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THE COST OF LIVING.

In times of national prosperity—such times as Canada is now enjoying, when everybody can find profitable employment, and the majority of people are in a position to purchase more and better goods than during hard times—the cost of living—the price of commodities actually necessary for existence, as well as the luxuries of life, materially increases, and those who are in receipt of fixed incomes which do not expand with the general advance, feel the pinch.

As a general proposition good times increase the cost of living, but when it was put in that way to a prominent Fredericton grocer the other day, he declared that practical experience did not fully justify the assertion.

Mr. Whelpley has been doing a large grocery business in this city for thirty-five years, and has the details of his calling at his finger ends. So has his son, Mr. Chas. Whelpley, so long associated with his father in the business, and he it was who proposed to demonstrate to a Herald representative that in many lines of goods which grocers handle, there is a large decrease in the cost compared with twenty-one years ago.

Mr. Whelpley jr., had just been consigning a number of old account books to oblivion, and his eye was attracted to some charges of May 26 h., 1882, and which we used as an argument against the general notion that the cost of living has very largely increased. He produced from the old ledger charges made against a customer for a bill of goods twenty one years ago, and at the Herald's request looked up the prices of the same goods to-day, and the charges on the two dates twenty one years apart, are placed side by side for the purposes of comparison.

May 26, 1882	May 26, 1903
117 lbs. granulated sugar, 10¢ per lb. \$12.58	117 lbs. granulated sugar, 10¢ per lb. \$4.91
136 lbs. brown sugar, 8¢ per lb. 11.00	136 lbs. brown sugar, 8¢ per lb. 5.16
1 bbl. corn meal, 4.75	1 bbl. corn meal, 2.85
1 bbl. Walzdorf flour, \$25	1 bbl. Hungarian flour, 4.75
1 bbl. Spudvale flour, 7.40	1 bbl. Patti flour, 4.25
2 lbs. cr. tartar, 90	2 lbs. cr. tartar, 70
4 lbs. Valencia raisins, 60	4 lbs. Valencia raisins, 40
2 lbs. coffee, 80	2 lbs. coffee, 80
\$47.18	\$23.82

This bill of goods purchased for cash cost on May 26, 1882, \$47.18, and the same quantity and quality, the latter perhaps considerably improved, can be purchased in the same store today for \$23.82, or less than one half the figures of 1882.

The Herald, expressing surprise at the showing made, Mr. Whelpley went a little further into the matter and produced the following comparative figures on other lines handled in their stores:

1882	1903
Bananas 70 cts per doz	Bananas 30 cts per doz
Oil 35c. per gal	Oil per gal 24c.
Potatoes \$1.00 per bus.	Potatoes per bus. 80c.
Molasses 61c. per gal.	Molasses per gal. 44c.
Cr. Tartar 45c. per lb.	Cr. Tartar per lb. 35c.
Corn per can, 2½c.	Corn per can, 10c.
Corn starch per package 14c.	Corn starch per package 10c.
Oat meal per lb. 4c.	Oat meal per lb. 3c.
Beans per quart 12c.	Beans per quart 10c.
Mustard per can 30c.	Mustard per can 25c.
Nutmegs \$1.00 per lb.	Nutmegs per lb. 75c.
Soap 7 cts. per lb.	Soap per lb. 5c.

The Herald submits these quotations as a contribution to the discussion quite general in households all over the land on the subject of the increased cost of living.

Mr. Gregory, the caretaker of the old burial ground, is making a claim on the city council for better remuneration for his services. He claims that he is giving practically his whole time to the service, for which he receives the sum of \$200, in fees from the Minchin trust and from private parties, no part of the amount coming out of the civic treasury.

Mr. Gregory asks the council to pay him \$365 a year, the city to take the \$200 fees he at present receives. The aldermen will no doubt give the application earnest consideration, and if they have in view the greatly improved condition of the old burial ground since Mr. Gregory took charge, may feel that he has good claims for recognition.

The Montreal Herald concludes from the discussions on the Grand Trunk Pacific bill in the railway committee, that the line will be extended through New Brunswick to Moncton, and that this section will be constructed first.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

Movements of People in Whom Our Readers are Interested.

M B McNally of Quebec, is in the city today.

O Fred Davton of Edmundston is stopping at the Queen.

E W Henry of St John is among the guests at the Queen.

J H Gallagher of Montreal is among the guests at the Queen.

Rev C T Phillips of St John, was among the visitors to the city today.

Mr and Mrs B J Grant of St John are in the city today, guests at Long's Hotel.

Mr William Pugsley, jr., returned to his home in St. John this morning, for the holidays.

The friends of C Fred Chestnut are pleased to see him out again after his recent severe illness.

Miss Lillian Snowball left this morning for Sackville to attend the closing exercises at the Ladies' college.

Mr Alex T Wilson left this morning for Moncton to assume his position in the engineering offices of the I C R.

Mr G B Whitehead left this morning for Moncton, to enter the engineering department of the I C R, for the summer.

