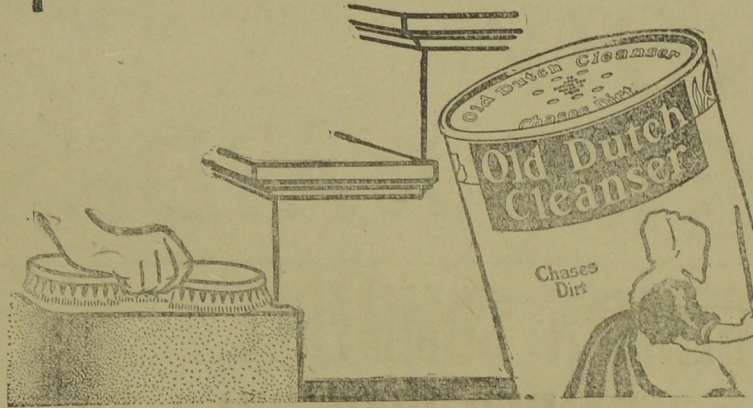


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## DR. CABOT SAYS AMERICA WILL HAVE TO JOIN THE WAR

(Boston Record.)

There never has been a time since the outbreak of the European war that France and England have not been anxious to have the United States take sides with them, according to a statement made by Dr. Hugh Cabot of Marlboro street, who last October was appointed chief surgeon of the Harvard Surgical Unit, and who sailed for France this week on the Cunard liner Andania.

In an interview, Dr. Cabot, who will serve as chief surgeon during the rest of the war, expressed the opinion that this country will eventually be forced to join the Allies, and that the war will not continue through another winter.

"I think that we should join England and France for the simple reason that they are fighting for everything that this country stands for in the shape of personal rights and liberty," said Dr. Cabot. "They are fighting for the rights of the little fellow who wants nothing but to be left alone."

### The "Tommie" Disgusted.

"The British Tommies—and it is they who are really representatives of the English people, have a poor opinion of us as a people who do things and they feel that we have not done our duty in the past few years and that we should have gone to war with Germany long ago. They are the real English people and it is they who are going to govern Great Britain after peace has come. If we go into the

war we must do so with the understanding that it is their show and that we must do as we are told."

"Just what would war between the United States and Germany mean?" was the next question put to Dr. Cabot. "Would it mean that we would send our men over to take an active part in the conflict?"

"No, not immediately," said the doctor. "I think that it would be many months before we would have to send any of our men overseas, but war with Germany would mean this: we would have to spend a great deal of money and we would have to help the Allies in their naval operations. Our going in would automatically release from patrol duty on this side of the Atlantic about 25 British and French cruisers and that would help a great deal."

"Our war craft would of course take the places of these cruisers. Then again the warships of the Allies would have the added advantage of being allowed to put into our ports for coaling and other purposes."

### Added Security.

"The greatest thing of all, though, would be the confidence which France and England would be given through the knowledge that the United States was back of them, and that they need no longer worry over the financial problems and details involved. That in itself would be a tremendous security."

"Do you think that we have wiped out our debt to France during the pre-

sent war?" Dr. Cabot was asked.

"No, I do not," was the reply. "Our contributions to France and her people have been far less than what we have made on them from a financial point of view. The French people do not feel as though we had forsaken them, but they do feel as though we could have done more than we have."

"I think that there is small probability that the Germans will modify their declaration to carry out their plan of unscrupulous submarine warfare, and I think that we are bound to be forced to take sides in the struggle."

"Do you blame Germany for the action she is taking?" Dr. Cabot was then asked.

"Yes and no," he answered. "I have as much sympathy as anyone has for a man who is fighting against odds, and I don't blame him a bit for kicking and gouging—I'd do it myself. But it is just this—I think Germany should have foreseen that they would get into such a tight place, and, to say the least they used poor judgment in allowing themselves to be caught the way they have been."

### 'Now They are Squealing.'

"They are going to the wall now, and they will kick, squeal and bite during the process, and I suppose in a way they cannot be blamed for doing so. One good thing that would come out of our being drawn into the European conflict would be the awakening of the people and Congress to the necessity of preparedness. We must be prepared, and the sooner the people of the country realize it the better."

