



*War and its dire results as well as its complement of peace—Loss to all phases of art and the physical condition of the various peoples.*

WAR is rampant and judging from present conditions the sane man of yesterday has proven the unknown quantity of to-day. Europe thinks of revenge or self protection and turns its back to the terrible suffering attached thereto. The high moral attitude of the most civilized nations in the world has proven little less than a mask which conceals the studied plans of ambition, power and conquest. Kill and destroy will be the slogan, but at what an irreparable loss to all mankind. Much of the art which sprung from an age of truth will doubtless become a thing of memory. Ruthless devastation will rob us of our best examples of painting, sculpture, and architecture. As former ages cried out in vain against similar crimes so we must abide by the results, no matter if we are destroying the monuments of our sires; demolishing the very life of our present culture, and robbing the future of the great and ennobling works of God, produced by the hand of mankind. To attempt an expression of the dire results to follow is beyond our most acute imagination. As in art so in the morale of the people. Trade may reach its normal after years and years of struggle but the moral and physical level may be lowered to such an extent that the remnant will never be able to bring it back to the present standard. But why dwell on the pessimistic phase, for there is a bright side even though it comes with widespread sorrow. If the warring nations struggle until they are completely exhausted then we will undoubtedly see the dawn of peace. No more will the people spend their millions for dreadnaughts and armored air cruisers but rather will the revenue go to the betterment of those to whom it rightfully belongs. No more will cruel grief eat out the very heart of civilization but the homes will burn with the fire of love and contentment. Money will cease to be our god and once more we will work to the uplifting of all human kind and the present forced condition of slavery among all men will be eradicated and our very best will come forth on account of a freedom which springs from the desire to work for art's sake.

*Canada's outlook after the present war—The calm attitude assumed by large business organizations—Our duty to create sane conditions at this crisis.*

THE frenzied excitement caused to the various industries and business concerns by the present war is gradually changing to a calm and serious meditation as to what it will mean to Canada's progress. The first thought was to become most pessimistic and bring the country on the verge of a panic, which state of affairs was quickly remedied by prompt action of the government and the various large financial centres. As a result we have gained time to analyze the causes and figure out as much as possible the future results. Appreciating the fact that no country will benefit more than England and her Colonies, many houses which were panic stricken at first are once more working under normal conditions, while others are confident that all business will receive an added stimulus. The report of the *Architects' and Builders' Journal*, London, is worthy of quoting in this connection, and ought to be most reassuring: "Most of the replies we have received from architects, builders, builders' merchants, and others, as to the war's immediate effects on trade are decidedly optimistic. 'Business as usual' is their general tenor. For example, Waygood-Otis, Ltd., say: 'We consider it the duty of all business houses to proceed, as far as possible, as though war did not exist. This we are doing.' Other firms give such encouraging reports as: 'We have not made any alteration in our establishment on account of the present war crisis, all our jobs are proceeding normally.'"

At such a critical period we must unite in a consistent endeavor to push ahead. Let us grasp the spirit of one of Canada's largest industries which will use their surplus fund in making and storing, if necessary, the product which they manufacture. Canada and the States are self supporting which is in itself a safe basis upon which to work. In addition to this we have the markets of the world opened as never before, and with slight modifications the trade of nations inimical to our best interests can become an added asset. We can fight for the upholding of our noble traditions as well by carrying on our business relations similar to those in times of peace, as well as by bearing arms.