The Lieut Governor and Mrs Snowball, are at Sackville, attending the closing exercises of the Mount Allison institutions.

Judge Gregory, A J Gregory, K C, and E B Winslow went to Antigonish on Saturday evening to attend the funeral of the late Charles C Gregory.

A W Rockwell, C P R station agent at St Marys, is taking his vacation at Magallowic Lake, and his place is being filled by Fred R Blair, of Benton.

Mr. H. LeB. Peters, B. A, left this morning for his home in St. John. In the fall Mr. Peters expects to enter McGill to take up the medical course.

Mr R S Barker and Capt. Winslow, A D C, left this morning for Sackville to attend His Honor Lieut Governor Snowball who is there for the closing of the Sackville institutions.

Mr J D P Lewin, B A, returned to his home in Fairville this morning. Mr. Lewin was accompanied by his mother who was here attending the convalescence exercises at the college.

Mrs Brewin, of Brighton, England, formerly Miss Amea Blair, daughter of the Minister of Railways, is visiting her sister, Mrs R F Randolph at Frogmore, and leaves tomorrow for Halifax to spend a short time with her sister, Mrs Clarke.

MARYSVILLE NEWS.

(By our own Reporter.)

June 1.—Mr. Joseph Robinson returned Saturday from St. Stephen, where he has been the past few days.

The funeral of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. William Gray took place last Saturday afternoon from the parents' residence. Rev. Robert Crisp was the officiating clergyman and interment was at the Methodist burying ground. Geo. W. Adams had charge of arrangements. The floral tributes received were very beautiful.

The invitations are out for the wedding of Mr. Frank L. Robinson, auditor of the Canada Eastern, who is to be married on the ninth of this month at St. John, to Miss Warwick of that city.

Miss Mayme McConnell went to Sackville last week to be present at the closing exercises at Mount Allison College.

Mr. George Ward of Brick Hill, is the proud possessor of two little baby foxes which were captured up river some time last week. They are attracting a great deal of attention from the large number of visitors who daily call.

Mr. Michael O'Leary of Newcastle, Queens County, made a flying visit to Marysville last Friday evening to see his old friend, Mr. William Foss.

Mr. Walter Robinson has lately purchased a well known colt from Mr. Judson Libbey and expects in a short time to make the best of them him.

The bachelor girl is the old maid in a new edition.

Presque Isle Fire.

Presque Isle, Me., June 1.—A fire that threatened at one time to wipe out the entire town broke out at 2.30 yesterday afternoon in Freeman & Co.'s storehouse, and before it was controlled burned ten buildings, most of them used as potato storage houses, and caused a total loss of from \$35,000 to \$40,000, about two-thirds covered by insurance. There was a strong wind blowing when the fire started and help was summoned from Caribou, ten miles distant, which did efficient service. Within two hours ten buildings had been razed, their wooden construction making them easy victims for the flames.

A Guaranteed Corn Cure for 25 Cents.

Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor is guaranteed to remove hard, soft or bleeding corns in twenty four hours without pain. Take only Putnam's, it's the best.

Hand Wear.

Another package of fashionable gloves, was received Saturday at Edgcombe's. Ladies or gents wanting kid or fabric gloves, will find all the late up-to-date stuff at the popular store.—d.

COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
NOTICE.

All persons having accounts against the York County Board of Health are hereby notified to file the same, duly attested, with the undersigned, on or before the fifteenth day of June next.

B. M. MULLIN, M. D.,
Chairman Health District No. 3
May 30—d21w21

FARM LABORERS.

The Dominion Government wants the names and addresses of any persons in need of Farm Help. Farmers or others requiring the same should write to the address given below, stating the rate of wages they are willing to pay per month, with or without board.

Address
JAMES V. LANTALUM,
Dominion Immigration Agent,
St. John, N. B.

May 22—d&wtf

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T. D.,
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JAS. HODGE
NOTICE.

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"TENDER FOR BIRCH TIMBER,"

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Public Works, Fredericton,
N. B., until

MONDAY.

15th day of June, 1903, at noon.

For buying 18,845 ft. B. M. of Square Birch Timber from the Provincial Department of Public Works. Detail description of material may be obtained at Department of Public Works, Fredericton.

Parties in submitting a tender must state the rate per M. ft. B. M. for which they are willing to pay for the above material, and must agree to take the entire amount of this material at such rate.

The above material is now piled on private property near the C. P. Ry. Station at St. Mary's, York County, N. B.

Not obliged to accept any tender.
C. H. LABILLOIS,
Chief Commissioner.

Department Public Works,
Fredericton, N. B., May 20th, 1903.
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NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.

The New Brunswick Telephone Co., Ltd.

The annual meeting of this Company will be held at their office, Carleton street, Fredericton, N. B., on TUESDAY, the ninth day of June next, at 8 o'clock, p.m., for the election of directors and transaction of other business.

W. E. SMITH,
Secretary.
Fredericton, N. B., May 23, 1903—81ns

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