

If we can and do work together to make laws regulating expenditure on roads and bridges, why can we not do the same to see that social regulations are what we want, making straight the path of future generations and bridging over the morasses of commercialised wrong-doing.

With all the machinery of government at our disposal it is surprising that more has not been done to exemplify the social efficiency of democracy. Rule of the people has not always been by the people nor for the people.

If we get together to use the means of governing we can easily prevent capital doing as it pleases because it owns.

If we only want to do it we can make actual the truth of the manifesto of the British Labor Party, that "it is just as much a function of government to safeguard the interests of communities as a whole, and those of all grades and sections of consumers in the matter of prices, as to protect the rights of wage earners in matters of wages, bonus and sanitation."

We can borrow from the Soviet idea, '*fas est ab hoste doceri*,' that conviction that workers are best represented by their own delegates, and broaden out the principle to include all elements of citizenship with none dictator. We can improve our polling system so that a group of ignoramuses may not veto the vote of technical experts, and we can so prevent the pooling of issues, that to get some desired legislation we are not obliged to include objectionable extras, as for instance when people voted prohibition because it was the only bill before the people that would abolish the bar. Already in school management steps have been taken towards technical control.

We can mitigate the evil of party politics, which though normally a corrective on arbitrary legislations too often degenerates into hide-bound partisanship, and the spoils system. We can do it by recognising only honesty and patriotism as against 'organised appetite for office.'

We can foster remedial legislation, especially along lines of co-operation in the management, and sharing in the profit of industry and government control, if not ownership, of natural monopolies.

We can avoid the inconsistency of appealing to a man's manhood to go to the front, and ignoring it when he comes back looking for a job. The proper repatriation of the returned soldier who has given all he had to stand between us and harm is the test that will show whether we stay-at-homes are worth fighting for.

And in thus giving thought and effort to prevent the machinery of government falling into the hands either of the professional politician or of the professional agitator, each group as well as each individual should contribute its best, labor its practical sense, business its progressive spirit, the learned profession their culture, women the traditions of the home, the soldiers the fire of patriotism, and the clergy the message of higher things.

With minds trained and hearts right, this family spirit will make for our Canadian patrimony a new era of justice and happiness and equality of opportunity, one bigger union, and we shall not need any foreigners to dictate to us a better way.

Vancouver is a beautiful city, but a sleeping beauty, very much asleep, trusting no doubt to the two lions, the Provincial and the Federal Governments, should trouble come. But like the lions over the inlet, no c      no      which way these are looking, and they are seemingly aff'      with      motor-ataxia.