

## THE DAILY MAIL

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### CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE.

The addresses of the President and General Manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at the annual meeting of that bank, deal with a number of matters of general interest as well as with the affairs of the big bank of which they are the heads. The Bank appears to have had a prosperous year, the profits being \$198,000 larger than last year, but as the General Manager, Sir John Aird, points out, they were earned from a very much larger volume of business, of which a large part appears to have been due to the war. The bank has expanded rapidly, and the total assets increased by nearly 20 per cent. last year, standing now at the very large sum of \$344,000,000. Of this huge sum almost \$200,000,000 has been loaned to the business public, \$77,000,000 consists of cash and bank balances, and \$55,000,000 of securities, the balance being divided among other items. Of the securities we gather from what Sir John Aird says that a very large part of the \$55,000,000 is made up of Treasury Bills of the Dominion and Imperial Governments, this constituting part of the Bank's assistance to the carrying on of the war. To arrive at the total of this assistance, however, as Sir Edmund Walker, the President points out, there must be added to this sum the large amount of the Bank's loans which consist of advances to manufacturers of munitions of war and for other war purposes.

An interesting item in Sir John Aird's address shows that \$80,000,000 of the subscriptions to the Victory Loan from 116,000 subscribers came through his bank. If to the additional work entailed by the taking of subscriptions to the Victory Loan be added the loss of deposits which the banks will undoubtedly feel later on, some idea can be gained of the seriousness of the big War Loan in its effect upon the banks.

The address of the President, Sir Edmund Walker, deals almost entirely with the affairs of Canada as a whole and the great movements of trade that affect its welfare. Now that the shortage of food has assumed such prominence among the effects of the war, the place which Canada fills in relation to the Allied forces is increasing in importance and Sir Edmund Walker's address throws much light on this and on other far-reaching effects which the war has had on the industrial situation in this country. He points out that our field crops are this year valued at over a billion dollars, and he quotes the bank's London manager as saying that too much importance cannot be attached to the steps taken to conserve foodstuffs for the use of the Allies. He gives some interesting facts and figures regarding the manifold war activities of Canada, and the astonishing totals which these have reached. The Imperial Munitions Board has placed orders for war supplies, aggregating a billion dollars, of which 800 millions have been disbursed. The Board has in addition spent \$13,500,000 on the construction of munition factories for the Imperial government. The other main items are: The War Purchasing Commission, \$21,000,000 for sundry war supplies, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, \$25,000,000 on account of the British War Office, the Department of Agriculture, \$48,000,000 for hay, oats and flour, and the Wheat Export Co., on behalf of the Imperial government, \$350,000,000 for wheat and oats.

Be sides all these, there have been purchases of cheese valued at 30 or 40 million dollars, and of meats to an unknown extent. In spite of these astonishing totals, Sir Edmund says the need for supplies of all kinds is greater than ever.

Sir Edmund's address contains a forceful plea for better social relations than at present exist between rich and poor, producer and consumer, and the employers and employed in Canada. He points out the dangers to which we are exposed after the war is over if the unrest which is at present so widespread is fomented. He claims that this state of affairs is largely due to conditions arising out of the

war, and without taking sides in the conflict of opinions, pleads strongly for fair dealing, patience and some remnant of belief in our fellow men on the part of all Canadians. We shall do well to heed his words.

A New York scientist has revived the theory that the earth is flat, and quotes scripture and astronomical data in support of his belief. The way the old planet has been battered up the last few years makes it hard to tell what its exact shape really is. If it survives the present international football contest the "flats" and the "rounds" can fight it out with their little tape lines.

A Vancouver newspaper cites an entirely new argument against prohibition. A man there says that it cuts off a lot of donations from charitable and patriotic funds because there are some people in that city who never begin to feel generous until they have four or five drinks aboard. There is no doubt a whole lot of truth in this.

### Through Our Sieve

Don't complain. Guatemala was hit by something harder than a cold wave.

Tom and Jerry are both getting rather "groggy."

Reason for Prussian joy: There is a Bolshevik born every minute.

One cannot help wondering how they keep warm with the ever-shortening skirt.

When women vote they've got to remember they can't vote and then change their mind.

It sometimes happens that the man with whom no one will agree is ahead of the times.

Hoyle has nothing in his well known rule book as to which is the right side of a pancake.

What beats us is that a woman can talk a blue streak while knitting socks for soldiers and not get her "yarns" mixed.

"Early Easter, early spring." This year Easter comes on March 31. But keep the storm windows on for the present.

Reported from Berlin that Von Hertling, Chancellor, is "indisposed." That is the way they all get when the Kaiser swings his foot to a swift kick.

## SHIPS MUST HAVE COAL

(Canadian Press direct wire.) Washington, Jan. 14. — Ships transporting supplies to Europe were added by Fuel Administrator Garfield to night, to the list of essentials that must be supplied with coal. They were put even of war industries after reports came to the fuel administration that a million tons of shipping is held at New York for lack of bunkers.

A general plan of coal distribution designed to meet the fuel famine in the east, outlined by Dr. Garfield to night, gives preference first to householders; second, to public utilities; supplying light and heat; third, to ships transporting food and war materials to the American army and to the Allies; fourth, to war industries, and fifth, to all other classes of industry.

