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#### MANY MORTGAGED FARMS I

Nearly Half Ontario's Agriculture Land Encumbered But Not Unduly

About 15 per cent. of the total value of the farm property in Ontario is mortgaged, according to a statement appearing in the report of the previncial Minister of Agriculture. This conclusion was arrived at as a result of a canvass undertaken by the dis trict representatives of the Depart ment, who found that 45 per cent. of the farms were mortgaged, and one third would be a fair estimate of the amour, of the mortgages.

This financial survey of farm cor ditions, as it might be called, wa ascertained under the following heads (1) The percentage of farms mort gaged, per cent. of mortgages in value of farms, and whether increasing or decreasing; (2) the extent of deposits by farmers in saving banks; (8) the extent of the demand on the part of farmers for leans; (4) rate of interest paid on both long and short-date loans; (5) whether the loans were on the purchasing of land only or for anancing farm operations.

nation gathered, and the answers

are considered reasonably reliable. There seems to be a unanimous view that mortgages are decreasing in number. A proportion of the mort gages, it was ascertained, were take to enable speculation in western re-

With regard to deposits, it was stated that these have materially i. creased in recent years. One count estimated a 20 to 30 per cent. i crease; another 70 to 90 per cen. another 75 per cent. No accura figures could be given of the tot. amount of farmers' deposits, but from estimates furnished from the differen counties, it is assumed that the far mers of Ontario have one hundred million dellars at their credit and tha the farm wealth of the Province is valued at \$1,405,910,910.

Eliminating Scale in Pollers It is needless to state that the ac cumulation of scale on boiler heating surface; resists the transfer of heat and therefore acts to reduce the efficiency of steam production. Wa'er ent. The temporary hardness con temperature of about 199 degrees in an open vessel to allow the escape of earbonic acid gas. An open type of "Our beloved country, so odiously tion of the permanent hardness, im. has excited a growing admiration

plicating a part of the action of the boiler itself, by the use of a closed Belgium.' purifier in which the feed water is subjected to a high temperature under pressure. These are questions involving chemical determination to -Engineering Magazine.

Telephones in Canada There is a telephone for every official figures.

Oil Wells For Spain Promising surface indications of petroleum deposits in Spain have led the government to investigate the discoveries.

It is quite possible for a man to sow wild oats until they become tame The Kaiser has forbidden his officers to deal with marriage brokers.

Portugal makes ability to read and write a requirement for suffrage. Most of the cocoa imported into the United States is produced in the West Indies and Central and South America.

Only seven weddings have taker place in Glownester Cathedral in fifty two years.

Electrical Inventions With a device of his own invention un electrician, Senor Iglesias, at Ma irid, Spain, lighted and extinguished at will fifteen electric bulbs placed at a distance of 600 yards. Scientists expect the discovery will reduce the cost of production of current for in dustrial puurposes.

Alaska Rallways It is expected that the United States government will soon call for bids for steel in construction of the Alaskan Railroad, which will require 50,000 to 60,000 tons. There are inquiries in market for about 11,000 cars, some of which will probably be filled in the

#### A PROBLEM FOR THE EDITOR

It has been asked whether stepping on a man's corns gives provocation for wearing. Answer: Keep the toes clear of corns by using Putnam's Corn Extractor. It's the best. 25c.

### BELGIUM WILL EMERGE THE MORE BEAUTIFUL

Washington, Oct. 14-The terms of the proclamation posted in Ostend, announcing the withdrawal of the Belgian government to French soil, were received by cable tonight at the Belgian Legation. It was in the following terms:

"Citizens-For about two and a half months the Belgian soldiers have been defending, foot by foot, at the price of heroic efforts, the fate of their country. The enemy certainly expected to annihilate our army in Antwerp; but a retreat in which the order and dignity have been irreproachable has successfully foiled thi hope, and has assured us the confervation of military forces which will mancing farm operations.

Bankers, business men, lawyers this most just and noble cause. At registry office officials and prominent this moment these forces are operatarmers were relied on for the infor- ing in the direction of our southern frontier, where they are supported by the Allies. Thanks to their valorous co-operation the victory of justice is certain. Notwithstanding the sacrifices already endured by the Belgian nation with a courage equalled only by Its magnitude a new trial is added by the present circumstances.

"In order not to serve the plans of the invaders it is important that the Belgian government should temporarily establish its seat in a place from which it may, in contact with our army on one side and with France and England on the other, continue to exercise and to assure the contin uance of the national sovereignty For this reason the government is leaving Ostend today, with a grateful remembrance of the welcome which this city has given it. The govern ment will be temporarily established at Havre, where the noll'e friendship of the government of the French Republic has offered our government, with the fullness of its sovereign rights, the entire exercise of its au-

thority and also of its duties.
"Citizens—This momentary ordeal which our patriotism must accept, will have, we are sure, its prompt revenge. The Belgian administration contains two kinds of scale-form ng sure as far as the local circumstances "hardness"—temporary and perman permit. The King and the government depend on your good judgment sists principally of the carbonate of on your patriotism. On your part lime and magnesia, and can be largely you may count upon our self-devotion eliminated by raising the water to a upon the gallantry of our army and upon the support of the Allies to hasten the hour of mutual deliver-

ed-water heater with ample deposit- betrayed and so odiously treated by ig and filtering arrangements is often one of the powers who had solumnly he simplest solution. For neutraliza promised to guarantee her neutrality tion of the permanent hardness, implying the presence of sulphates in the water, it is usual to resort to chemical purification. Special apparatus are available which are capable of combining the two operations for the combining the combi both kinds of hardness. Permanent beautiful, having suffered for justice "Long live free and independent

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MARYSVILLE NOTES.

The farmers are about done digging their potatoes and report an extra crop with very few rotten.

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