

CANADA'S IMMIGRATION

Increased by About Sixty Per Cent in Past Six Months.

That Canada is at war is now more fully appreciated on this side of the boundary line, now that the United States has stepped alongside its northern neighbor and linked hands in the great struggle for a freer democracy throughout the civilized world.

It is altogether probable that the action of the Canadian Government in taking the duty off wheat going into Canada, thus automatically lifting the duty off that coming into the United States, may not be responsible for an increased immigration to Canada.

Mr. W. D. Scott, Superintendent of Immigration at Ottawa, Canada, recently gave out figures concerning immigration from the United States, which shows that the increase in the past three or four months was 60 per cent over the same period last year.

The new settlers are coming from numerous states through the ports of Emersom, North Portal and Coumbs, as well as from Oregon and Washington, through Kingsgate and Vancouver.

There arrived in Saskatchewan during the year ending December 31, 1916, a total of 8,136 persons as compared with 5,812 during the twelve months previous. At the same time nearly twice as many immigrants passed through the immigration department at Edmonton, Alberta, in the last twelve months as for the same period of the year before.

Indeed They Do! Little Willie, although not much of a singer, has the spirit all right. He was rendering an especially erratic version of "Columbia, Gem of the Ocean," the other evening, and an entirely new, though suitable, interpretation of the words of the song.

"O Columbia, gem of the ocean, The home of the brave and the free—" The listeners withstood several painful lines of this and there wasn't a break.

Some men refuse to pay their debts because they think it would injure their credit.

After the Runes is for Thred Eyes. Refreshment—Restores. Refreshment is a favorite treatment for Runes that feel dry and sore.

THE FOOD PROBLEM

HERBERT HOOVER APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT AS HEAD OF COMMISSION.

NO STRIKES DURING WAR

Plan of Mediation Announced by National War Council—Omaha Probably One of the "Army Towns."

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington—Herbert C. Hoover has accepted the appointment as head of the new food administration, tendered him by President Wilson.

These "broad powers," Hoover said, would be necessary only in "minority cases."

"The essence of all war administration," said Hoover, "falls into two phases: First—"Centralized single responsibility.

Second—"The delegation of this responsibility to decentralize administrative organs.

"We do not ask the American people to starve themselves," he explained, "but that they should eat plenty, wisely, and without waste."

The proclamation issued by President Wilson contains the following provisions:

Appointment of Herbert C. Hoover as food administrator without pay.

All Hoover's assistants, except clerks, to be volunteers.

Voluntary mobilization of food producers and distributors for "intelligent control of food consumption."

Full inquiry into existing available food stocks, costs and practices of food producing and distributing trades.

Prevention of all food hoarding and "corners."

Requisitioning of food supplies and equipment for handling them when necessary.

Government establishment of prices to guarantee farmers their profits.

Prohibition of food waste.

Licensing of legitimate mixtures and milling percentages.

Government food control to end immediately after the war.

Omaha as an Army Town. Omaha, Neb.—This city probably will be chosen as one of the thirty-two "army towns" to house soldiers who will be mobilized within the next six months, in the opinion of President Randall K. Brown of the Omaha Commercial club.

"We knew this building of camps to house the soldiers was coming and we have been pressing Omaha's advantages for some time," said President Brown.

"We have had the question up with the war department, and Senator Hitchcock has made several trips to the department in our behalf. We have placed all the available information as to Omaha's advantages before the committee in charge.

"We have pointed out that Omaha has excellent railway facilities, that it already has two army posts here, that it has great stock yards and packing plants to furnish an abundant meat supply; that it has great elevators for the storing of grain and a great many other facilities important in mobilization."

NO STRIKES DURING THE WAR

Plan of National Mediation Announced by War Council

Washington.—Plans for creating nationwide machinery to aid in mediating labor disputes during the war are announced by the national defense council's subcommittee on mediation and conciliation.

The cities in which these committees probably will be formed first include New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Portland or Seattle, Salt Lake City, Kansas City, St. Louis and Denver.

Promises Shorter Work Day

New York.—A shorter work day will come without legislation when it can be shown it will bring an increased profit to the employer, according to a report presented by the committee on industrial betterment at the opening session of the annual convention of the national association of manufacturers here today.

