

population sought to impose its language on Canadian schools, we wonder if our leaders in Canada are as keenly alive to the need and as ready to meet extraordinary conditions as are our southern neighbors. The public school is the real melting-pot of the nation, hence such conditions call for immediate action and open up an avenue for true patriotic service of inestimable value to the nation at the present time.

It is for our governments, federal and provincial, to so co-operate with the teaching body as to make this service possible. A more elastic educational system is required to meet the present need. Lack of flexibility in any school system leaves it open to criticism, because the whole problem of education is one of *growth* and *development*, and this means constant change and readjustment.

The press, too, has a great responsibility and opportunity just now in

turning the attention of its readers to the educational problems confronting us as a nation and of emphasizing the supreme importance of the school in the national life. Bismarck said: "As the school is, so is the nation." We may say truly, as our schools are so will be our new social order.

In opening its pages to the teachers of British Columbia for the discussion of educational problems, this magazine is showing its appreciation of values and of the truly important place of educational work in all countries. We trust that the courtesy extended by the management will be appreciated by making this page meet a real need in the life of the West, and that each succeeding issue may have something of inspiration and practical help for all who are interested in the higher life of the nation.

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IF England had more Repingtons there would be fewer military and more political "resignations."

The present provincial government seems to be most like that noted character who, being in a dangerous and uncomfortable position, was equally afraid to remain still or move.

Since the Vancouver School Commission has asked for more of the Minister of Education in our public school system, why not go further and secure a real educational council?

If Dean Klinck can organize the present "war scare" interest in agri-

culture into a permanent peace-time interest, the university will already have paid all its cost.

Those shipbuilding enthusiasts who are shouting over the present industry "I told you so!" had better await the effect of a few years of peace before they shout. This, of course, applies to the steel shipbuilding more especially. We welcome the shipbuilding and wish it well. Its permanence is, however, not yet assured.

"Felix Penne" has not withdrawn his mistaken criticism of certain English journals over the "Panther" incident. Time yet, Brother Felix.