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WAGES AND LIVING COSTS.

Toronto Saturday Night deals with wages and living costs as follows:—"Advances in wages are usually a hopeful sign and this page has generally welcomed them. Labor has not in the past received its share of the value of production. But we are all becoming pretty well fed up with this constant demand for increase in wages and particularly with this constantly rising cost of living. We have reached the place when no matter how we struggle we have hard work keeping our mouths above water. It is true that this applies more to many of the professions and employees in stores, offices and warehouses and we will even admit, to avoid the issue, that the services performed by these classes are not of as much value to the public more especially under present economic conditions. At the same time surely the remuneration of these respective classes is a little out of line. The plumber is demanding \$10 per day and many of the trades are demanding \$1 per hour and some are getting more than \$25 per week and an At the same time, we know of some very good and efficient office men not getting more than \$25 per week and an advertisement for others to this class brought replies from young men willing to accept even less. In the dry goods stores are hundreds of sales people who receive no more than \$12 to \$15 per week while scores of people in odd jobs of one kind or another are unable to earn more than the figures mentioned.

"You may say that such as these are not worth more. This is not a satisfactory answer. It would seem that anyone filling a necessary occupation ought to be able to earn a living, and does actually earn a living, whether he gets it or not. But can it be said that \$12 or \$15 per week represents a living today? Once we were in danger of forgetting that the man who worked mostly with his hands and his back was performing real and valuable services, whereas we are now in danger of concluding that he is performing the only real and valuable services. This may be only evening up the score and if there were any advantage is such a process we would have no complaint, for the man who does the physical work has generally gone on short allowance. But there is no advantage therein as it would only mean the perpetration of another injustice. Wages for the harder class of work have been sufficiently high for some years past to ensure the recipients of the best living they ever enjoyed and are still sufficiently high. But the other class alluded to is beginning to suffer. Up to the present the small advance granted in wages, taken altogether with the clothing and other goods already possessed and possibly an occasional bank account, has been sufficient to tide over the war period, but this situation is now rapidly altering. House rents are beginning to rise perpendicularly and it is hard to say how far they are from the top; coal looked dear last winter but we would all be delighted now to get our next winter's supplies as cheaply."

THE REFERENDUM.

The referendum on the question of Provincial Prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage was the cause of the gathering of the New Brunswick Temperance Alliance in this city Tuesday. The members of that body express unbounded confidence that the result of the vote will be in support of the Prohibitory Act as it now is and they will do their utmost to see that the majority is as large as possible. The wild guess that thirty thousand dollars is to be raised by the Alliance as a campaign fund, which was published a few days ago, is a guess and nothing more. The statement that the Provincial Government in declining to hold a referendum on the question of importation of liquor into the province pursued a course which was unwise and not in the best interests of the province" will not be unchallenged by many who believe that the pledge that an opportunity to vote on the plain question of Prohibition was given when the Provincial Act was passed as a war measure, and that the pledge should be redeemed. Why the Alliance has taken the attitude it has on this phase of the question cannot be understood by a large section of the electorate. The statement in the report of the executive that "the re-

sponsibility for all the ills arising from the present condition of things will rest, and not very lightly, upon the shoulders and consciences of the men who refused to the people the right to decide for themselves what they wished is not consistent with the reference in one of the resolutions passed at the afternoon session, to "manifest blessings, moral and material, which have attended such measures of prohibition of strong drink as have been granted us." Ills and manifest blessings are decidedly not the same.

The last general vote of the question of prohibition of the sale of liquor in which New Brunswick took part was the Dominion prebiscite of 1898. At that time the Province gave a majority in favor of Prohibition. To a greater extent than at that time the Prohibition forces will have the advantage of organization. They also will have the advantage which they always have possessed in the fact that no open organization will be in opposition to them. However, there have been political contests in which the side with no apparent organization has displayed remarkable strength. The general opinion is that the province will divide in the contest as it did prior to 1917,—the sections which were under license will vote against Prohibition and those which were under the Canada Temperance Act will vote for it. This would mean in general that St. John City and County and the northern counties would go against Prohibition and the rest of the province in favor of it.

Alcoholic wards in New York city hospitals are filling up because of the disregard of the prohibition law Birds S. Coler, city Commissioner of Charities declared Saturday. Mr. Coler said that if conditions did not improve within the next months he would send out his inspectors "to uncover the real facts" and aid in a more rigid enforcement of the dry law.

