

with much national wreckage. It is easy to be misled by a fictitious prosperity; it is hard to remember that justice is the only foundation upon which a permanent social structure can be erected. "Eternal Vigilance is the Price of Liberty."

In Canada we have, by human enactment, violated the moral law which commands a just distribution of wealth. Our Governments have been too ready to listen to the Circean song of the social parasite. Taxation has been made an instrument for extortion. The few have enriched themselves at the expense of the many. We have produced a class of idlers who live in luxury upon other people's earnings, and yet we pretend to be astonished because the land grows thistles instead of grain, and persist in the mockery of calling for greater production without first assuring to labor a just reward. And all these injustices have reacted to corrupt the body politic; for, as mercy "blesseth him who gives and him who takes," so extortion curses both oppressor and oppressed.

Surely now, when the flower of our manhood has been sacrificed for the purpose of preserving Liberty and Democracy, we can realize the blasphemy of trampling upon God's courts with vain oblations, of spreading forth blood-stained hands in prayer, of preaching justice and practising injustice! Surely now, after Death has reaped his harvest upon the battle-fields of Europe, the command to "Wash you,