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Editorial

Dominion of Canada War Loan

We call the attention of our readers to the Dominion of Canada War Loan, which they will find advertised in the special insert stitched into the middle of this issue.

To people who have been accustomed to the speculative rates of interest in Real Estate and other uncertain ventures, or who have grown rich by large commissions on contracts or big percentages on goods manufactured or sold, the Government's rate of interest may not seem large. But such investments have all the certainty and security of the State behind them.

That is the last and lowest incentive that need be cited to the truly patriotic who have money to invest. The first and strongest reason is that those who have money to invest *owe* its investment as a duty to the State. Others are investing in the service of the Dominion and the Empire what money cannot buy—their health and their lives.

Next to the good God who gives life and health and the means whereby we live and prosper, men and women—whether or not they recognize it—owe their surplus to the Country and the Empire, and in one way or another every one must, if necessary, give all to the State. In Canada we are still asked to give voluntarily in men and money: but should the leading statesmen hold it essential, there can be no question that the Dominion and the Empire have the right to commandeer the wealth as well as the service of every citizen.

We trust that the citizens of Vancouver and the West will give their money as they have given men of military age—in a proportion to the population which compares favorably with any other part of the Dominion. At the same time we believe most of our readers will hold that, in giving to the State, as to the Church, the question for each one should be—not, how much is my neighbor giving, but—*How much can I invest?*

Beginning Volume Eleven

In beginning volume eleven with this number, we are reminded that the "Westminster Review" is qualifying for a place among the "Old-Timers" of Vancouver and the West. Reference (for the notice re Dr. Fraser) to the issue for December, 1912, with its 48 pages of literary matter, has impressed us anew with the fact that war conditions have caused curtailment so far as the size of the Review is concerned. But we have had repeated and cumulative evidence demonstrating that the magazine has now an assured place in the community, and may claim, indeed, to be "The Social, Educational and Religious Monthly of the Canadian West."

At the same time we are still far from realizing our ideal of service in the Review. We shall not be satisfied until, with the return of normal conditions of life and work, increased advertising business enables us to