

# CANADA'S EXCELLENT FINANCIAL STANDING

Bank Clearings Increase—Agriculture Is a Paying Industry—Manufactures Doing Well.

"Business experts assert that Canada is on the threshold of perhaps the most prosperous era in her history. The unprecedented value of the farm products of 1915, together with the very large output of factories working on munitions of war has suddenly brought the country into a position, financially, scarcely hoped for as a nation for years to come. Export surplus of \$50,000,000 a month is making Canada very strong in cash."—Extract from official bulletin of February 11, 1916.

The response by the farmers of Canada to the call for increased production in 1915 was a total net output exceeding one billion dollars, an increase over normal years of at least three hundred millions. The three Prairie Provinces contributed probably nearly one-half of the total product.

The wheat crop was worth \$210,000,000, and accounted for about 30 per cent of the total agricultural product. Other things counted also. Look at dairying. In Ontario the dairy production was increased 20 per cent, and prices were over 10 per cent ahead of 1914. Other provinces shared in the increase, especially Alberta, Saskatchewan, Quebec and Nova Scotia. The dairy cow was "on the job" in 1915. So also were the beef cattle, the pigs and the hens.

It is not fair to the farmers of the Prairies to call the wheat crop of 1915 a "miracle" crop. The farmers cultivated more land and gave attention to their seed. Providence gave them favorable weather. Then they toiled early and late in the harvesting and threshing. Good cultivation gave bigger yields than careless work, 45 bushels as against 25.

The wealth of Western Canada is by no means all in its wheat crop. If the country had no wheat at all it would still be famous as a land of successful farmers on account of its stock production. From one shipping point (High River, Alberta.) over \$75,000,000 worth of horses have been sold in the last two months. The average price to the farmer has been about \$175.00 per head. According to Government returns there are a million and a half horses in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, worth probably \$150,000,000.

The investments which farmers of Western Canada are making in live stock and farm improvements are good evidence of the fact that they have money for these purposes. It is apparent, however, that they are also spending some of their profits on those things which will bring greater comfort and enjoyment to themselves, their wives and their families. The automobile trade all through the country is particularly active, and farmers are the biggest buyers. A recent report of the Saskatoon district shows that in two months a million dollars' worth of automobiles have been sold, largely to farmers. Nor are all of these cars of the cheap makes; some high-priced machines are in demand.

Bank clearings throughout the Western Provinces show greater commercial activity than at the same season in 1915 or 1914, the increase for the last week of February being \$8,000,000 and almost \$2,000,000, respectively, for the first week of March \$15,000,000 over 1915 and \$18,000,000 over 1914. The same excellent story comes from Moose Jaw, Sask., where they showed from 40 to 100 per cent over the previous year. Calgary, Alta., bank clearings continue to reflect the greatly improved business conditions as compared with a year ago. Canada's bank clearings for the month of February, 1916, were the greatest for any February in the country's history. The totals amounted to \$664,222,000.00, as compared with \$487,296,000.00 for the same month a year ago. An increase of \$177,000,000.00 in bank clearings for the month tells its own story of the country's prosperity.—Advertisement.

### Up to the Audience.

Mr. Seymour Hicks relates with great relish the following yarn. When he was going to Richard III, the hump-backed king, a well-known dramatist remarked to him: "Seymour, I hear you are going to play Richard?" "Yes, I am," replied Mr. Hicks. "Ah, well," the other remarked, thoughtfully, "you'll be saved some trouble in the make-up. You won't have to wear a hump." "Why not?" Mr. Hicks asked, rather surprised. "Oh, your audience will have that," was the prompt reply.

## FRECKLES

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### The Reason.

"Only a human paradox can put a weather sign on a steep." "Why so?" "Because he is the only kind of man who can be successful in a vane attempt."

What has become of the old-fashioned woman who used to open a can of peaches when she had company at tea?

The best some people can do is thing near thoughts.

## STAR OF FILM DOM



Miss Kathryn Williams. Popular actress with big personal following among patrons of the "movie" theaters.

