

that the building up of a civilization is at once the noblest and most practical of human tasks, but we Canadians have yet to begin to address ourselves seriously to it, and mere abstinence from alcoholic liquors will not provide us with a perfect civilization. Once the people of Canada diligently apply themselves to the problem of building up such a civilization as is possible under the blessings with which nature has endowed us, and aim to secure a primacy in the arts of life commensurate with the primacy in the arts of war which their army won in Europe, the liquor problem will rapidly disappear. With wise economic organization and the exercise of the true temper of statesmanship, it is no idle dream to picture for this country a social and economic system which would make poverty and misery practically unknown and eliminate with them the main incentives to alcoholism.