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EDITORIAL

A FEW words in reference to the contents of THE NATIONAL MONTHLY AND CANADIAN HOME will give an idea of the plan on which we base our work in the magazine.

Everything in the world has a certain practical value, and this value is gauged on the usefulness of the article in question, and must be utilized accordingly, so that nothing shall be wasted.

So it is in magazine work. Every available line must be used to the best possible advantage, and must convey plainly the significance of its purpose, and it is with this idea before us that THE NATIONAL MONTHLY AND CANADIAN HOME is each month prepared.

Under the heading "The Nation's Progress" is a condensed record of Canadian events within the month. By this means our readers are kept informed on subjects which personally affect us as a nation. "World Affairs" is another department of essential importance to all who wish to keep posted on matters of great and general interest. The department under the heading "World of Print" is equally important. