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## THE COST OF LIVING

The comparison of retail food prices in England and Canada gives material which should prove food for thought to Canadians. England is one of the most congested centres of population in the world; probably 75 per cent. of her food has to be imported from every corner of the globe. England's population is 618 per square mile, Canada's only 1.93. Canada grows, or should produce, every article of food her people need, except imported luxuries. Yet the cost of living has gone up much faster in Canada than in England, while the ordinary articles of food cost much more today in Canada under high tariff than they do in England under free food.

According to the latest English Board of Trade statistics, bread in London, England, costs 2.825 cents a pound. In Fredericton the price is 4 cents a pound, nearly twice as much. Yet the British loaf is largely made from Canadian grain, shipped six or seven thousand miles.

Medium roast beef in London costs 13 cents a pound. A Fredericton butcher would charge 14 cents for the same. Prime "Colonial" beef costs the Londoner 15 cents and the very best British beef is 22 cents a pound. Sirloin steak in Fredericton costs 24 cents a pound. The Canadian duty on beef is three cents a pound.

"Colonial" mutton in London shops costs from 5.76 to 15 cents a pound. Mutton in Canada retails at 15 cents. The Canadian duty on mutton is three cents a pound.

Good quality bacon is sold in this city at 25 cents a pound. The Londoner only pays from 19 to 20 cents for the very best. The Canadian duty is two cents a pound.

Canadian and other colonial butter retails in London at 27 cents a pound. It costs Fredericton 32 and 38 cents a pound to butter his bread. The Canadian duty is four cents a pound.

Canadian cheese sells in London at 17 cents a pound. In Canada, where it is made, it retails for 18 to 20 cents. The Canadian duty is three cents.

Flour retails in London for 22 cents a pound. In Canada where the wheat is grown and made, flour retails for four cents a pound. The Canadian duty is sixty cents a barrel.

Granulated sugar costs 5 cents a pound in this city. The Londoner gets the same quality for 4 cents a pound. The Canadian duty is \$1.08 per hundred pounds.

No argument can offset these facts. Canada grows or manufactures all these articles and exports a good man of them. Importation is checked by the tariff. The Canadian consumer has to pay more for them at home than the retailer's charge for them in the greatest city in the world where naturally the cost of living should be higher than in the smaller Canadian cities, apart from the cost of shipping. Free food must mean cheaper food.

Will Col. McLeod's flag-waving imperialism make you rich.

Will Col. McLeod's jingoistic imperialism lift the U.S. embargo from York county potatoes?

Will Col. McLeod's flag-waving imperialism find the farmers of York a market for their potatoes?

Hon. Mr. Hazen told a St. John audience last night that "the best of harmony" prevailed at the York Tory convention. What a lot of hypocrisy is practised in the game of politics.

Mr. J. B. Daggett, Premier Fleming's secretary for agriculture, says the U.S. embargo on potatoes may be a blessing in disguise. The farmers of York who grow potatoes do not, perhaps, know as much about the subject as Mr. Daggett and it may be a little difficult for them to see just where the blessing comes in.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT GIBSON BAPTIST CHURCH

Large Attendance at Sunday School  
Christmas Tree--Presentation to Superintendent

The annual Christmas concert and Christmas-tree of the Gibson Baptist Church took place last night. There was a large attendance the church being crowded. The occasion was very enjoyable. The program was as follows:—

Scripture and Lord's prayer—School.

Chorus, "Hosanna"—School.

Reading—Grace Harvey.

Exercise, "Xmas Lights"—Six Girls.

Solo and Chorus, "To Grandma's for Xmas"—Jean Contois and three Girls.

Exercise, "How to spell Xmas"—Five Girls.

Reading, "The Christ Child in a Manger"—Shelma Stillwell.

Motion Song, "Father Keep us in Thy love"—Five Girls.

Exercise, "On the Way to Bethlehem"—Five Girls and Boys.

Solo, "Lullaby"—Vera Wright.

