

based on a due and sensible consideration of the circumstances. There were the usual few exceptions. One of the wisest addresses of counsel to worshippers was issued by Rev. Father O'Boyle of the Holy Rosary Pro-cathedral.

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Like other cities, Vancouver went wild on November 11, the day on which the armistice was signed. Primitive human nature declared itself in a pandemonium of noisy crowds. Though this made some of the more restrained and judicious grieve, there were many excuses for the outburst. It showed the state of tension under which people had unconsciously been living. The inventiveness that was displayed in making noises was rather remarkable.

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While reconstruction after the war is in the minds of all of us, it is well to recognize that this can only be accomplished by men of light and leading rising to meet the responsibilities of the situation. We need men who believe in themselves, but they must be of the kind that other men believe in too. It is satisfactory that some who fulfil both of these requirements are taking matters in hand.

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One thing that the results of the war should do for this Province is the decimating of the ranks of the "profiteers." For though this name has been brought prominently into notice during the great conflict, it denotes a class of men who have always existed and who have done British Columbia great harm in past days. They are the men who are always

on the look-out for "easy money," and who want to get rich without working for it.

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The enormous payrolls of the shipyards in British Columbia and the ships that are being built are sufficient to show that there is plenty of room here for bona-fide industries carried out in a sound and judicious way. And if the demands of labor are not too selfishly aggressive, solid industrial enterprises in this line may be built up.

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It is encouraging to find that such a large proportion of the returned soldiers are willing to go upon the land and cultivate it if proper arrangements can be made for them. Agriculture is the basic industry that must be back of industrial success. The shipyards of the Tyne and of Glasgow would not be what they are but for the farmers and gardeners who grow the food for the shipyard employees to eat.

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If in facing the problems of reconstruction we depend upon leaders, as we do, might not the talents and energies of the officers under whom our men have marched to victory in the field of battle be utilized in the new and pleasanter fields of peace? Organization and direction are in this matter of the very essence of success. The returned men have learned to respect and value the officers who have led them, and it seems likely that a selection might be made from these who would be of the greatest possible use to the government in their reconstruction plans.

—X.

## "How Judge Ye?"

He alone, whose hand is bounding  
Human power and human will,  
Looking through each soul's surrounding,  
Knows its good or ill.

For thyself, while wrong and sorrow  
Make to thee their strong appeal,  
Coward wert thou not to utter  
What the heart must feel.

Earnest words must needs be spoken  
When the warm heart bleeds or  
burns  
With its scorn of wrong, or pity  
For the wronged, by turns.

But, by all thy nature's weakness,  
Hidden faults and follies known,  
Be thou, in rebuking evil,  
Conscious of thine own.

—WHITTIER.