

BETTER TIMES HERE: SEVERAL GOOD SIGNS

BUILDING PERMITS AND IMPORTS INCREASE—UNEMPLOYMENT LESSENS.

That Toronto is adjusting itself to war conditions is evident from the comparative estimates of industrial activities. Building permits for September showed 30 per cent. advance over last year. Poverty in the city has been reduced 75 per cent., and the Labor Bureau has less difficulty in finding jobs than in finding suitable men to fill them. Real estate is looking up, although the speculative builder is no longer speculating. Imports at Toronto have been steadily maintained; last month the imports increased as compared with a year ago, the duties collected being \$1,464,342.

BRITAIN'S NEW SCHEME FOR CANADIAN AVIATORS

WAR OFFICE CONSIDERING PLAN —M'CURDY CONFERS WITH PRIME MINISTER.

Mr. J. A. D. McCurdy of the Curtiss aeroplane works left for Ottawa last night to see Sir Robert Borden concerning aviation matters, including wintering arrangements for the flying school. Major Ross Hume, who has received large numbers of applications for training from Canadians who wish to join the Royal Flying Corps, stated yesterday he could accept no more students in the meantime, as the British War Office was considering a new scheme for training candidates from the Dominions.

More airmen have passed their tests at Long Branch and left for Ottawa en route to Britain. They are A. D. Bussenden of Halifax, who was born in Singapore; R. J. McDougall of Hawkesbury, Ont.; R. K. Shives of Campbellton, N.B.; George Thorn, a Scotsman, from Kirkcaldy, and A. W. Kilgour, 6 Beaumont road, formerly Lieutenant in the Governor-General's Body Guard.

LOCAL RADIAL COMPANY WOULD SELL TO HYDRO?

NO FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS YET FOR TORONTO — GUELPH ELECTRIC LINE.

Reports have been more or less generally circulated to the effect that the Hydro-electric radial enterprise may take over the Toronto Suburban Company's line, which is to operate between West Toronto and Guelph. Inquiries by a reporter for The Globe yesterday showed that no negotiations of a formal character have yet been undertaken, but it is intimated that the present ownership of the line would not be unwilling to have it taken over by the Provincial enterprise.

Before any such step, however, was undertaken it would be necessary for the Hydro-electric Commission to recommend the purchase and for the municipalities concerned to vote their approval. No steps have yet been taken by the Commission, nor have any formal negotiations been projected. Such foundation as there may be for the reports current is evidently based upon a "feeling out" of the Hydro authorities by the Canadian Northern interests, which now own the line.

Says Local Bulgarians Will Not Get Away

Chief of Police Grasett stated yesterday that until a declaration of war was made his department would not take steps to prevent the departure of Bulgarians for the United States. He says that when this event transpires it will be utterly impossible for alien enemies to leave Canada. They will be located through contractors and by various other methods which it would not be advisable to advertise at the present time.

The local Dominion Government immigration official states that Bulgars will have to meet at border points United States officials, who have received instructions from the Government not to clog the labor markets of the United States with unemployed. Practically all Bulgars in Toronto are laborers.