

yourself. But no one who has even a temporary and limited intimacy with pioneering conditions, will hold it unfair that pioneers in their later years, or their children, should live under better conditions, or reap some benefit from the strenuous work done in opening up the country.

Evolution or Revolution?—"A Fly on the Wheel."

Just before meeting Mr. Beatty the writer had a conversation with an earnest student of Social conditions who held that the world was on the verge of revolution and that each man was as powerless as a fly on the driving wheel of a mighty engine. Many may hold that there may be such rapid evolution that it may seem like revolution when compared with the rate of progress in former years. But whether or not we are of those who jibe at all forms of expression of "Capital" and who maintain that "Production should be for use, and not for profit," it may be held that whatever the standard of values, there must be some form of expression for the wealth of the world as it is increased through the labour of generations—not labour of hands merely, but of brains and growing souls. If we could do away with our gold standard and all relating to it, we would still need to find some standard of values.

Principals That Apply to All Work.

While the first business of this article is to convey something of the impression left with the writer by E. W. Beatty, it will be understood that, as it was no stenographic message that we sought from him, exchange of thought was natural. It was a pleasure to find that the new head of the leading Canadian Company could understand and appreciate the application of the same principles of work and belief in service as expressed by a Magazine Editor who believes "A good Magazine should be the next best thing to a good Book"; whose inspiration towards working out his ideals has been drawn partly from Addison in the past, and from the need of a Social Gospel in the present; and who in that way aims at "Community Service, Fearless, Fair and Free," and "Independent of Party, Sect or Faction."

Vanity or Vision?

It was natural that the Editor of this Magazine, who has spent eight years in efforts to waken men in Church and State, Business and Society, in this British Farthest West to the dominant value of ideas and ideals expressed through articles on Social and Christian progress in an independent publication, should indicate to this Presidential product of work and service that in British Columbia the foundation has been laid of a Magazine which it is hoped will continue to serve this community of the British race long after the present generation has passed. Nor was it altogether in jest that with that belief we coupled the suggestion that this magazine might be a "going concern" when passengers in the airships of other days coming over the "Rockies" gaze by the way on the present route of the C. P. R. as tourists to Alaska and the Yukon now look down in some parts on the vanishing "trail of '98."

The President smilingly expressed agreement. In the same way he readily concurred when we reminded him that in the meantime there might never-the-less be large opportunity for good work to be done by him and those associated with him in running this earth-bound line!

C. P. R. To Be Congratulated.

The man in the street, in the office and elsewhere who sometimes judges superficially and hastily, may be ready to speak in a congratulating way of Mr. E. W. Beatty; but we rather think that the C. P. R. and all who are connected with its directorate are to be congratulated on the choice of personality for its prime pilot. As already mentioned Mr. Beatty was good enough to indicate, in outline, the steps of his own progress through the years. We know nothing of the human agency influencing the officials or directors

who, we suppose, appointed him to the post of President. But if a human interest in life, unhampered by any disposition to promote or pander to that veneer of alleged "divinity that doth hedge" those higher authorities (born of tribal days and ways) is to be valued in these days of the dawning of a dauntless democracy—a democracy which will none the less need leaders—we can only hope that other corporations, companies and organizations which must bulk largely in the public life of this Dominion and the world, will be as fortunate as the C. P. R. seems to have been at this critical time in its choice of a man.

A CONTRAST IN FORM AND SERVICE.

If a comparatively young man may follow the reminiscent manner of journalistic raconteurs, he might note by the way that in meeting this first officer of Canada's gigantic corporation, he was reminded of an experience which fell to his lot in the late '90's at Holyrood Palace, Edinburgh, when he was sent from the Supreme Court to do a little secretarial work for His Grace the Earl of Leven and Melville, who, as Lord High Commissioner represented Queen Victoria herself at the General Assembly of the Established Church. His Grace was surrounded with functionaries of one kind or another, including powdered footman, who amuse more than impress people of insight. In the historic case the weight of class distinction was relieved by the appearance of a lady, charming and gracious independently of the title she shared, who beautified the room with flowers—and her presence.

In that old Palace of Holyrood one seemed at best an insignificant vassal doing a little handiwork for the big man, who in life was already shrouded in oppressive dignities of form and title, and (to other souls equally free born but less hampered with a heritage) tiresome trappings of which the large percentage represented or suggested "vanity of vanities."

But here in the spacious comfort of the palatial Hotel Vancouver, was a young President, not like the noble earl of other days, filling a position in which he was mainly a figure-head, but full of life and purpose; awake to the Dominion-wide service of the vast concern of which he is the practical supervising chief; ready to recognize the worth of effort in every line of genuine work, and talking in a matter-of-fact way to a magazine editor of kindred years of real values as resident, not in any exterior trappings of life, or nominal positions, but in the greater wealth of devoted service.

Consistently with his recognition of true democracy in service as well as in citizenship in this self-governing Dominion under the British flag, and in harmony with the straightforward and friendly character of the man as revealed throughout the interview, President Beatty inquired as to the likelihood of the writer visiting Montreal, and, as we exchanged good-byes, extended a cordial invitation to call upon him there.

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