

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 \$310,000,000, 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. They toiled early and late in the harvesting and threshing. Good cultivation gave bigger yields than endless 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 livestock 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 \$9,000,000, 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 \$94,222,000.00, as compared with \$487,296,000.00 for the same months 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.

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LESSON FOR JULY 9

THE THESSALONIAN CHRISTIANS.

LESSON TEXT—1 Thess. 2:17-20, 4:13-18; 5:14-24.
GOLDEN TEXT—If we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also that are fallen asleep in Jesus will God bring with him.—1 Thess. 4:14 R. V.

This epistle is probably one of the earliest of Paul's letters (A. D. 50-53). It links itself closely with the seventh chapter of the Book of Acts. Driven from Berea, Paul goes to Athens and later to Corinth, while Timothy returns to Thessalonica and carries a report to Paul at Corinth. Whereupon, perhaps within six months, Paul writes his epistle. A study of the two letters addressed to this church teaches us how Paul advised and instructed his Gentile converts. The first is a particularly cheerful, positive and helpful exhortation.

I. Thanksgiving and Testimony (1:1-10; 2:17-20). (1) Salutation (1:1) The phrase, "the church of the Thessalonians which is in God" is nowhere else used. Some think it to be unique because Paul had so little to condemn or to criticize. The deity of Jesus Christ and that grace and peace proceed from God is clearly set forth. (2) **Thanksgiving (vv. 2 and 3)** (a) For works of faith; (b) for their "labor of love," and (c) their "patience" (endurance). That these works were "in the sight of God" is evidence of their genuineness, and such spiritual fruitage awakened (3) **Knowledge in Paul's mind (v. 4)**. They were "elected" to salvation, holiness and likeness to Jesus (vv. 5-9; 1 Pet. 1:2; Eph. 1:4, 5; Rom. 8:29). (4) **Testimony (vv. 6-10)**. Paul could appeal to the known conduct of himself and his friends to substantiate, to prove, the standing of those candidates for holiness who had been "elected." His words had not come to them in mere exhortation and eloquence but "also in power," which governed their conduct. This was not to win applause, but in his own case he labored for their sakes (v. 5) and in their case they had received the word "with joy" in the midst of affliction to the end that they became examples (patterns or types; literally, like the far echoing notes of a trumpet) (v. 7) to all that dwell in the regions thereabout. Their obedience, consistency and missionary spirit (vv. 8-10) sounded forth everywhere and all that needed to be done was to say, "Behold the church of Thessalonica!" (5) **Paul's glory and joy (2:17-20)**. Paul sets forth his character as a Christian worker (2:1-16). (a) His physical boldness (vv. 1, 2); (b) his faithful, impartial teaching (vv. 3-6), affectionately kind (7, 8), unselfish, working for his own support (v. 9), holy and consistent (13-16). No one "had anything on him," and such a life dare to be bold, though it is not free from persecution (v. 15). (6) **Paul's desire (2:17-20)**. He here sets forth why this letter was written. Separated from them by persecution, he desires to return and supply the things they were yet lacking and to see face to face those whom he loved. Satan prevented (v. 18) doubtless using the bitter persecution stirred up against him. He had therefore sent Timothy from Berea to comfort them (3:15), who had made such a good report (3:1-10) that it urged Paul to greater prayer (vv. 11-13) on their behalf.

II. Ignorance Illumined (4:13-18). Paul rebukes certain sins (4:12), exhorting them to godliness and to love one another. He then touches upon a doctrine which was one of his strongest reasons for writing to these Thessalonians. The imminent return of Christ had been strongly emphasized, but in the months of Paul's absence some of their number had died, died without seeing Christ's promised glory. Would those who remained have any advantage over the dead saints when Christ should come? It is to set their thinking aright that Paul writes. This he does by outlining the great and blessed hope of the church in its "rapture" at Christ's coming. This is more clearly set forth here than anywhere else in the New Testament. Those who mourned over departed loved ones are not to "sorrow as those who had no hope." Jesus the risen, everlasting Savior and King, is certainly coming again in his kingdom of glory, "with a shout, with the voice of the archangel." Their sorrow is not that of the world, for those departed are but "sleeping" and will come back with Jesus when he comes. Together they who sleep and we who are alive shall be caught up "to meet the Lord in the air," all to dwell together forevermore with the Lord.

Paul's description of the events of this second coming, this rapture of the church, has not yet been fulfilled, but he and the disciples were not mistaken as to its nearness, its imminence.

III. The Hope of Church and State (5:14-24). The letter closes with moral exhortations with reference to spiritual leaders, care of one another, the spirit of prayer; and he exhorts them not to "quench the Spirit" by despising prophesying, that preaching and testifying which can be exercised by the weakest, feeblest member of the church if he be Spirit-endued.

AWAIT COMPLIANCE

RELEASE OF TROOPERS A STEP TOWARD PEACE.

UNTIL ENLISTMENT EXPIRES

Militiamen Over Eighteen Will Be Mustered Into Service—President in Fighting Humor.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Washington.—The Washington government still awaits full compliance with its demands by the de facto authorities of Mexico. Release by General Carranza's order of the American prisoners taken at Carrizal has averted the possibility of immediate retaliatory steps. It is possible that it has also helped to pave the way toward an attempt at peaceful settlement of the whole border situation. High officials made it very clear, however, that the vital point at issue—the future attitude of the Mexican forces toward American troops in northern Mexico, engaged in guarding the border and pursuing bandits who raided American territory—remains to be settled.