## Mother's Cook Book.

Onions are such wholesome vegetables that they should be served in a variety of ways, and are so appealing to the taste that children early learn to like them. The great failing of most housemothers (because of many things to do) is serving the food daily in the same way. "Variety is the spice of life" truly when it comes to food. Change makes old things new.

### Onions Stuffed With Ham.

Boil even sized, large onions in salted water until tender but not broken. Cool and remove the centers carefully. Chop the centers with three-fourths of a cupful of cooked ham, and a teaspoonful of chopped parsley and egg well beaten and sufficient cream to moisten. Mix thoroughly and fill the onion shells. Place in a casserole side by side, sprinkle with flour and dot with bits of butter. Pour a little milk

## Ten Commandments For Bridegrooms

Here are ten commandments for the guidance of prospective bridegrooms given by Rev. Robert J. MacAlpine of the Central Presbyterian church of Buffalo, N. Y.:  
1. Don't bank on mere beauty; it is unreliable as the weather.  
2. Don't marry for talent, popularity or wealth. Without love these would be as insipid as an egg without salt.  
3. Don't let sentiment rule you. Like a flower, it is apt to fade before tomorrow.  
4. Don't marry a woman whose stock of common sense is no greater than her dollars and cents. As no amount of the latter can buy the least amount of the former, you would likely soon be a hopeless insolvent.  
5. Don't propose to a young woman whose tongue isn't silent during the

sermon. She has sermons in store for you.

6. Don't marry a girl who thinks more of a good time than a good name. Your good time would very probably never arrive.

7. Don't choose a young woman who is more concerned about how she looks than how she acts. One is what she appears to be, the other is what she is.

8. Don't marry your opposite in religion. Your religion is likely to outlive your love.

9. Don't marry till your heart and hand are as clean as those you have won. Black and white mixed makes both a dull gray.

10. Don't marry in haste. For the sake of at least two lives, keep in mind the modern key-words: "Safety first" and "preparedness."

ter, a half cupful of milk and a third of a cupful of corn syrup, cook together to the soft ball stage when dropped in cold water. Add a half cupful of nuts and a teaspoonful of vanilla, cool, then stir until nearly hard, put into a buttered pan and, when cool enough, mark into squares.

**Veal Birds.**  
Take veal steak, cut in serving-size pieces, pound until flat and lay on a well-seasoned dressing, roll up with a small piece of bacon or salt pork. Brown in a little hot fat, dust with flour and season and add a little water, then let them simmer in the oven until nearly done, adding rich milk toward the last as the water boils away. The rolls may be tied with string which must be removed before serving or two toothpicks may be used which gives them more the appearance of birds as the toothpicks look like small drumsticks.

**Chocolate Fudge.**  
Take two cupfuls of sugar, a square of chocolate, a tablespoonful of but-

ter, a half cupful of milk and a third of a cupful of corn syrup, cook together to the soft ball stage when dropped in cold water. Add a half cupful of nuts and a teaspoonful of vanilla, cool, then stir until nearly hard, put into a buttered pan and, when cool enough, mark into squares.

**Steel Helmet Here to Stay.**  
The reintroduction of the medieval steel helmet by the French has been followed by its adoption by the British and the Germans. The helmet is being issued to the British troops at the rate of 50,000 a month. It is flat, or of lower pitch, than the French helmet and has no flutings. Between the helmet and its double lining of felt and wadding is fixed a number of rubber studs, which take up the shock of a blow. The wadding comes next to the head, so that in case of penetration and a resulting scalp wound it acts as a dressing.

**Homemade Swimming Pool**  
A homemade swimming pool is possible at very small expense in any place where an adequate supply of water can be had. John Anson Ford tells in Popular Mechanics of three brothers, the oldest of whom was thirteen, who made themselves a pool 25 by 10 feet and 3 feet deep. They excavated all the dirt, then built a framework

## INSPIRATION OF MOTHER EARTH

By JOHN BURROUGHS.

