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Editor's Talk

Land is the backbone of prosperity—industry may be called the nervous system. Agriculture in Canada has never been anything but a subject of profound human interest. Manufacturing has wrongly been looked upon as a mere system in which machinery has been exalted at the expense of the individual unit who works the machine.

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