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THE KING.

When on the evening of Friday, May 6th, the news reached Canada that King Edward VII. had passed away, incredulity was succeeded by dumb sorrow. The blow was cruelly sudden—so sudden, indeed, as to be dazing.

Now the whole Empire over which Edward the Peacemaker ruled so well is plunged in sincerest grief.

Canadians have special reasons to revere the memory of King Edward. During his peaceful reign Canada has prospered as never before. Our industries have flourished. Our commercial life has expanded most notably. In all respects we are a stronger, more united, and infinitely more confident nation than we were ten years ago.

In large measure King Edward's unflinching tact, clear judgment, and strength of character made possible our progress during the last decade. A less wise monarch might have sanctioned the popular clamour for war. Fortunately for us, the monarch whose death we lament devoted all the prestige of his high office and all his rare personal abilities to the cause of peace.

Canadians will ever remember with unchanging affection the brief reign of King Edward VII. His successor, King George V., may confidently count upon Canada's unswerving loyalty.

THE MCKINLEY-DARRAGH-SAVAGE REPORT.

Not altogether illuminating is the usual mine manager's annual report. Not infrequently the manager regards his report as a superfluous duty that can readily be scamped. He writes a page or two of disjointed narrative with a few figures interspersed—and sighs a sigh of relief.

To many competent managers writing is an affliction. To others it is a means of disguising thought. All too rare is the manager who writes fully and appropriately the record of his year's work.

The report under consideration is a model. It is concise, interesting, informing. It is suitably illustrated. No important detail is omitted. The arrangement is logical. In brief, the McKinley-Darragh-Savage report is as nearly as possible just what a report should be. Before glancing at a few of its more striking features we must proffer our congratulations to Mr. P. A. Robbins, the general manager, to whom the credit of authorship is due; and to the company, whose directors are sufficiently enlightened to authorize the relatively large expenditure that such a report implies.