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EDITORIALS

The balance of trade at the end of the war is likely to show that Canada has not suffered as much as the pessimists predicted. True it is that a hundred million dollars has been voted for the war, but how many hundred millions will come back in the form of contracts for war munitions and foodstuffs? One Montreal company has just secured a Russian contract worth seventy million dollars. This is only one among many that has been placed by the British, French and Russians. At the end of the war the balance of trade will show the real story and it may be confidently looked forward to as favoring this country by a very large proportion.

A passenger on the ill-fated British liner Falaba, which was sunk by the German submarines without giving the passengers a chance to get off, had the nerve to take a photograph of one of the upset lifeboats in the water just a moment before the Falaba was sent to the bottom. The picture shows innocent passengers—men, women and children—struggling for life in the water while the Germans were looking on with glee at the event. Men who can do that sort of thing must have a coarser grain in their make-up than the average mortal. Indeed, it's a return to the days of savagery when the victors killed everybody, men, women and children. How can the Germans ever remove this stigma from their reputation.

The City Market has never filled the place in Prince Rupert that its advocates expected of it. In the first place, the city is not large enough and the producers too far away to make the scheme a complete success. The chief trouble is that nobody knows just what days the market will be open

and consequently forget it altogether. It is evident, too, that the producer cannot afford to come here with his produce every week. It is also certain that there is not enough in it for any local man to handle the produce on commission. Some new solution of the market question will therefore have to be arranged if it is to be of any service either to the citizens or the farmers on the outside.

The ideal state of affairs would be to have one of the city staff handle the market but as his salary would amount to more than the advantages secured this is evidently not feasible. The next best solution is to arrange with somebody to keep the market open daily in return for some concession in the use of a certain portion of the space. Perhaps one of the local produce merchants would be glad to get free space or perhaps, indeed, pay a reasonable charge for it in return for a little service to the city. If this were done one of the requisites should be that fish should be sold at a profit of perhaps only a cent a pound. The commission which the outside farmers would be charged should also be limited. The details, of course, could be worked out later but the general scheme offers a solution for the market and Prince Rupert needs just such an institution.

It may of course be said that this would be competing with private enterprise and that it is not fair to the men already in the business. That may be so; but the people as a whole are more important than any one or two stores, although even then the intention is only to handle local lines such as fish and the products of the interior farmers. It is only right that the products at our doors



should be secured at the lowest possible cost, and the only way that can be done is for the city to take a hand in it. It should be possible to get any quantity of fish at a slight increase over the price paid to the fishermen after allowing for the waste. The market committee ought to get busy and work out a solution.

EXAMINER PASSED.

Vancouver, April 19.—Under the requirements of a clause in the Canadian Shipping Act, which says: "No person shall be appointed an examiner in respect to masters or mates unless he himself passed a satisfactory examination before two or more examiners." Captain Alan Morton Davis, the newly appointed examiner of Prince Rupert, has qualified in every respect for the position and the official announcement of the appointment will be made in due course. The examination took place here last week before Capt. John D. Macpherson, wreck commissioner for British Columbia, and examiner at Victoria, and Capt. Charles Eddie, examiner at Vancouver.

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ELIOT SAYS DON'T PRAY FOR PEACE

Boston, April 21.—"Don't pray for European peace now," was the advice of Dr. Charles W. Eliot, President Emeritus of Harvard College, in an address to the Baptist ministers of Great Boston at Tremont Temple.

Dr. Eliot spoke on "The Christian Minister and the War."

"I cannot conceive of a worse catastrophe for the human race than peace in Europe now," he said. "Whoever prays for peace takes a great responsibility. Were peace declared now, Germany would be in possession of Belgium, and German aggressive militarism would have triumphed. That would be success for Germany after she had committed the greatest crime a nation can commit, namely: Faithlessness to treaty, and the sanctity of contracts would pass for nothing. If the sanctity of contracts is to pass as nothing, civilization would be set back for centuries."

"While I approve of the policy of this government in preserving the neutrality of the United States at present I find it impossible to be neutral myself, and I don't see how any thinking American can keep himself neutral. Liberty and all other of our American ideals are involved in this war."

Asked by a minister from the floor: "When may we begin to pray for peace?" Dr. Eliot answered in brief: "When Germany is at least driven back into her own territory, and when she has been forced to pay full indemnity to Belgium."

Criticizing those who advocate peace at any cost and base their arguments on the New Testament, Dr. Eliot said:

"It has been the custom to depict Jesus as gentle and meek, overlooking entirely the heroic side of His nature. They have lost sight of His saying: 'I come not to bring peace but a sword.'"

"Do you think the United States should be called into the war?" he was asked.

"I believe that if the United States saw clearly that Great Britain or France was getting exhausted, most Americans would like to go to their assistance. We owe the French much for assistance in our time of need, and even if England had done nothing for us except give us Milton, we should help her."

"CHILDREN OF EMPIRE" WILL HOLD FLAG DAY

On Saturday next the newly formed chapter of the Children of the Empire will hold a flag day. The flags of three of the Allies will be sold by the children for ten cents per set of three. Proceeds from the sale of these flags will be sent to the Canadian Red Cross Society. Although calls upon the generosity of the public have been numerous we know this effort by the children ought to receive the wholehearted support of everyone.

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