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From all indications the opening of the G. T. P. is going to have other effects besides the assistance rendered to business. It will make Prince Rupert a port of call for the criminal class. Heretofore on account of its isolated position the most desperate class did not feel safe in taking a chance. Of late it appears that there is a greater variety in our midst. A large number of petty thieves have made their appearance and the people would do well to beware of them. It will keep the police busy if they cope with the situation.

Germany imported in 1913 agricultural products to the value of \$1,800,000,000. She exported such commodities to the value of \$432,000,000. Of cereals she produced to the value of \$1,364,000,000, and imported \$384,000,000 net, that is, after making allowance for her exports. This means that Germany requires to import approximately a quarter of the cereals she requires for home consumption. If this is the condition in time of peace, it must be very different in time of war in consequence of the greater demand for food and the enormous waste. Two-thirds of all the importations of Germany consist of agricultural products, but included in them are hides, cotton and wool. The lack of these articles must inevitably prove an exceedingly serious blow to the manufacturing interests,

although the markets of the world are now absolutely closed to their products.

The facts show that it is absolutely vital to Germany to bring the war to the earliest possible conclusion. There must be many thousands of idle men in the cities that have grown under the stimulus of the protective policy, which encouraged manufacturing. The employees will find their wages stopped, and food hard to get. On the other hand, there will be vast outlays for military purposes, but there is not much use in having money to buy food if there is no food to be bought. These facts create a situation of extreme difficulty, and, to add to it, the same state of things exist in Austria. Great Britain, France and Russia could stand one or more serious defeats, but a serious defeat, or even an unexpected prolongation of hostilities, would prove exceedingly grave for Germany and Austria.—Ex.

Mr. Walter Clayton, of the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co., has added another two bear cubs to his selection. In case Prince Rupert starts a park he would gladly present his bears as the nucleus of a zoo.

At the meeting called last night to form a local branch of the Canadian Patriotic Fund Association, a committee was appointed to make further preparation for a deferred meeting, to take place next Tuesday night.

PASSING EVENTS

Ontario will contribute 250,000 bags of flour for the relief of distress in the United Kingdom during the war. Six provinces have now stated what they wish to give in the way of special aid in this time of crisis, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia. The other provinces have the matter under consideration, and will be heard from shortly.

The Russian army invading East Prussia is stated on the highest authority to number the astounding total of 3,000,000 men, while a reserve of 5,000,000 is slowly following up their victorious march.

H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught is in Halifax inspecting the military situation.

Colonel Hughes, Minister of Militia and Defence, will not be content with sending one army division to the front, but will within a few months have two more mobilized. The result of this action will be that one fresh Canadian army division will be kept on the fighting line all the time. The two new divisions will act as reinforcements to the division which is now being mobilized at Valcartier.

France has submitted to the United States and other neutral governments a sworn statement that, after an engagement at Moncel, on August 15, a German officer fired at a distance of less than thirty feet, on three Red Cross nurses, killing two and wounding the third.

The position of the young Duke of Brunswick is a very tragic one at present. He is the son-in-law of the Kaiser, and the nominal head of the army in his duchy. At the same time he is a British prince, and is liable to be shot as a traitor no matter which side he adopts. The Kaiser insists that the young Prince shall take his place at the head of his famous

Black Brunswickers. He has applied for permission to leave Germany and to live in the Netherlands or some other neutral state.

Major Louis Livingston Seaman, head of the American Red Cross Million in Belgium, has sent a lengthy protest against German methods of barbarism to President Wilson.

Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, has sent a telegram to Mr. Gerard, the American ambassador at Berlin, asking him to inform Admiral von Tirpitz, the Minister of Marine, that his son was saved and was not wounded in the battle between the British and German fleets off Heligoland.

A woman suffrage bill has been defeated in the Swedish Parliament.

The Liverpool Corn Exchange members urge Canadian farmers to enlarge their acreage of wheat next year as the best way to serve the Empire's need.

Five men rushed to the signal box of the London & Northwestern Railway at Kerkhampstead, 28 miles from London, early on the morning of August 28, stabbed the signal man, cut the wires, smashed the levers, and escaped. It is believed that the men were secret German agents, as several similar attempts have been frustrated since the outbreak of the war. There is a great demand for sentries to protect property, and more strict repressive measures are now likely to be adopted.

A Belgian commission is on its way to the United States to protest against the German atrocities in the war zone.

Mrs. Hamilton Gault, wife of the Montrealer who equipped the Princess Patricia Light Infantry, is going to accompany her husband to the front, Mr. Gault going out as major in the regiment, while Mrs. Gault will join the British Red Cross Corps.

RETAIL MERCHANTS HEAR ADDRESSES ON VITAL QUESTIONS

Two splendid addresses occupied the attention of the members of the Prince Rupert Retail Merchants Association at the adjourned monthly meeting held last night at the Board of Trade rooms. President Martin O'Reilly took for his subject, "The Aims and Objects of the Organization," pointing out the many urgent reasons for co-operation amongst retailers in all lines of business endeavor. He outlined the work undertaken by the association in the formation of a credit bureau; in the protection afforded members by united action, such as securing the lowering of insurance; in seeing that city contracts were kept at home, and made a special plea for earnest co-operation by all members to advance the success of the new organization.

Mr. W. J. Lynch interestingly discussed the vexed question of "Credit," and showed the many pitfalls a merchant has to guard against. Credit was a necessity in business life and the evils, he contended, came from careless methods in handling it. He cited the experience gained in many years as a merchant and how losses might be obviated by sticking to certain hard and fast rules. He showed also how the association's credit bureau would be of vast service to the members in checking many abuses.

Several incidents relating to the method in vogue at the City Hall

in letting contracts were related by members, and a special committee headed by Chairman Stalker of the grievance committee was appointed to thoroughly investigate complaints and draft a report which will be sent to the civic fathers. Another important matter dealt with was the question of the high cost of fire insurance. The meeting felt that with the splendid fire protection service given the city that the rates were altogether too high. The matter is to be investigated. A committee, to be appointed by President Martin O'Reilly, will also interview the City Council on the question of a holiday during the period of the fair.

INQUEST WILL BE DEFERRED.

The inquest into the death of Robert Auld, which occurred last evening at Shawatians, will be held this afternoon. It is understood that the jury will only be sworn in today and after examining the remains will adjourn for a few days to allow the arrival of a brother of the deceased from Vancouver.

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