Dr. Cabot will have with him when he sails 17 officers and 15 nurses, who will fill vacancies in his hospital, which is equipped with 2,500 beds.

[Miss Jardine, a sister of Mrs. J. D. Palmer, of this city, and Dr. Stanley Bridges, a son of Dr. H. S. Bridges, of St. John, are members of the Harvard unit.]

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## PRICE OF FOODSTUFFS CONTINUES TO SOAR

Chicago, Feb. 23.—The prices of foodstuffs continued on the upward, announcement being made of an increase today or in the near future of several articles. Many retailers were asking \$1.05 a peck for potatoes.

The Chicago milk produce association, with a membership of 12,500 in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin, decided last night to raise the wholesale summer price of milk from \$1.55 to \$2.12 a hundred pounds, and distributors today predicted that the price to consumers beginning April 1 would be 12 or 13 cents a quart. This would mean an increase of 3c. a quart over the summer price of last year.

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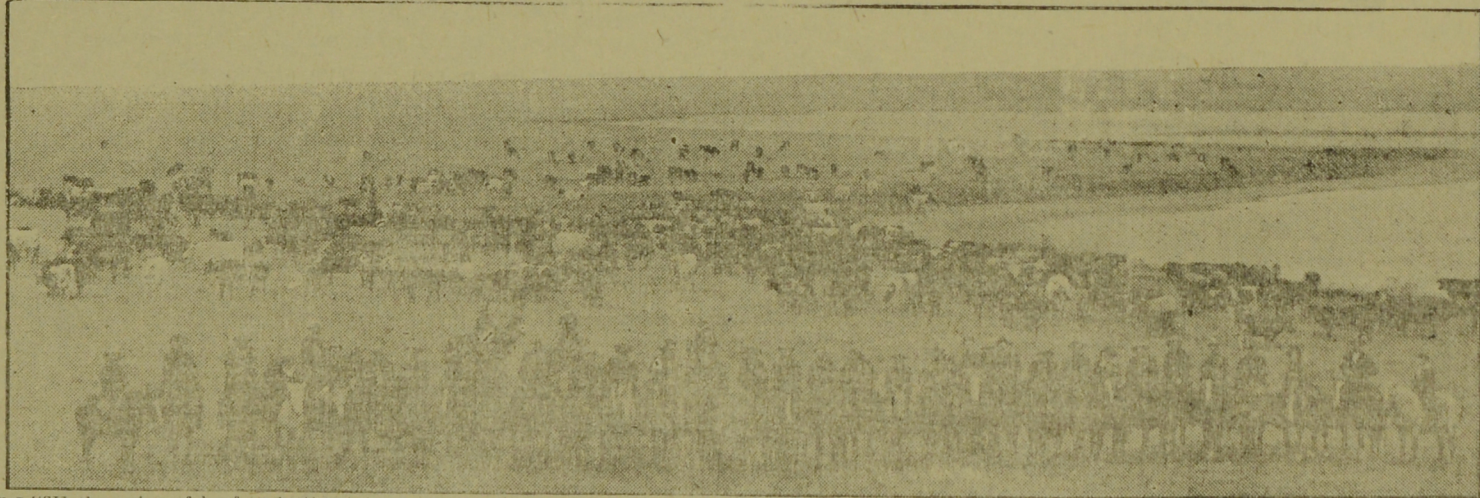
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## Canada and the Beef Problem



WITH the price of beef and other meats soaring to hitherto unheard-of heights, and every newspaper carrying stories about the future prices of boots and shoes and other articles made of leather, there may be a modicum of comfort to be taken from the fact that the farmers and ranchers of Western Canada are now turning their attention to cattle and stock raising to an extent that would not have been believed possible a few years ago.

The modern farmer is very wide awake, and especially those of the three prairie provinces of Canada, and naturally as soon as he saw the prices of livestock soaring on the large world markets he began to pay more attention to stock raising, gradually finding as he did so that by combining it with the grain production he was able to make two profits where he hitherto had one.