## ITALIANS WIN A VICTORY

(Canadian Press direct wire.) Rome, Jan. 15.—By an attack in the Monte Aselene region on the northern front, the Italians have gained considerable advantages and inflicted very heavy losses on the enemy, the War Office announces. A surprise attack on the lower Piave front, east of Cape Sile, enabled the Italians to extend their bridgehead. Repeated enemy counter attacks on the captured heights were repulsed.

## 3 YEARS FOR POSTAL THIEF

Winnipeg Jan. 15. — John Beasant an employee of the postal department, was sentenced to three years in jail by Magistrate MacDonald this morning. He pleaded guilty to stealing registered mail.

### PRESS COMMENT ON CAILLAUX.

Paris, Jan. 15.—The arrest of former Premier Caillaux is commented upon at great length by the newspapers of Paris, which in general take the view that the government would not have decided upon this action if it had not obtained evidence of the gravest character.

## How Kidney Trouble Struck Uxbridge Man

MR. R. J. THOMPSON WAS SEIZED WITH CONVULSIONS.

His Life Was Despaired of, But After Using Dodd's Kidney Pills He Feels Himself Again.

Uxbridge, Ont., Jan. 14.—(Special.)—Mr. R. J. Thompson, who lives on R. R. No. 2, near here, is loud in his praises of Dodd's Kidney Pills.

"I am delighted with Dodd's Kidney Pills," he says. "The doctors said I could not live, and if I did I would never be able to do anything again, as I had chronic Bright's Disease. But, than kGod, I am doing my own work again."

"My trouble came on very suddenly. I had just finished my dinner, and was taking a ma nhome when I was taken with a convulsion fit. I had fourteen that afternoon, and the third day I had nine more."

"I have taken only eleven boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills, and I feel like myself again."

(Mr. Thompson is only one of many in this neighborhood who look on Dodd's Kidney Pills as the standard remedy for kidney ills. They are purely a kidney remedy, and are used for all kidney troubles from backache to Bright's disease.)

## ATTACK WAS NOT A SURPRISE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, Jan. 15.—Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced in the House of Commons today that as a result of Field Marshal Haig's inquiry, the general staff, war cabinet and the government all consider that the British higher army command had not been surprised by the German attack in the Cambrai region on November 30th, and that all proper and adequate dispositions had been made to meet it.

### INCREASED PRODUCTION.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Winnipeg, Jan. 15. — In making its annual summary of the agricultural production of the prairie west this morning the Free Press estimates the total for 1917 at \$363,964,333, as compared with \$258,010,681 for 1916. \$254,162,954 in 1915 and \$140,609,539 for 1914. The principal increases over 1916 were in wheat and cattle, the former showing an increase exceeding \$77,000,000 over \$27,000,000. Coarse grains showed a decrease of almost \$5,000,000.

### DOCTORS NOT WANTED.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Peking, Jan. 15.—Three doctors sent to Feng Chen, west of Peking, to investigate a plague, were threatened by a mob, which became angered at their efforts to check the spread of the disease. They sent appeals to diplomatic representatives, which brought military protection. Two of the doctors were Americans, Lewis and Ekefelt. The plague is pneumonia, and it is spreading.

### HUN ATTACK REPULSED.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, Jan. 15.—"Early yesterday morning a strong hostile raid northeast of Armentieres was repulsed," the war office reports. "During last night we raided the enemy's trenches north of Lens, bombing his dugouts and securing some prisoners and a machine gun. Otherwise there is nothing to report."

### TWO KILLED, SIXTEEN INJURED.

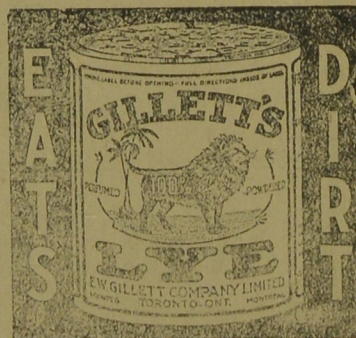
(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 15.—Two persons were killed and sixteen others injured, thirteen of them seriously, last night, when a Louisville and Southern Indiana traction car bound from Indianapolis to Louisville crashed into the rear of a Jeffersonville, Ind., and Louisville interurban car on the southern approach of the Big Four Railway bridge here.

### FUEL SHORTAGE CAUSE OF MANY LAY-OFFS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Chicago, Jan. 15. — Nearly 150,000 men were idle today in Chicago and nearby districts on account of a fuel shortage, caused by the heavy snowfall which demoralized railway traffic last Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Among the industries which were practically at a standstill were three of the largest packing plants in Chicago and many steel mills in the Calumet and Gary districts which are working on government contracts.



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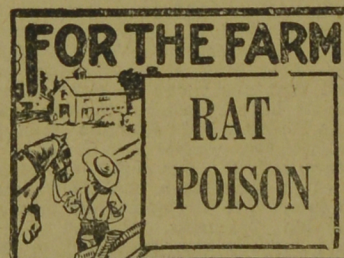
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## THE SYSTEM EXTENDED

(Canadian Press direct wire.) Washington, Jan. 15.—By proclamation of President Wilson, the food administration's licensing system tonight was extended to include canners, manufacturers of wheat and rye products, dealers in feed and malt, and professional salt water fishermen. Persons firms and corporations affected are required under a penalty to obtain licenses by February 15.

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