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THE COST OF LIVING.

The cost of living continues to soar and the export of food products overseas continues at a tremendous rate in order that the people of Europe may be fed more cheaply than the people at home. The profiteers at home in the meantime continue the reaping of their harvest. A textile company confesses to enormous profits, and a food company acknowledges a "modest" gain of 72 per cent. annually. Why are the rulers of the nation idle in the face of these things? Other methods fail, why not put a limit on food exports that our people may be fed before the cargoes leave our shores to feed the overseas peoples? The "Veteran," the official organ of the Great War Veterans' Association, speaks out plainly regarding the matter and its words are well worth reading:

Despite growing labor unrest, which is primarily based on increased cost of living, the government continues its policy of encouraging the export of commodities which are sadly needed at home. Mr. H. B. Thomson, Canadian Trade Commissioner in Britain, has advised Canadian producers that Britain will take all the pork products that this country can send, and that lard, cheese, butter and eggs will find a ready market in Europe for many months to come. The situation is simply this, that unless the government places some check upon the export of foods which are required by Canadian consumers, prices will soar in Canada to the same levels which are in effect in countries which almost ceased food production during the stress of war.

Encouragement should by all means be given to food production in Canada because this is basically an agricultural country, but there is something radically wrong when Canadian food supplies can be bought cheaper in Great Britain after high ocean freight rates have been paid, than they can be purchased for in the country of their origin. It is stated on good authority that the cost of living for the average family in Great Britain has decreased one dollar per week since the armistice was signed. When may we expect a decrease in Canada?

The Industrial Commission which investigated conditions in Canada from coast to coast during the past six weeks, found that the chief cause of industrial unrest was a fear for the morrow—the uncertainty of the workman of being able to provide for his family. There is no limit in sight.

Reduce the high cost of living—not the standard of living, as one Senator suggested—and the problem of industrial unrest is within light of solution. It can be done, provided "the people" are sufficiently insistent. But it may require a government less heavily shackled to the "interests" to accomplish this reform.

A special despatch to the Montreal Gazette from Ottawa under Wednesday's date says: A momentous caucus in the history of the Unionist party will be held tomorrow. Less than two years ago Sir Robert Borden in a caucus of the Conservative party, asked full power to negotiate for the organization of a government and a party that would give effect to the desire of the Canadian people, that ample reinforcements be sent overseas in support of the army. The result was a Union cabinet, with a union party both in parliament and the country, which has, in the main, carried out the policy endorsed by the electorate. Tomorrow's caucus will consolidate the party formed in the stress of war, or will give an impetus to the disintegration that has been apparent during the present session.

The Municipal Council of Carleton County at its recent session voted the sum of three thousand dollars towards the cost of the exhibition buildings now being erected in Connell Park, Woodstock. In discussing the resolution a number of councillors took occasion to point out two facts (1) that Carleton leads all other counties in the province in agricultural matters and that (2) exhibitions are a great

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stimulus to agriculture. The fine county of Carleton is to be congratulated not only on the great progress it has made along agricultural lines, but also on the fact that it has a municipal council possessed of such public spirit.

The increased cost of living seems to have hit the judges of the country as well as those who are less fortunately situated, and the Federal government has decided to come to their relief. A bill will be brought down in Parliament this week increasing the salaries of county court judges from \$3,000 to \$4,000. County court judges work just as hard if not harder than supreme court judges, and the country will approve of the proposal to grant them an increased stipend. King's Bench judges are to get an additional \$1,000, which will bring their salaries up to \$7,000 per year.

The Municipal Council of Carleton is the first in the province to take action on the act respecting jurors and juries, passed by the Legislature last session. At its meeting last week it voted to pay petit jurors \$2 a day in addition to the \$1 paid by the government, and grand jurors \$2 a day in addition to mileage. The York County Council will be expected to take action along similar lines at its meeting next week.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Few people have respect for cold feet, but the cold shoulder is worse.

There are some aliens who will never feel at home in this country until they are kicked out.

Lima Beane says high cost has reduced life to mental arithmetic—addition, multiplication and distraction.

Grown-ups are like children in that the ones who can't have their own way make the most noise.

"Farmer in Michigan was awarded \$425.60 because a teacher kissed his wife." Surely these are prosperous days for the farmers.

You'd know by the way a fellow spends most of his time moving the receiver hook up and down that it is rattling good service.

Every woman knows that in order to interest a man all she has to do is let the poor fish keep on talking about himself—but few of them marry men who persist in it.

If scientists are successful in their efforts to trace cooties to the dogs of war, no ammunition wagon will be complete in the future unless it carries insect powder.