According to the figures given in the Census and Statistics Bulletin issued by the Department of Trade and Commerce at Ottawa, all three of the western provinces show large increases in the number of livestock raised in 1916, as compared with 1913, the year previous to the war. Although there had been a slight gradual increase in the years immediately preceding 1913, all classes of livestock except swine show greater percentage of increase in the years after the commencement of the war than those previous. The figures for hogs show a decrease, due to the several large war orders received by some of the western packing firms from the allies. One firm alone is said to have received an order for ham and bacon that called for 350,000 head of hogs.

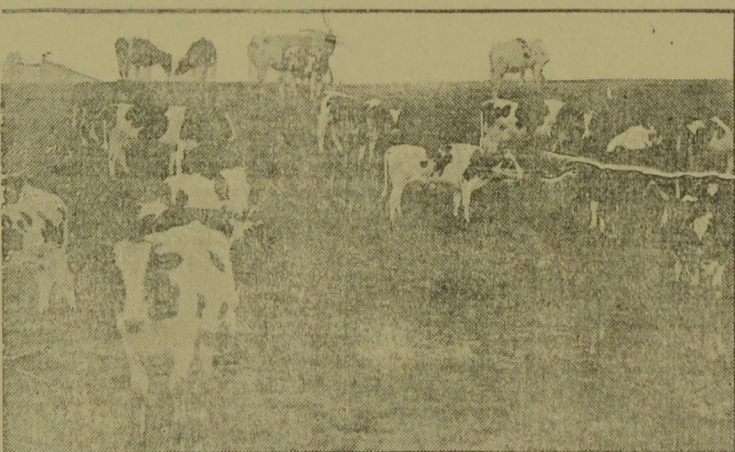
The increase in the number of

sheep is one of the outstanding features of the government report. The increase, approximately 30 percent, which is very gratifying. Many of the smaller farmers of the west have started small flocks of sheep, as they have found out that the climate was very suitable to them, provided a certain amount of shelter was supplied during the short periods when the weather might otherwise be too severe.

There are several large flocks in the west, and the success that the owners of these have met with has prompted the smaller farmers to start flocks. As an excellent price was obtained for wool this year, ranging as high as 36 cents a pound, and averaging ten pounds of wool per animal, the industry thus received another impetus. One sheep owner in Alberta was offered \$12.00 per head for his entire flock of 6,000 head. He refused the offer and also another of \$7.50 per head for 1,600 lambs. A short time after refusing these offers he purchased another 500 ewes.

The report estimates that there are at present 2,048,254 cattle in the three western provinces, 565,709 being milch cows and the balance beef and other cattle. This shows an increase of nearly 15 percent over 1913, and also the very large number of beef cattle that have been marketed during the past couple of years must be taken into consideration. Many large war orders were filled in Western Canada.

The Dominion and Provincial Governments and the Canadian Pacific Railway, through its Agricultural and Animal Industry Branch, have all aided the farmers in every possible way, and have published broadcast literature showing the best results that have



been obtained on the various experimental and demonstration farms. The Canadian Pacific has several of these farms throughout the West, with an expert in charge of each, and at every cattle sale these farms are represented by animals of a very high class, both for breeding, milch and beef animals. The experts in charge of these farms will at all times aid in any way they can the farmer who seeks advice with reference to the best stock to go in for and also the proper way to secure the greatest results.

As an instance of the demand for good breeding stock, eighty-one head of shorthorn cattle realized \$27,620 at a sale recently held at Calgary, Alta. The top price obtained was \$335, which was paid for a thoroughbred bull,

while the average price was \$340, and when it is known that 65 of these animals were under eighteen months old, it will be seen that they were a fine lot of animals.

While there is no prospect of an immediate reduction in the price of meat as a result of the increased interest displayed by the farmers of the west, the prairies of the Canadian West have unlimited room for the raising of all kinds of livestock, and with the farmers taking a greater interest in livestock than ever before, Canada is destined to play a large part in solving the meat problem which the world now faces, and which is likely to become still more acute at the close of the war when European countries will be buying animals to replenish their herds.

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