, the population of the United States has increased 31 times, while that of Canada has increased almost 40 times. If we compared the growth over the past hundred years, despite the inclusion of the 1850-1900 period mentioned above, Canada still shows a slight advantage.

During the past forty years Canada's relative increase has been very pronounced, being some 20 per cent greater than that of the United States.

EDITORIAL NOTES

In response to the Empire buying campaign undertaken a few weeks ago by the Overseas League, over 20,000 U. K. retailers now carry stocks of various Empire products, many of which are of Canadian origin.

THE TRUE PICTURE

Our farmers as a body have suffered severely from the past few years of world depression. It is always difficult, under such conditions, to see things in true perspective. It is doubly difficult to do so when politics are involved, and government become the target for criticism which depends for its effect upon exaggerating every grievance and minimizing or suppressing every favorable factor.

The same applies to farm prices. Opposition newspapers seek to compare present prices with prices during periods of world prosperity, blaming the government in power for the difference, whereas the only true comparison is between prices in Canada and in other countries at the present time.

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An English paper tells that "fully fashioned" stockings with lace clocks are being retailed in England 2 3-4 pence a pair—say, 6 cents. But they are not of British make, though Great Britain has great stocking factories. They are of Japanese make. The British sell such stockings as cheaply as possible, but they are not of British material, free, gratis, for nothing.

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Mr. Bennett is economizing on the Senate at a rate of \$52,000 a year, a policy which will meet with the approval of most everyone who has no hope of getting one of the jobs, but is highly unsatisfactory to those who think it ought as well to be receiving the \$4,000 a year as reward for faithful party service.

Perhaps the wolf choked to death by Allan Peterson of Kemora wasn't but at any rate the incident goes to support the contention of Mr. "Jim" Curran and his Staff.

Marie Star that wolves are harmless so far as human beings are concerned. They will worry sheep, according to Mr. Curran, and on occasions may attack cattle, but he has a standing reward—never claimed—for an animal which attacked a person.

The British Government has come out fairly and squarely in favor of sharing the world's markets with Japan in preference to the present open-throat competition which has been going on between the two nations and which, unless it is halted, must inevitably lead to the most disastrous results.

One recent development contains a germ of hope. It has been announced that a public works of art branch is to be established under the Civil Works Administration, and that approximately two thousand, five hundred painters, sculptors and craftsmen are to be employed in the beautification of Federal edifices throughout the United States.

Notes By The Way

In the prohibition era American drinkers were easily persuaded that the stuff they drank in speakeasies was real. After two or three drinks they did not care. But now that it is legal to sell and consume whiskey in the United States there has arisen a strong demand that the liquor shall be pure, properly aged, and honestly described on the label.

THE REMOVAL OF HARMLESS AND HARMFUL GOITRES

You may wonder why some friend or acquaintance with a large goitre in the neck, never seems to have any trouble, whereas another friend of acquaintance with a tiny lump, which may not be even noticeable, goes into hospital for an operation for its removal.

Prussia, the largest province in Germany, has abolished voting, which is held to be an example for the other states to follow. If there are any Social Democrats in the Herr Bebel type left, they must be thinking ruefully of the fights for franchise extensions waged by that famous leader in his day.

No method of crop control is fully sound unless provision is included in it for absorbing in some other productive activity those farmers who will be most affected in the transitional period, as Canada cuts her wheat yield from the maximum down to market level—if that chance is to be Canada's fate.

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FINAL RESULT

Sir—The Buckingham Christmas Gift Contest reached its conclusion on December 8th. At that date the Knights of Columbus had secured a total of 464,375 votes, and were hoping to hear that they had secured one of the major prizes. However, final word came last week and the standing is as follows:

1.—Kinsmen Club, Moncton. 2.—A. C. C. Do. 3.—Fire Department, Halifax. 4.—Sydney's Y's Men's Club, Sydney. 5.—Red Chevron Club, St. John. 6.—P. O. Elks, Halifax. 7.—Knights of Columbus, Charlottetown.

Although last on the standing the local society was well qualified as 100,000 votes were required for qualification. Three other teams did not qualify. Three other teams did not qualify. Three other teams did not qualify.

It is foolish and wasteful to spend funds raised by taxation on impractical projects like the administration of administration buildings, schools, hospitals, customs houses and court houses.

That Body of Ours

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PUBLIC FORUM

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