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SHALL THE ARMY OF CONSUMERS GO ON STRIKE?

Against high and ever higher prices what shall the consumer do? The question is a pertinent one. Governments, Parliaments and Congresses can afford no remedy to the oppressed multitude. It is not within their power to fix a scale of prices for what the people shall eat, or lay down a maximum beyond which the grocer, the butcher, and the provisioner shall not go in elevating their prices. Obviously the remedy must come from the consumers themselves.

And forty thousand hungry men must know the reason why.

Of course they would eat no beef for one or two or more weeks until prices would come down, as they would with a run. Then would come the strike against butter, eggs, poultry, and so on. In this way, it is contended that prices might be hammered down so that people could live. And in the meantime the dear consumers might find themselves not worse off, but the better in health and purse from a change of diet.

Such is the proposition, born of necessity, and which might prove effective if it could be carried into effect. But the strength of the chain is measured by its weakest link. In the plan proposed for hammering the prices down the weak link is that which requires organization and concerted action. Who is to organize the army? Who is to lead it when organized? People complain of high prices, but each affects a lofty scorn of not being quite able to pay any price that may be demanded of him. If one half the community went on strike against the price of butter or eggs, the other half would buy both eggs and butter just to show their neighbors that prices were quite immaterial to them.

Wherefore there will be no strike against the high prices, and better so. Producers and consumers are mutually interdependent and should be on the best of terms. The law of supply and demand, like the law of gravitation, is always in operation, and is perpetually adjusting and readjusting the relations of producers and consumers. Reduced consumption always follows advanced prices by a gradual process. And we may find some consolation in the fact that high prices are an incident of good times, while hard times and low prices not infrequently come together. This is Canada's growing time, the country is prosperous and employment plentiful at good rates. Never were the working classes better off. The pinch of high prices comes hardest upon those of small fixed incomes, which in many cases were fixed when the cost of living was barely two-thirds of what it is today.

The solution obviously lies, it is said, in the military maxim, Divide and conquer. Strike first against one single item on the daily bill of fare and then against another and another. All the great commanders from Napoleon to Captain Bobadil were familiar with the method. Say beef is too high, then strike against beef. Of course the consumers must be organized. Then start a parade with a good marching slogan, banners, and drums and bugles.

For beef has gone too high!

MINISTERS GOING TO ENGLAND.

A good deal of uncertainty would seem to attach to the political news sent out from Ottawa to the party press from time to time. Not long ago it was given out that the expected summer visit of Premier Borden and some of his colleagues to England to consult with the Admiralty in regard to naval affairs would not be paid. The statement was widely circulated and variously commented upon by the Liberal newspapers. Now this is contradicted by the announcement that the Premier, with Hon. Mr. Hazen and another member of the Cabinet, are not only going to England, but it is definitely stated that they will set out on June 28.

A definite policy within a reasonable time after the conference takes place. We shall continue to hope that after some necessary delay which has occurred the new plan may prove to be worthy of Canada and effective for the all-important purpose of the Empire's defence.

A SERUM FOR TUBERCULOSIS.

After many alleged discoveries of alleged preventives and cures for tuberculosis by Maraglioni, Behring, Trudeau and others, which ended in disappointment, much interest now centres in an alleged discovery of an effective serum. It is the discovery of Dr. Karl Van Ruch, of Asheville, N.C. He is modest in his claims, and that is of itself a hopeful feature, as is also his professed willingness to impart the secret to the medical profession when it has been more fully tested. What is claimed for the new anti-toxin is that by its use any person may be immunised against an attack of tuberculosis, or may be cured in the early stages of the disease.

It is most certainly to be desired that the reported discovery may prove effectual. Nothing has been more earnestly sought for and no new discovery in medicine could be of more importance, but the repeated failures of alleged discoveries for the ready

cure of this malady give reason for hesitation in now believing that the end has been attained. An anti-toxin that would be as effective against tuberculosis as is the serum now in common medical use against diphtheria would be an incalculable boon to mankind. And there is a strong confidence in the medical world that such a remedy, if not yet discovered, will be brought to light and made available before the world is much older.

NOTES.

The Guardian will not be issued on Monday next, the King's Birthday. God save the King!

The summer timetable for the Prince Edward Island Railway has a number of good features, but it leaves the people of Kinkora, Albany, Cape Traverse and other points along that branch railway with an unsatisfactory service. To reach any point on the main line by rail they must leave their homes at an early hour in the morning and cannot return until a late hour at night. And on their return trip they encounter a delay of about three hours at Emerald Junction. Mr. Delaney, M.L.A. has very properly interested himself on their behalf to get an additional return trip so as to obviate the long wait at the junction, which it is to be hoped may in some way be effected.