Death at Hanwell

The death occurred at Hanwell at the home of her daughter Mrs. Wm. H. Rogers widow of the late William Rogers who died last year. The deceased was sixty one years of age and survived by four sons, Sanford, Stanley, Vernon and Roland and by one daughter Mrs. Samuel McRea. The funeral takes place tomorrow afternoon interment being made at the Rural Cemetery.

Baptist Licentiate

As was announced some time ago Miss Esther I. Clark daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Clark of this city will labor in the Baptist Home Mission Field during the summer. Miss Clark has been made a licentiate of the Brunswick Street Baptist Church and will be pastor of the Baptist Church at Grangeville, Kent County. Miss Clark is said to be the first woman licensed by the Baptists in New Brunswick. The report published that Miss Clark is the first woman pastor in New Brunswick is not correct however, as other denominations have had female pastors. Rev. Alfred Wallace has been Advent pastor in Devon for a number of years.

TWO DOLLAR
ASSESSMENT
RATE IN CITY

Full Announcement re Assessment Next Week—Substantial Increase in Valuation.

Chief Assessor A. A. Sterling this morning announced that the rate of assessment in the city of Fredericton for 1919 would be two dollars. This is the inside rate. The rate for those residing outside the water and fire limits will be less, probably in the vicinity of \$1.65. Last year the inside rate was \$2.20.

There has been a substantial increase in valuation of property in the city for purposes of assessment. The increase is said to be in the vicinity of half a million. It is understood that increases in incomes account for much of the total increase although personal property also will show an increase.

The Chief Assessor stated today that there had been a considerable increase in the number of polls. In 1918 polls in the city numbered 1,724. It is believed that there has been an increase of about two hundred.

A full announcement will be made after next week's council meeting.

TO PLEAD FOR
REINSTATEMENT

Winnipeg, June 26.—A delegation of postal workers left for Ottawa yesterday to plead for the reinstatement of employees of the Post Office who went out on sympathetic strike.

Kindergarten Closing.

The closing of the Kindergarten under Miss Carvell at the Y. M. C. A. building took place this morning with a number of visitors in attendance. The kiddies gave an excellent demonstration of exercises with songs and games and great credit is due Miss Carvell for the training of the kiddies. About fifteen or twenty young ones were in attendance at the school.

Piano Recital Last Evening.

Those who attended the Piano recital given by the pupils of Miss May B. McAdam last evening at the Fraser Memorial Hall were very much pleased with the splendid selections rendered by the pupils. A large audience of music lovers, including the parents and friends of the pupils were present in spite of the hot weather. The recital which consisted of about fifty numbers was splendid and much credit is due Miss McAdam for the excellent work of her pupils.

Band Concert Tonight

The Fredericton Brass Band will play at Parliament Square tonight the program beginning at eight o'clock. The program announced is as follows: O Canada, Lavale; March, The Entry of the Gladiators, Fuch; Overture The Caliph of Bagdad; Waltz, Casino Tango, Gungl; Polonaise, Militaire, Chopin; Waltz, Immortellen, Gungl; Overture (by request) Pique Dame, Auber; Fox Trot, I'm Always Chasing Sunbeams, Cohen; March, Liberte la Drapeau, Movovich; God Save the King, G. H. Offen, Bandmaster.

Case Adjourned for Judgement

The case of John FitzPatrick et al vs. John McSorley was continued yesterday afternoon before Chief Justice McKeown, Court of Kings Bench A. E. Hanson the surveyor for the defendant was called on the Stand as well as Mr. McSorley. Mr. Hanson's evidence was that all the deeds were based on the original rear line of the lot which is now the C. N. R. line and that measurements and distances mentioned from that line in the deeds correspond with the distances to the McSorley fence. After hearing the evidence the case was adjourned for judgment by His Honor Chief Justice McKeown. The FitzPatrick lot lies next the C. N. R. and fronts on Aberdeen street. The McSorley lot lies next it.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Miles, of Sydney, are at the Queen Hotel.

Mr. H. B. Taylor of Montreal is a guest at the Barker House.

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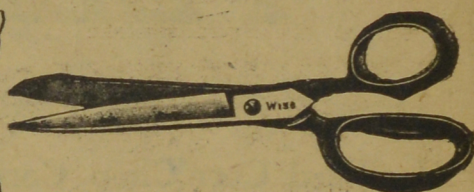
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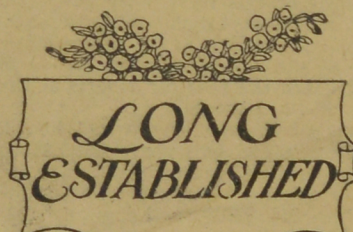
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