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SUPPLY AND DEMAND.

It has been well said that "the more we get the more we want." Not so many years ago the only winter communication between Prince Edward Island and the Mainland was by hand drawn ice boats.

Later a wooden steamer was built as an experiment in ice-breaking and she succeeded in making a few trips across during the winter, succeeded also on several occasions in remaining at sea in the ice from a week to a month.

Later, stronger steamers were put on which also were an improvement but failures still. Now we have the Carferry carrying passengers and mails in comfort and safety across the strait daily, taking away more produce and bringing in more goods than was formerly possible even under summer conditions.

Still we are not happy, nor is the service yet what it can be and what it undoubtedly will be in time. With the facilities afforded by the Carferry our production has increased greatly and is only beginning to increase.

CANADIAN TRADE

It is interesting to watch the return of business from war to peace conditions. From peace to war, although the change was abrupt, the evolution of trade to normal war conditions came gradually.

The following figures, given in the monthly letter of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, illustrate the changes that have taken place.

In 1914-15 our total exports amounted to \$409,418,836. In 1917-1918 our total domestic exports amounted to \$1,540,788,000; in 1918-19 they totalled \$1,207,613,806; for the seven months ending October 31st our total exports amounted to \$688,889,899.

Notwithstanding the great falling off in items for war purposes the total export is maintaining and will shortly increase its volume. We are now almost back to normal conditions, practically all our exports being those that are indigenous to the country, being based on agriculture, forestry, mining and fisheries.

With the resources at Canada's command the normal increase in our export trade will henceforth increase rapidly. Europe is to be fed and clothed and housed and Canada will have a large share in the work.

"FALLING INTO LINE."

The Patriot's claim that the Guardian has "fallen into line" with it on the transportation question is amusing. The Guardian, weeks ago, drew attention to the inadequate service on the N. B., and P. E. I. Railway, the only real transportation grievance we have had in connection with the carferry service.

Others View Point

False Economy.

(Summerside Journal.)

It is a matter of general regret that the local government of Prince Edward Island is of such small calibre that its members fail to see the unestimable value to this province of a visit by the members of the Imperial Press Union.

"The finances of the province will not permit the expenditure of \$3,000 in this connection," is the wail, yet the direct and indirect value to this province of such a visit would unquestionably be worth many times three thousand dollars.

The reason will be plain to any person who appreciates the value of the resources of this province being known to all the British Empire—an opportunity that presents itself with the promised visit of the Imperial Press Union—and such an opportunity as Prince Edward Island never had before.

It cannot be denied that P. E. Island has resources that would be real eye-openers to the Empire and the world, if they knew, such as its black fox industry, its poultry and egg business, its dairying and its general farming.

Price of Wheat.

(Financial Post.)

The setting of a new price on wheat is unquestionably the first step toward meeting the situation created by the removal of the American embargo on the import of wheat and flour.

The fact that the Wheat Board has seen fit to raise the price, while at the same time requiring licenses for export by wagon load that up to recent time was free from this restriction, will unquestionably have the effect of retaining much wheat in Canada that would otherwise have drifted across the border to take advantage of the better prices prevailing there.

Daily Selections For Guardian Readers

Furnished by W. S. Louison

HUNGRY FOR GOD

The wistful hunger of man for God and a more satisfying fellowship with things eternal was strikingly illustrated in London on the anniversary of Armistice Day, when the people were asked to spend two minutes in silent remembrance of the serious dead.

The most striking proof that the people as a whole entered into the religious association of such an hour was the spontaneous outburst of hymn-singing on the steps outside of St. Paul's outside the Mansion House, and in other places.

"O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come."

THE REASON WHY

WHY DOES MY HAIR STAND ON END WHEN I AM FRIGHTENED?

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Flour Prices Advance.

As a result of this change in wheat price the price of Government standard Spring wheat flour has increased from \$10.90 to \$13.15 a barrel.