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LIGHTNING STRUCK TRAIN.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 30.—Struck by lightning, the locomotive of a Baltimore and Ohio freight train, left the tracks in the extreme southern section of this city, last night, overturned and crushed the conductor and an engine driver. Thomas McCullen, the engine driver was probably fatally burned and three other members of the crew were seriously hurt.

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of 50. This is a gratifying indication of the enlarged appreciation of the educational facilities afforded by the Prince of Wales College. Once this fact is recognized, the attendance should become still greater. The number 283 is not large considering the number of children from 15 to 16 years of age in the province. There is also a lamentable shortage in the number of children who do not attend school after 12 years of age. After referring to the educational and social benefits derived from the commingling of students representing all sections of the Island, and pointing out that the students leave the college with a broadened outlook and consideration for others, Doctor Robertson stated that the student body practically govern themselves, the staff seldom interfering with the conduct in class room and corridors. There is self development in the best atmosphere that can possibly be had for the student. The Doctor stated also that many students enter the college bearing the marks of poor preparation, their chances having been destroyed by poor teachers, many of them too young and inexperienced. This is a condition, which other provinces also complain of. The public are apparently appreciating the mistake they have been making. Never were the people taking a greater interest in education. Doctor Robertson then spoke in commendatory terms of what Premier Mathieson, a former student of the Prince of Wales and a successful teacher was doing to advance the interests of education. What he had already done towards encouraging a district to secure a better teacher was an earnest of better things to come. The Superintendent of Education was in hearty sympathy with the school system and determined to make the school play the part it should play.

There was little change in the college curriculum but considerable change in the staff. The new teachers are men of ability, though comparatively young. An unusually large number of students passed this year owing to re-classification at the end of December. The presentation of medals, diplomas and certificates then took place. Premier Mathieson, President of the Board of Education thanked the Principal for his kind words in regard to the administration of the Education Department. He expected there would be an increase of 50 per cent in the salaries of the teachers shortly, and hoped eventually to place the teaching profession on a sound financial basis as in any procedure, the convocation was brought to see such Islanders as Prof. Shaw, a former popular member of the college staff, returning home to accept an onerous and responsible position. In addressing the students particularly the Premier said that those who have won prizes have won distinction in so doing, and those who have not won prizes should not feel discourag-

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It is the duty of the students to render back to the public schools something in return for what the schools have done for them. He would recommend to all teachers on the Island for several years before settling down to business or professional life. The Valedictory was read by Mr. M. C. McKinnon, Mr. McKinnon said that the idea of graduation implies grades in life which are only in keeping with Nature herself. Each June is a commencement season. So is it with the Prince of Wales graduates. Their successive graduations are always from some school condition, some state of pupillage into the scholarship of some higher or else into freer life. Mr. McKinnon referred to the changes in the staff during the year and after paying tribute to the different teachers, said that the College has a very efficient Faculty while one noticeable defect is the tendency to frequent changes, due to the lack of efficient remuneration to those engaged in the noble work of training the young men and women of the colleges. The interests of the institution and our people demand less changing in the staff of teachers, if the College is to maintain its stability and continue doing its best work. After touching on the effective work done by the Debating Class, Mr. McKinnon stated that the training received in the college has been a full and rounded one. There has been ample opportunity for physical and social development and athletics have received their share of attention. Mention was made of the enjoyable social gatherings, during the term, including the annual banquet, college picnic, and the closing social. Prof. Shaw and R. H. Campbell, the chief superintendent of education, each delivered inspiring addresses, the latter especially congratulating the valedictorian on his admirable effort. After a few encouraging remarks by Mayor Lyons and Hon. Murdoch McKinnon, Commissioner of Agriculture, the convocation was brought to

close by singing the National Anthem. MEDALS AND PRIZES Anderson Gold Medal—Alfred Seaman, Governor-General's Silver Medal—Neil Rattee Governor-General's Bronze Medal—Sherley McDonald, D. A. McKinnon Prize—George B. McLeod Charles Lyons Prize—Thane

Campbell, John Cavan Prize—Percy Keeping, E. A. LePage Prize—Donald Lamont. HONOUR DIPLOMAS Alfred Seaman, Neil Rattee, Sherley McDonald, Allan Cole, George Alexander, Alexander Laird, Murdoch (Continued on page 11)

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