Pending a satisfactory reply to its second and more far reaching requirement, the United States will continue to hurry troops to the border and to take every step necessary in preparation for the carrying out of its purposes by force of arms.

President in Warlike Mood.

Philadelphia.—President Wilson, describing himself as "a fighting mood," enunciated to a large crowd in Independence square his conception of some of the cardinal American ideals. He declared that America, in dealing with other nations, must "vindicate at whatever cost" its principles of liberty, justice and humanity; that "America first" must be translated into action exalting it above all selfish interests, and that the nation's policy and development must be guided by the whole people and not by any small group.

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Washington.—Major General Leonard Wood's orders that all militiamen over eighteen be mustered into service whether or not they have consent of their parents resulted in court action, that may be a precedent for similar cases reported from every camp in the country. The action was taken by Corporal John B. Brockman, eighteen, who enlisted without his father's consent. His attorney says the law on which General Wood based his order has been superseded. Mobilization officers must see cause in court why Brockman should not be mustered out. War department officials ruled that youths who enlisted while some days younger than eighteen years, but who were eighteen when actually mustered in, must remain until their enlistment expires.

Food Situation in Germany.

The Hague.—The Rotterdam Courant hears that distress in the German cities has risen to such a degree that the high church authorities of Munster and Cologne have urged asked the co-operation of the clergy to send town children to the country where the scarcity of food is less acute.

Party Goes Out of Existence.

Chicago.—By a vote of 32 to 6, with nine members declining to vote, the national committee of the progressive party, at the end of a stormy session, endorsed Charles E. Hughes for president and the bull mosers practically went out of existence as a national political organization.

Death Sentence for Treason.

London.—Viscount Reading, lord chief justice of England, with black-cloth of tradition called a cap spread over his head, and his two associates in scarlet gowns, likewise black-clothed, pronounced the sentence of death for high treason on Sir Robert Casement, after the foreman of the jury in a shaking voice had given the verdict of guilty. An appeal will be taken by Sir Roger.

Germans Make Another Attack.

Paris.—German troops have delivered another attack on the French position near Fleury on the sector of the Verdun front over which violent fighting has been in progress for several days. The assault was checked by the French fire, according to the war office. There was spirited fighting near the Thiaumont work which the Germans captured several days ago, but no change took place in the situation there. West of the Meuse there was no infantry fighting of importance.

Red Cross Movements Kept Quiet.

New York.—The war department has placed the movement of the Red Cross under the same cover of secrecy as those of the regular army and the militia. Officials of the Red Cross throughout the country have been advised to be careful as to information they give out as the disposition of their forces would indicate the points where troops are to be sent. The Red Cross began to enroll nurses three years ago for emergencies and now has 6,000 who are expected to respond if needed.

ONLY THING HE COULD DO

Foolish to Think That Man in Trench Would Allow Shell to Spoil Arduous Work.

We extract the following from a letter written to his parents in Ireland by one of the Irish brigade in France, says London Tit-Bits. About half a dozen of them were told off to dig a hole somewhat in advance of the trenches. They had got on nicely with their job, when the Germans spotted them and began to try their artillery marksmanship on the diggers. For a time the shells went wide, but at last one dropped right into the midst of the men.

All but one scrambled out like rabbits. The "man who stayed behind" put his spade under the shell and flung the projectile out of the hole after his comrades, who, in dire alarm, quickly threw themselves flat on the ground and escaped injury. Going back to the hole, they saw their mate, a Londonderry giant, coolly lighting his pipe.

One and all upbraided him for throwing the shell out after them. "What would you have me do?" he asked, "I have the shell in the hole, and let it spoil our half-day's beautiful work!"

Genuine Eloquence.

There are no people in the world with whom eloquence is so universal as with the Irish. When Leigh Riddell was traveling in Ireland, he passed a man who was a painful spectacle of pallor, squalor and raggedness. His friend snote him and he turned back. "If you are in want," said Riddell, "why don't you beg?" "Surely it's beggin' I am, yer Honor," "You didn't say a word," "Of course not, yer Honor, but see how the skin is sp'aking through me trowsers! and the bones cryin' out through me skin! Look at me sunken cheeks, and the famin' that's starvin' in me eyes! Man alive, isn't it beggin' I am with a thousands tongues!"

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SOME CONSOLATION IN THAT

Growing Maiden Quick to Recognize and Announce That Conditions Might Be Much Worse.

At the beginning of hot weather last summer's clothes always regain respect. They are then buttoned hurriedly into service. Dressmakers foresee this time, providing deep hems and convenient tucks; mothers dislike it for the proof it enforces of their growing daughters' added inches.

Her mother was trying one of last summer's resurrected gowns on Mary Jane. "Goodness gracious, Mary Jane, how you have grown!" she said, looking despairingly at the short dress. "This hem will have to be let down at least three inches."

Mary Jane was plainly troubled. "I don't see why I grow so much, it just makes you have to let out and let out. If I keep on growing tall I soon won't be able to go through the doorways." Suddenly her face brightened. "I'm not so tall as I might be, though," she added, "for just think how tall I would have been if there wasn't so much turned up for my feet."

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Not Fatal.

A certain clergyman was much grieved to find his "special services for men only" were so badly attended. He expressed his regret to the vergere one evening when, as usual, they were the only two at the meeting.

"I really think they ought to come," he said, sadly.

"That's just what I've zed to 'em over an' over again," said the vergere, consolingly. "I sez to 'em, I sez, 'Look at me! I sez; 'look at me, I go to all them services.' I sez, 'an' wot 'arm does they do me?'"—Tit-Bits.

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