The committee also reported that compulsory sickness insurance is not "wise or desirable" and that there is no present necessity for old age pensions legislation.

Lincoln.—On account of conditions brought about by the war, there will be no convention of the Nebraska state postmasters in Lincoln next month, June 5, 6 and 7 had been set as the date for the gathering. This announcement is made by President Thomas Osterman of Blair, Neb., and is in accordance with the request of J. C. Koons, first assistant postmaster general. The state association head wrote the postmaster general's office for the department's advice on the matter and the reply was that it would be wise to postpone.

HIGH COST OF LIVING

STATE FEEDS AND CLOTHES FAMILY OF 5,000

LATE NEWS FROM CAPITOL

Items of General Interest Gathered from Reliable Sources Around the State House

Western Newspaper Union News Service. With a family of 5,000 men, women and children to feed and clothe, the state of Nebraska is having a lively tussle with the well known H. C. of L.

The five thousand represents the number of inmates in the fifteen institutions under the control of the state board of commissioners. In addition the state provides sustenance for nearly 1,000 persons, employees, who take care of the state's wards.

For the two years ending on the 30th of last November, the grocery and meat bill, which also includes coffee and tea and butter and butterine, cheese, milk, etc., was \$542,447, or \$270,000 a year, or \$740 a day.

The clothing bill for the same period was \$68,000, or \$34,000 a year. But since then the prices for everything to eat and wear have risen. Here is a computation made for the last five months, for the Beatrice institution, which has an inmate population of 538 and 52 employees:

Average expenditure for flour for biennium, \$320 per month; average for the last five months, \$634.

Average expenditure for sugar for biennium, \$38 a month; average for last five months, \$112.

Average expenditure for canned goods for biennium, \$67 a month; for last five months, \$187.

Average expenditure for fruits and vegetables for biennium, \$319 a month; for the last five months, average per month, \$842.

Average expenditure for meats for biennium, \$448; average for last five months, \$467.

Average for butterine for biennium, \$210 a month; average for last five months, \$350.

Average for coal for biennium, \$998; average for last five months, \$1,670.

Average for maintenance, covering some fifty items, for biennium, per month, \$6,645; average for last five months, \$10,114.

Bean Seed at Cost. Because of the great scarcity of bean seed and the great value of beans as a "war food," the agricultural extension service of the college of agriculture at Lincoln, has arranged for the purchase of two carloads of seed which will be sold at cost to citizens of the state who want the beans for planting.

One carload of navy beans will be sold at not more than 19 1/2 cents per pound, f. o. b. Lincoln in 100-pound lots. A carload of Pinto beans will be sold at 14 cents per pound in 100-pound lots f. o. b. Denver, Colorado.

The navy beans were grown in Michigan, and the Pinto are dry land beans free from disease and grown in southwestern Colorado. Orders will be listed as they are received, and in case all beans are sold money will be returned. Pinto beans are now ready for delivery and the navy beans will be ready within a week. Pinto beans are recommended for central and western Nebraska and navy for eastern Nebraska.

Convicts to Help the Farmers. Warden Fenton has been authorized by the board of control to arrange with farmers not more than twelve or fifteen miles away from the prison for the employment of convicts in this kind of labor. The board believes that the farmers and the prisoners will be mutually benefited, and the state itself will profit by receiving several thousand dollars in wages for their services, which will be used to pay running expenses of the institution.

The area in which convicts will be let out for private agricultural employment has been limited to the immediate vicinity of the penitentiary, so that transportation expenses will be small and the men will be constantly under the supervision of the prison authorities, to whom they will be expected to report every week or so.

Stocking the Fish Ponds. Three carloads of young catfish, trout, bass, perch, sunfish and frogs, taken from the state hatcheries at South Bend and Valentine, have been distributed along the lines of the Northwestern railroad by Superintendent O'Brien of the hatcheries and Chief Game Warden Koster. They were planted in fifty or more lakes, ponds and creeks. The trip covered the Northwestern line from Fremont to Harrison, and also the branch line from Norfolk to Verdigris and Niobrara.

Loyalty of foreign-born citizens of Nebraska of German descent to their adopted land is being shown in the voluntary service, without pay, for registration under the conscription law. Thayer county, which has an exceptionally large number of German citizens, is the first county to send in its completed list of volunteers for registration duty under the draft law. Its complete list has been received by Governor Neville. Among those who have volunteered their services are a large number of well known German residents.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR MAY 27

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HIS WORK (—PENTECOSTAL LESSON.)