Man takes root at his feet, and at his best he is no more than a potted plant in his house or carriage, till he has established communication with the soil by the loving and magnetic touch of his soles to it. Then the tie of association is born; then spring those invisible fibers and rootlets through which character comes to smack of the soil, and which make a man kindred to the spot of earth he inhabits. The roads and paths you have walked along in summer and winter weather, the fields and mills which you have looked upon in lightness and gladness of heart, where fresh thoughts have come into your mind, or some noble prospect has opened before you, and especially the quiet ways where you have walked, pausing under the trees, drinking at the spring—henceforth they are not the same; a new charm is added; those thoughts spring there perennial, your friend walks there forever.

### Birds and Men—After All They're Very Much Alike

None of the wild birds in New England is as nearly domestic as the robin and no other birds fits into the scenery better or is more welcome in spring. It is a bird of unquenchable courage or it would not arrive here before the snow leaves, and it develops a fine sense of ownership. No millionaire surveying his private park can look the part of the proprietor better than can the robin when it revisits a lawn with which it was familiar the summer before. It expects to find a worm exactly where it found one last year, and as a rule is not disappointed. It looks at the human who may own the lawn and, possibly, remarks: "There's the man who was here last year," just as the man tries to think that the robin is the one he saw in 1915.

After all, the bird and the man are much alike; the bird has a brief period of loveliness and nest building, and then it works from sunrise till sunset to care for the family. So does the man, if he is the right sort.

Fall comes and the bird faces the possibilities of starvation or of sudden death from some of its enemies, and the man faces the increasing possibilities of pneumonia or apoplexy. Next spring comes and finds another robin and another man, the only thing remaining unchanged being the land. Both the robin and the man dream that they possess it, and yet, after all, it acquires them.—Hartford Courant.

### New York Future Fashion Center.

Mary Garden, while busily collecting funds for her hospital in Paris, found time to prophesy that New York would be the future center of style. Miss Garden declared that American designers had shown such originality and American manufacturers so much initiative since the war that it would be impossible for Paris to regain her one-time prestige.

If a man succeeds the world envies him; if he fails it openly sympathizes with him—and secretly rejoices.

## A Few Smiles.

### Studies in Philology.

"There are a great many new verbs in use."  
"Name some of them."  
"Well, there are the verbs, 'to film,' 'to bomb' and 'to gas.'"  
"That just shows what a hold slang has on people. I always thought the verb 'to gas' was of ancient origin, dating back to the earliest politicians."

### Up in the Air.

"And you never fell in love with a bareback rider in a circus when you were a boy?"  
"No, indeed. I looked higher."  
"You must have had a good opinion of yourself."  
"You don't understand. I mean I fell in love with a trapeze performer in pink tights."

### Elusive Mechanism.

"Well, have you familiarized yourself with all the working parts of your automobile yet?"  
"No," replied the discouraged motorist. "Every time I take an inventory I find something missing."  
"You must have had a good opinion of yourself."



### Doesn't Talk Back.

"You say Mr. and Mrs. Twobble have never exchanged a cross word?"  
"Exactly."  
"Are you sure of that?"  
"Quite positive. Mr. Twobble is a man who knows when to keep his mouth shut."

### Added Responsibilities.

"You've heard the old saying that a woman's work is never done?"  
"Oh, yes," replied the cynical man, "and the curious thing about it is that it originated before women got the notion that they were called upon to run the earth."

### The Reason.

First Wedding Guest—There seems to be a coolness between the two mothers-in-law.  
Second Wedding Guest—Yes; each one thinks her offspring is too good for the other.

### Could Be Replaced.

Mrs. Newed (sobbing)—Oh, J. John! The cat has eaten all the angel cake I baked this morning. Boo-hoo-hoo!  
Newed (consoling)—Well, I don't cry or worry about it, dear! I'll buy you another cat in the morning.

### Typical.

"That shabby looking old gentleman has discovered a comet."  
"Well! Well!"  
"But he's a typical scientist. He knows the heaven like a book and can't find his way to the post office."

### Hit or Miss.

Time is a worker that accomplishes much.  
Only a woman's temper is as warm as her love.  
The less faith other people have in a man the more his wife has.

A poor man should be polished, for he receives many hard rubs.  
The man who tries to lengthen his nights is apt to shorten his days.  
The earth would be a quiet old ball were it not for the campaign orators.  
Some men who live by their wits have to get along on very small capital.

