National Council of Women and the presidents of the Woman's Conference Women Grain Growers and the Home Economic soci-

eties and will be open to every society of women in the province no matter what its size or the nature of the work that it is doing. All that is necessary is for a delegate to bring with her a proper letter of credentials from the secretary of her society showing that the society agrees to the arrangement of pooling the railway

This idea of pooling the railway fares is an excellent one and is one of the good things instituted by the Grain Growers and enables the smaller and financially weaker societies to have representation at many gatherings which otherwise they could not reach. It is the real spirit of co-operation and cannot be too highly recommended. The programme for the conference is not yet fully drafted as all time possible is being allowed for suggestions to come in from various organizations. It is known however that laws relating to women and children will receive much attention and that who shall and who shall not be future citizens of Canada will have the place in the discussion which its importance deserves.

This conference should give an excellent opportunity for the women of Manitoba to put the ban of their unqualified disapproval on the "woman's party."

There are many things which women,

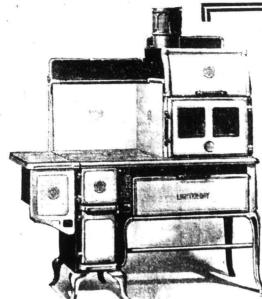
with their newly acquired citizenship Christmas trade.

clusive. The conference is called by the should get together upon and the cenference should be productive of much good

> There will be three distinctly western books on the market for Christmas this year. Personally I am always glad when a new western book, that is true to the

> New Books West, comes in time for Christmas, | The old lavish Christmas giving course a thing of the past, and rightly so, Liberty bonds and thrift stamps should absorb our dollars these days. Nevertheless there are a few whom we should remember, the children and the far-away friends to whom the year has brought family losses. A book that may lighten a heavy hour or that may please the children is always a safe gift.

The three books that are coming out are by three people who may be safely trusted to give us something good to send to our friends. First there will be "Three Times and Out" the story of Private Simmons who was two years a prisoner in Germany, told by Nellie L. McClung; second, "The Cow Puncher," by Robert Stead of Calgary, whose "Kitchener and Other Poems" was so welcome last year. The new book links the old cattle days of Alberta up with the war, I understand. Lastly there is a book of verse for children by Mrs. Eccleston MacKay of Vancouver. This book has beautiful illustrations. The publishers promise that all of these books will be on the market in good time for the



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The Building of a Nation

Written for The Western Home Monthly By Hannah D. Eby

A Thinking People



this strange sad time the thought life of the world is developing in leaps and bounds. The period of reconstruction

Canadians are groping after the best with an intensity and singleness of purpose hitherto unknown. The hungry heartache felt by our people has become a national cross made sacred by the noble self sacrifice that caused it. The mere self sacrifice that caused it. materialistic is sinking into insignificance, and the responsibilities and opportunities of leadership are heavy. Ideals are high for a nation is thinking.

A Real Danger

The title "Canadian" is strong enough to draw from the heart of every ally a thought of gratitude, honer and trust, while that of the enemy stops in terror and his face blanches with fear. But while our boys "over there" are showing the world what it means to be a Canadian and a soldier, we at home face an enemy which, unchecked, needs only time to break our Canada into a hundred pieces. In certain sections of our country there are alien settlements made up of those who are out of touch with its language and Here we have a little Germany, there a little Austria. Here a Doukhobour settlement and there a Russian. In many places courts and public business cannot be carried on without interpreters. These people call themselves Canadians, but there is no medium for social communication, and they know nothing of Canadian patriotism and ideals. Here they are right in the heart of Canada with the same ideas of life and government which, during the last century, has kept middle Europe a hot-bed of anarchy and revolution. There are hundreds of schools in Japan, China and India studying in English while there are hundreds in Canada in which it is seldom heard.

If our country is to become strong and take its rightful place among the Christian nations this state of things must cease. We must have one common language, the Anglo-Saxon, and we must have a common attitude toward Canadian ideals of life and character.

Our Hope Lies in the School

How can this unity be attained broken The only way in which we can become of honesty so strong that all dishonesty wooled into a nation is through the will be reduced to a minimum? of aredian public schools backed up by our stantly leading the child from Grade 1 are educational institutions. An ever the sample of perfect frankness, but it is accompanied by letting him know that to lock with one responsionity is being vested in coverous eyes upon that which belongs cacher. Canada's foremost leader.

If the government will in a measure nationalize the schools, public and private and authorize the teachers to use only the English language, the foundation for a nation would be laid. Until this is done we, in the West, can see no hope of unity. for a nation "Divided against itself cannot

Would it not be possible to place the studies throughout the provinces on a more uniform basis? A pupil coming from Ontario finds himself lost in Alberta's grading, while a professional representative of one province is required to pass a technical examination before he can practice in another. These things may seem immaterial but they divide and hold asunder just the same.

Respect for the Flag

Then we have thought that in the building of a patriotic democracy such as we wish Canada to become the children could be taught more respect for our flag. Every child between the Atlantic and the Pacific, north of the border, should learn to salute our national flag. Then at each children's gathering on the raising of the flag every hand would salute, and every heart would respond to the wave of patriotic fervor while unconsciously there would be forged an unbreakable bond of nation-

National Strength in Character

This Canadian patriotism which we are seeking will amount to little, however, if it does not find its inspiration in the individual life and character of the people. Character, that is what counts in a nation as in an individual, and this all important thing is not acquired by haphazard dashes now and then. person makes himself by his conscious and unconscious conduct towards all that pertains to his everyday life, and a nation is strong or weak according to the strength of the moral character and ideals of its people. And again we say that the kind of nation we build depends upon our educational leaders, and the daily life of the boy and girl in the public school.

Frankness and Honesty Becomes a Habit

Our Canadian law says: "Thou shalt not steal," and just punishment is quickly meted out to the one who breaks it. But as we are into nationalities and divided this does not prohibit stealing. How into sects, denominations and classes? then can we build up in Canada a love

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