Magistrate Ritchie, of St. John had 11 drunks brought before him on Monday morning last week and expressed his disgust with conditions prevailing. On Sunday afternoon at 5.30 o'clock, he affirmed, that he met no less than seven drunks on the north side of King Square. He declared without any exaggeration that he never saw anything worse in St. John.

Toronto Globe:—"Just a figure of speech" is Admiral Benson's characterization of his remark to Admiral Sims, "We would as soon fight the British as the Germans." A pretty poor figure, like the Admiral himself who could use such language after the murder of scores of Americans by German submarines.

Much of England's trouble may have been due, The Columbia Record suggests, to having too much dub in Dublin Castle.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

We must remember that every uplift increases the taxes.

Hope springs eternal. Every married man hopes to be able to do just as he pleases some day.

One is careful in talking with a high strung man because so many of his strings are out of tune.

It makes a woman awfully tired to see a man making a fool of himself over any other woman.

No convalescence is so rapid as that from homesickness. It begins on buying the return ticket.

Being good pays, but some startling and informing experiences are missed.

Why do we like to puncture others' vanity? It does us no harm.

Everyone wishes he could remember faces as well as the \$5 he lent.

Long skirts and high necks are talked about now and then, but the girls appear disposed to let bygones be bygones.

MID-WEEK MARKET.

Eggs Sold as Cheap as Thirty-Eight Cents Per Dozen—Roads Soft.

The country market this morning was not as large as usual. The condition of the roads was greatly affected by the rains of the past few days and the Margerville road in many places is under water to a depth of three or more feet. Potatoes were offered as high as \$11 per barrel, and some eggs went as low as 33 cents per dozen.

Prices were as follows:
Butter 50 cents per pound.
Eggs 38 to 50 cents per dozen.
Potatoes \$10 to \$11 per barrel.
Apples \$4.50 per barrel.
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WILMOT PARK BOARD WILL MAKE CHANGES

Front Fence Will be Removed—Trustees in Session Last Night—Other Improvements.

Last evening the annual meeting of the Wilmot Park Board was held in the office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court Dr. T. Carleton Allen, K. C. presiding. The business consisted mainly in reviewing the past year's work and providing ways and means for park improvements for the coming year.

The matter of auditing the accounts for the work done in providing a proper residence for the caretaker was gone over. He is now installed in commodious quarters at the Trotting Park corner of the grounds.

One of the main improvements for the coming year will be the removal of the front fence which is in a dilapidated condition. A committee was appointed to take charge of this matter with H. G. Kitchen as chairman.

The Board consisting of His Worship Mayor Reid, G. N. C. Hawkins, H. G. Kitchen, and J. T. Sharkey will pay its annual official visit to the grounds next week.

REGENT STREET DWELLING WAS DAMAGED TODAY

Fire in Attic of Double House Owned by Mrs. Archibald H. Jewett.

An alarm was rung in this afternoon about 1.30 from Box 37 for a fire in the double house at the corner of Regent and Brunswick Streets. The fire broke out on the floor of the attic and smoke was first seen issuing from the roof. Later on the flames burst through and for a while it seemed as though the conflagration would be serious. The Fire Department soon had things under control, however, and the all-out signal was given about 2 p. m.

This house was the property of Mrs. A. H. Jewett and has been for some time unoccupied. The family of Charles Boyd lived there for some years and yesterday a new family moved in. They were busy cleaning house and for that reason their furniture escaped serious damage. The fire first caught around a pipe fixture through the wall.

It is understood the loss is covered by insurance.

WOMAN'S BODY FOUND IN BOSTON BASEMENT

Boston, May 12—The finding of the decomposed body of a woman in the basement of a house on Columbus avenue, in the South End, was reported to the police late today. The body was identified as that of Alice Arsenault, formerly a resident of Chelsea.

According to the police, the woman and a Greek waiter in a South End cafe for some time occupied a room in the lodging house where the body was found, posing as man and wife. Just before last Christmas she disappeared and the man told acquaintances that she had gone to Canada. So far as the police could learn she had not since been seen.

The medical examiner made an examination of the body tonight.

Dr. A. W. Duff Arrives
Dr. A. Wilmer Duff a member of the faculty of Worcester Polytechnic Institute Worcester, Mass. and a distinguished graduate of the University of New Brunswick arrived in the city this morning. Dr. Duff will deliver the Alumni Oration at Encenia tomorrow.

Returned from Honeymoon
Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Foster who were married in this city last Thursday have returned after a honeymoon spent in Boston and are registered at the Barker House. Mr. Foster will take his B. A. Degree at the Encenia exercises of U. N. B. tomorrow.

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