An old bachelor says a woman's heart is like a honeycomb—full of cells.  
The average girl would rather hear a young man say he is jealous of her than have him tell her she inspires him to great deeds.

blouses fastened in the back are frequently made with a high collar.

### What Women Are Doing.

Women are now permitted to register as students in the dental school at Columbia university.

Grace Lee, a Chinese girl, will be salutatorian of the 1916 class of the Yakima (Wash.) High school.

An Italian girl worked in the local mines at Tyler, Pa., for a whole year without her sex becoming known.

A minimum wage of \$4.80 a week is paid to all woman munition workers in the Manchester (Eng.) district.

For the first time in the history of bowling, women were admitted to the recent national tournament held in Washington.

Mrs. L. Brackett Bishop, a philanthropist of Chicago, has agreed to pay all the expenses incurred by poor working girls who desire to be married.

## THE EUROPEAN WAR A YEAR AGO THIS WEEK

July 10, 1915.

Germans checked by French north of Arras and by Belgians on the Yser.

Russians delivered smashing blow against Austrians in southern Poland.

British, Norwegian and Italian steamers sunk by German submarines.

Unsatisfactory reply to U. S. note on Lusitania received from Germany.

July 11, 1915.

Great artillery activity on west front.

Arras and Reims shelled by Germans.

Bombs dropped on Venice by Austrian aeroplane.

Russians occupied positions on heights of right bank of River Urzendoaka.

July 12, 1915.

Germans took 2½ miles of Russian trenches near Suwalki.

Austrians repulsed Montenegrins on Herzegovina border.

Austrians made desperate efforts to get through the Carnic Alps into Italy.

Allies advanced in Gallipoli.

July 13, 1915.

German crown prince's army thrown back by French at the Argonne.

Austrians in Lublin region retreated toward Galician border.

Austrian attempt to invade Italy at Kreuzberg defeated with heavy loss.

Russians bested Turks in battles in Armenia and Transcaucasia.

French aeroplane squadrons bombarded German railway and supply stations.

July 14, 1915.

Germans made considerable advance in the Argonne.

New German defensive developed in direction of Riga.

Italians took two forts south of Gorizia and trenches in Carnic Alps.

July 15, 1915.

Germans held gains in the Argonne against counter-attacks.

Germans renewed drive on Warsaw and took Przasnysz.

Austria issued Red Book accusing allies of cruelty, etc.

Welsh coal miners struck.

Germany formally expressed regret for torpedoing of American steamer Nebraskan.

July 16, 1915.

French drove back Germans in the Argonne.

Hindenburg and Mackensen advanced on Warsaw.

Austrians crossed the Dniester and advanced on Bessarabia.

Heavy artillery fighting in Carinthia.

German submarine U-51 sunk in Black sea by Russian warship.

French aeroplanes bombarded military station at Chauny.

### Short Period of Mourning.

Two worthy followers of the royal and ancient game of golf were in the habit of daily playing together. In the course of time one lost his wife, and on hearing the sad news his friend of the links paid on the following morning a call to express his sincere sympathy. Condolence having been declared, second nature manifested itself.

"You'll no be gowfin' the day?"  
There was a pause ere the answer came:

"Weel, I'll jist tak' ma cleek an' we'll play yin or twa holes. Anyway, she deed yesterday."

### Happiness Away From Home.

My little nephew was making a long visit to his grandmother and while there he had no desire to go out. One day his grandmother said, "Walter, why don't you go out and play?" When at his own home it was just the reverse—his mother could not keep him indoors.

Returning home after his long visit to his grandmother, I said, "Walter, I guess you are glad to come home to mother."  
He replied, "I don't know. Grandmother wants me to go out and see the world and you don't."—Chicago Tribune.

### A Nice Man.

"My goodness! I would never have supposed you could be the mother of such a big girl. You must have been married very young."

"What a nice man that Mr. Wedgewood is," she said to her husband after the visitor had departed.

### Sleeping Sentinel.

Sentry—Halt, who goes there?  
Rustic—Friend!  
Sentry—Pass, friend. All's well.  
Rustic—Thanks, sir. I'm sorry to ave woke 'ee, sir!—Punch.

