

selfishness remains, because it is only selfishness which develops and brings out of depraved human nature characteristics which, under fair and equitable conditions, would have no chance to develop, unless the individual should desire to be bad and wicked without any predisposing cause, and the percentage of that class would be very small.

The Proper Duty of a Government

is to make it very hard for people to do wrong, and very easy to do right; and some people are asking themselves the question, Why do not governments arrange matters in this way? The only reason the writer can imagine for their actual conduct is something in line with that of the doctor, who, when asked why he persisted in the pernicious habit of smoking, knowing, as he must, from his medical training, that it was a producer of some diseases and a helper of others, replied, that "if all doctors lived in every detail as they knew they should, their example and teaching would destroy their business, because the public would soon become so healthy that they would not need physicians." The politician may be influenced by a similar fear of losing his job, when the people become enlightened as to what is right and wrong politically, through the enactment of proper and just laws. Here again we see the meanest kind of selfishness. However, all doctors and politicians are not put up that way.

Industries Nationalized.

The plan proposed by the present writer is the Nationalization and Co-operation of every department of industry in the following manner: The first thing to do will be the appointment of a Commission of, say, ten men and a like number of women, composed of persons who, in their respective sphere and capacity, will be able from actual knowledge, to pronounce intelligently and positively on any subject of trade and commerce which may be needed to sustain a nation.

The Commission will be called upon to examine every kind of industry and line of trade in the country, upon oath, by all concerned; and any article of trade which is not found to be beneficial *socially, physically and financially*, will be at once *prohibited and discontinued*. All lines of trade which are passed by this commission will be placed under the control of the Federal Government, and all personal ownership and speculation will at once cease in any line of trade or commerce whatsoever.

Personal Ownership in Loose Property.

The only things which may become the property of individuals will be what is known as loose property, but even these goods will not be *owned* in the sense that they may be bought and sold in the way of private speculation by any person. All matters of speculation will be under Government control, and to the Government all the proceeds of sales will be reported and handed over. This loose property will consist in what is needed for family and household purposes; such as pianos or other instruments of music, house furniture, cattle, vehicles and other things of that character needed for family purposes, convenience, or comfort only.