LESSON TEXT—John 15:26-27; 16:7-14. GOLDEN TEXT—He shall teach you all things.—John 14:26.

This lesson follows chapter 15:1-4. The emphasis Jesus placed upon the new and deeper intimacy into which the disciples were about to enter, and which involved a participation in persecutions (v. 20). However, as a garison and helper when this persecution should come, the believers are to have in their lives the Holy Spirit.

I. The Believer and the Spirit (vv. 26-27). The "paraclete" (helper) was to proceed from the Father, but Jesus was to send him. He is called the "Spirit of Truth" because it is his work to reveal the truth, and it is through his teachings only that anyone may know the truth. Jesus is the truth (ch. 14:6), and the Spirit of Truth is to enable believers to testify concerning Jesus. It qualifies them for such testimony. The disciples also had the added qualification of experience for "ye have been with me from the beginning." The disciples were eye witnesses of what he did and what he was, and heard and knew all that he claimed for himself and what his life proved itself to be.

II. The Believer and Persecution (16:1-4). This section has not been selected by the committee, but as a part of the lesson we cannot overlook it. In it the Master enumerates specifically things that were to come to the disciples and that they might "remember." He also mentions the fact that these things are to come after he has gone away. As a relief from sorrow (v. 4), the Master goes on to show the relation of the Spirit to the world.

III. The Holy Spirit in the World (vv. 7-11). It was profitable for the disciples that Jesus should go, that another Divine friend was to take his place. This is the best section in all the Bible to teach the personality of the Holy Spirit. The personal pronouns in this section are very significant, there being seven in the thirteenth verse alone. The word "Comforter" here used means that and much more. It is the same word translated "advocate." In I John 2:1, it means one who is called upon to stand beside another as a helper, counselor, guide and friend. Jesus had been this to his disciples thus far, but he was going away, and another friend was coming, who should not only be with them, but should dwell in them (Ch. 14:16, 17). The Comforter has come, and without him we can do nothing. He is the one who convicts the world "of sin, of righteousness and of judgment." Of sin, not because they have broken the moral code, but because they do not accept Jesus Christ as the Messiah (Hebrews 10:28. See ch. 8:18-20). In the second place, he is to convict the world of righteousness. The Holy Spirit has no other channel through which he can get at the world except through those who are already saved. He shows the world its error about righteousness; also that Jesus is the only righteous one, and righteousness is only possible to us in him (Phil. 3:9 R. V.). Because he has lived the right life, having fulfilled all righteousness, and gone on high, he therefore convicts men, but the Spirit does his work through the agency of the word. Man needs to know first of all that he is a sinner; second, that Jesus "the righteousness of God," has provided for us, and it is the Holy Spirit who alone can show these two things to men. In the third place, he convicts the world of judgment because "the prince of this world is judged." This judgment is past (see John 12:31), for Jesus has conquered Satan. Certainly this is a truth that needs to be emphasized in this day. The judgment of sin and punishment for sin, due to unbelief or rejection of Jesus Christ, is seldom preached in our day.

IV.—The Spirit and Truth (vv. 12-15). There was much more that the Master might say to the disciples, but they were not ready to bear it (v. 12). He, however, looks forward to the day when the Spirit shall come, and they will be ready to receive these things. The Spirit will guide them into truth, all truth, for he shall not speak of himself (he will not bear witness unto or speak "from" himself) but the things that he will speak of will be concerning Jesus. The real evidence of the presence of the Holy Spirit in a believer or in a congregation is the degree of exaltation given to Jesus Christ.

There is a progressive intimacy in John. Jesus first calls those who are at his side, servants (Ch. 13:13). He next calls them friends (Ch. 15:15), and lastly he calls them brethren (Ch. 20:17). This is the law of Christian experience.

Sunday school teachers should certainly take advantage of this lesson to bring out the work of the Spirit (vv. 8, 9, 10); the gifts of the Spirit (I Cor. 12); and the fruits of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22, 23). Let us be sure that our scholars know what it means to have a definite, intimate, personal relation with the all powerful one.

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