### A Venturesome Thirst.

"I just heard Three-Fingered Sam shouting for total abstinence."  
"Yes," replied Broncho Bob. "He gathered that it had something to do with drinkin' an' he says he's willin' to try anything once."

### Sufficient.

"Do you think we shall ever establish communication with Mars?"  
"See no reason for trying to do so," replied Mr. Growcher. "Enough opportunity for diplomatic interchange down here."

## MANY AGENCIES AT WORK

Most Active Fight Against Tuberculosis Is Being Carried on at Numerous Points.

Statistics made public by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis show that nearly 3,000 agencies are now listed in the fight against tuberculosis in the United States, an increase of 1,500 per cent since 1904, when the national warfare on this disease was started. These figures are taken from a new tuberculosis directory issued by the association.

The list includes 557 sanatoria and hospitals, 158 tuberculosis boarding houses, 90 hospitals for the insane and 35 penal institutions making special provision for tuberculosis, 455 dispensaries, 310 open-air schools, and 1,324 anti-tuberculosis associations and committees. To these are added 158 Canadian institutions and associations, making a total of 3,057. The directory also gives a summary of municipal and state legislation on tuberculosis.

When the national association was formed in 1904 and the first list of agencies was printed, only 183 organizations and institutions were found. The second edition of the directory in 1908 reported 649 different agencies; and 1,440 were listed in the third edition published in 1911. On the basis of the latter figures, the number of agencies in the anti-tuberculosis movement has increased 115 per cent in the last five years.

## NOT A FRIEND TO BE SOUGHT

Man Who Continually "Blows His Own Horn" Is as a General Principle to Be Avoided

Beware of the person who is continually telling you of the good he is doing. Something about that man is not right.

He has some reason for desiring to make you think him better than he is. He either wants to work you into something, or he wants to reach some one else through you.

The man who does deeds of kindness, prompted by a heart which is right, seldom tells of them. He might mention one to an intimate friend, perhaps, but then only incidentally. The man who gives, not because he really wants to do so, but because of some selfish desire, will never get credit any higher than his own roof. His desire for effect and his insincerity make him a man to be avoided—never trusted.

Look out for the man who wants you to turn his grindstone.

### Experimenting on Wheat.

The slender angular head of the wheat stalk with its needle-like barbs—the characteristic of the American-grown crop—is doomed, if Professor William F. Freedman, graduate of Cornell university, is successful in experiments in wheat production. Professor Freedman has at his disposal wheat specimens gathered from all quarters of the globe. Among these is the "beardless" and "forked-head" product of Russia. His experiments aim primarily to reproduce an acclimated American wheat that possesses the "beardless" and "forked-head" or tripod like properties of the Russian stalk.

### And Then Some.

"Why do they call that particular type of craft a catboat?"  
"Because to go out in it one should have nine lives."

## The Wheat Yield Tells the Story

of Western Canada's Rapid Progress  
The heavy crops in Western Canada have caused new records to be made in the handling of grains by railroads. For, while the movement of these heavy shipments has been wonderfully rapid, the resources of the different roads, despite enlarged equipments and increased facilities, have been strained as never before, and previous records have thus been broken in all directions.

The largest Canadian wheat shipments through New York ever known are reported for the period up to October 15th, upwards of four and a quarter million bushels being exported in less than six weeks, and this was but the overflow of shipments to Montreal, through which point shipments were much larger than to New York.

Yields as high as 60 bushels of wheat per acre are reported from all parts of the country; while yields of 45 bushels per acre are common.

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### His Grievance.

A proper man is young always. Herr Foschwitz, aged fifty years, and captain in the landwehr, married about the time the war began a wife not yet twenty. Since the war has been dragging on and he has continued at the front, he has spoken often to his comrades about a matter very near his heart.

"If this fighting business keeps up much longer," says he, "when it's over I'll find myself tied to an old woman."

### His Field.

"What is the subscription price of your paper?" asked the stranger, entering the editorial sanctum.

"Two dollars a year," replied the editor briskly.