

gressive system, through the weekly newspapers, and pamphlets, in the absence of an agricultural newspaper or a periodical.

The old lamentable story, that any man can farm who can drive a team and hold a plough, must be shelved. That is the millstone which has ground the farmers of this Province into a by-word, at best, the man is only a teamster and a plough man. Farmers must take time to read more than they have done heretofore. It is for them to judge whether the sluice boxes shall any longer run all the gold and silver out of their country into other lands. British Columbia has of late years been remarkably prosperous, but a turn in the tide of events has checked it, and the money which has been allowed to slip out of it to bring coals from Newcastle may yet be wanted.

Patriotism is the first law of a nation's prosperity and well being. It is in a nation's prosperity, where the dangers are to be found for her safety. The same spirit prevades the minds of the great merchants, manufacturers, and business men, as the working man, that the winter of adversity will never overtake the summer of prosperity. This has often times been the ruin of great speculators in times of prosperity.

Vancouver Island would then have become a terrestrial paradise, a beautiful line drawn through the center of it from the Lovers Lane by the sea to the extreme point of Saanich Peninsular, dotted all the way with mountain scenery, grand and sublime, hundreds of model farms, beautiful houses, and appurtenances thereto, painted white, barns, stables, and all out buildings, plank fences white washed, as I have seen them for a thousand and odd miles on the banks of the grand Mississippi.

Then will be the mania for farming, there will be no cynics or churls to curl ugly lips, no goths to indulge in gibes and epithets about the clod hoppers, and the drudges in cow gown's. Oh, no, all will be changed, the farmer will be on a level with his compeers, he will have gravitated to the highest spheres in public standing, and be as one of them, who by education, wealth, and accomplishments had climbed to the highest plains of civilization, honor and fame.