

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Remember the men at the front when the frost bites and the wind chills.

Red Cross needs are redoubled by winter. Let contributions be redoubled also.

Promptness in starting interned **foreigners** at productive work is in striking contrast to inability to do the same with idle citizens.

An enemy's guns have reached the Tight Little Island. This is a new incentive to her sons in all parts of the world to rally to her standard and fight for her cause.

Germany's impost of \$70,000,000 on Belgium is accompanied by the excuse that Belgium did not preserve her neutrality. Her effort to preserve it is among the greatest heroisms of war.

One of the highest tributes to heroism in the war has been won by a French regiment recruited from criminals. That a man does not fit into the social requisites of peace is evidently no proof of his unfitness for war.

Our Minister of Finance has given the excellent advice to produce more. But advice is not valuable to the many, who, through managerial incompetence, are denied the opportunity to produce anything.

The political practice of marking time ostentatiously until pushed forward or backward, and stumbling in the direction of the push, is revealed in all its helplessness when some event occurs outside the familiar routine.

Ten years ago Canada had thirty-three chartered banks, and now she has twenty-two. With the change has come greater stability, which more than compensates for the loss of the competitive influence of more diversified control.

Many of our economic delusions are made in Germany. The Minister of Finance is ridding himself of them rapidly. He sees that production is the great economic necessity, and that we must pay for goods with goods or sink deeper into debt.

Commissioner Chisholm has not yet comprehended the absurdity of his efforts to make markets, abattoirs, and other public accommodations "pay." The streets do not pay. They are a dead loss. His statement that it would be better to close the abattoir if it could not be made to pay shows the danger to which public services are exposed so long as Aldermen pay attention to him. The abattoir, like the market, is a defence against monopoly.