Exercise, "Goodnight"—Five Girls.

Duet, Doris Neill and Jean Contois.

Exercise, "Hurrah for Xmas All the Year"—Ten Girls and Boys.

Reading, "The Light Divine"—Violet Logan.

Chorus, "Ring, O Bells"—School.

Exercise, "The Road to Santa Claus"—Six Girls.

Solo, "The Xmas Baby"—Jean Contois.

Reading—Gladys Harvey.

Exercise, "Good Will"—Eight Girls.

Reading—Dorothy Neill.

Duet—Miss Richards and Miss Lint.

Exercise, "Santa Claus' Boys"—Four Boys.

Chorus, "O, Star of Matchless Splendor"—Six Girls.

Reading, "The Little Santa"—Ernest Harvey.

Chorus, "While Xmas Lights are Shining"—School.

Reading—Violet Whitlock.

Reading—Doris Neill.

Chorus, "All Hail, the Power of Jesus name"—School.

Address—Rev. Mr. Ferguson.

After the concert the tree was unloaded of its good things, and the children were made happy. The Superintendent Mr. Freeman Rideout was called to the platform by the Pastor and presented with a handsome present. He responded feelingly, thanking the school for their kindness.

Much credit for the success of the concert is due Misses Alice Atkinson and Louise Allan, who had charge of the children, and Miss Eva Brewer who presided at the organ.

## MEET TO DISCUSS LABOR LEGISLATION

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—A large gathering of men and women who are regarded as authorities on industrial relations assembled at the Shoreham Hotel today for the opening of the seventh annual meeting of the American Association for Labor Legislation. The meeting, which is to continue over tomorrow, is held in conjunction with the annual session of the American Political Science Association.

The two days' programme has been arranged to bring out prominently the plans of the Federal industrial relations commission, recently appointed by President Wilson. Chairman Frank P. Walsh of that commission delivered the opening address today and Mrs. J. Borden Harriman of New York and Prof. John R. Commons of Wisconsin, also members of the commission, led in the informal discussion.

The session tomorrow morning will be presided over by Henry R. Seager of Columbia University and will be devoted to a discussion of the question, "Is Compulsory Sickness Insurance Practicable in America?" One of the speakers will be James M. Lynch, former president of the International Typographical Union and now New York State Commissioner of Labor.

Tomorrow afternoon the conference will discuss "Working Hours in Continuous Industries." Charles Sumner Bird of Massachusetts will preside and among the participants in the discussion will be Ernest Freund of Chicago University Law School. President Garretson of the Order of Railway Conductors, S. Thurston Ballard, a prominent manufacturer of Louisville, and B. M. Manly, special agent of the United States bureau of labor investigation of the iron and steel industry.

## FLOCK OF GEESSE.

A large flock of wild geese is reported to have passed over the city last night on the way south.

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## STREET PRAYERS IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 30.—Church workers and city authorities of Chicago have united in efforts to have a "deorous" New Year's Eve celebration in this city tomorrow night. By order of Mayor Harrison all saloons will be closed promptly an hour after midnight and no hotels or restaurants will be permitted to sell liquor after that hour. No horns, confetti, or ticklers will be allowed in the streets. Three hundred ministers have offered to pray at the downtown street corners where the New Year celebrants are in the habit of gathering.

## BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS

Rudyard Kipling, the famous writer 48 years old today.

Simon Guggenheim, former senator from Colorado, 46 years old today.

Rt. Rev. Michael T. Labrecque, bishop of Chicoutimi, Quebec, 64 years old today.

William A. Larned, former lawn tennis champion, 41 years old today.

Frank Klaus, well known middle-weight pugilist, 26 years old today.

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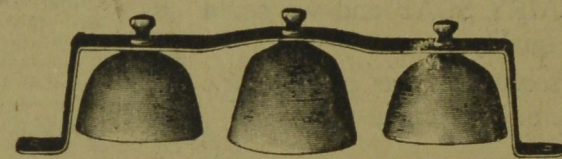
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