

Editor's Page

The World War and Relative Values

As the great war is prolonged the fiendish descent in evil as well as the divine heroism of self-sacrifice of which the human race, individually and in the mass, is capable, is being repeatedly illustrated.

In the light of the unspeakable barbarities by land and sea of which the Germans have been guilty, the question may well arise in the minds of all men and women who believe in Christian civilization: Is anything earthly—even life itself—too valuable to sacrifice that this military madness may be completely overcome?

We believe men of all classes, businesses and professions, must recognise that if the Empire should require them in any department of direct service towards the unalterable end of the overthrow of the enemy, all business concerns not affecting the war, and even domestic claims, must take a secondary place in every man's life. The dearly-bought British ideals of freedom and the ideals of Christian civilization must be maintained at all costs.

If the Central Government thinks fit some form of conscription may yet be enforced; and whether or not such action be taken, and afterwards made to apply to all the Dominions beyond the seas, we believe every man, physically fit will be ready if the King and Empire calls, to answer: "Here am I, use me!"

The B. C. Electric Railway and "Jitney" Competition

The management of the B. C. E. Railway Company is to be congratulated on the steps taken to meet the "jitney" competition which was in several ways unfair.

Though corporations have been said to lack a body to kick or a soul to condemn, they deserve at least as much consideration as individual members of the community. No business man would hold it just that after he had expended capital in one form or another to build up and extend a system of public service, paid the city regularly for the privilege or opportunity of doing so, and been compelled to consult the needs of the sparsely populated no less than the more thickly populated districts, an unlimited number of irregular competitors should be allowed to enter the field and take advantage of his best paying routes at self-chosen hours and at all times untaxed.

The reduction of the tramway fares was a step in the right direction, and it will be surprising if it is not found to work out advantageously for the company as well as for the public, even in these difficult times.

It is of course a "business proposition," but we believe the more the B. C. E. R. give to the public the more they will get from it.