The suggestion of Jas. Stewart, chairman of the Canada Wheat Board, that permits would be issued to allow the import of the cheaper American flours, cannot be taken too seriously.

The farmer has unquestionably benefited by the increased price, a benefit that must eventually be paid for by the consumer, for the mills have already been limited to a minimum of profit, and may find that this minimum may be automatically fixed at a lower figure by the new set price of flour working in conjunction with the increased wheat price.

A Timely Appeal.

(Quebec Telegraph.)

A most timely appeal to workers has recently appeared in the columns of the Canadian Labor Press, which ought to be in the hands of every worker in the Dominion.

Possibilities of the Dunk River.

(Island Farmer.)

Under the auspices of the Federal Government engineers are making investigations of hydro-electric possibilities in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Supplies New Form of Gambling

According to the Monte Carlo correspondent of the London Times the present rate of exchange between France and England goes some way to mitigate the costliness of living there for those who receive their income in sterling.

Find the Winner.

If, for instance, A has won 40 francs at petits chevaux at Nice, but has been constrained to pay by English cheque a £20 hotel bill, being credited with only 37 francs to the sovereign; while B, simultaneously, has lost 200 francs at roulette at Monte Carlo, but has bought by telegram that francs to the value of £100 have been bought for him in London at 39.20, which of the two has won or lost?

People Easily Demoralized

But these are few. The majority of people are more easily demoralized and what does a flagrant overcharge of 10 francs matter when it makes four times 10 francs if difference whether red or black turns up once more or less in the course of an hour?

Exasperating Duties

But the ingenious contrivances of the whole scheme of tobacco duties, whether French or Monegasque (framed, as it seemingly is, to produce the minimum of revenue with the maximum of annoyance and inducement to fraud) and the conduct of the douane, almost make one feel kindly towards governmental follies at home. However

Prince Edward Island Hospital Annual Collections

In October last the Trustees of every school district in Queen's and King's Counties were asked to kindly interest themselves in the affairs of the Hospital and to appoint collectors who were to start making collections on November 1st.

HAS THE COLLECTION BEEN MADE IN YOUR DISTRICT?

If not we want you to find out why. This is very much your business. Just as much yours as it is ours. The Hospital is an absolute necessity for the safety of our people. It is important that it be kept right up to date, and furnished with the most modern appliances for relieving suffering and saving life.

I would therefore ask anyone who reads this to find out if the 1919 collections have been made in their district and if not take steps to see that it is made at once. The Hospital needs the money now.

W. K. ROGERS, Chairman Board of Trustees.

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absurd it may be, however, travelers to France had best be careful nowadays how they try to smuggle small quantities of tobacco through the customs in their bags.

winter, seeking only its pleasure and the other half predatory on it and weighed down by the pressure of la vie chere, what can you expect?

A Problem For Gamblers

Even the budget of the Casino is a matter on which one may be permitted to speculate. If the cost of all things is raised to more than twice the pre-war standard, how can it recupe itself? Can it increase the odds in favor of the table by multiplying zeros or by paying 30 where now it pays 35 on a single number? Or can it raise the minimum risk and make the

public play at roulette (as at trents et quarante) only in louis instead of 5 franc pieces. Or would not the result of either be merely to reduce the volume of play. These things, however, are for the future and are not our concern. What the public at the moment is more inclined to see is that 20 francs thrown away on some extravagance is only a yellow counter and that, at the present exchange, that is barely worth half its value. It is not a good school in which to acquire habits of thrift. But that is not the education for which most people come here.

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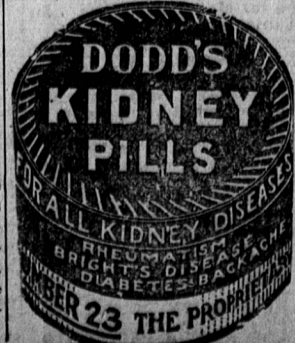
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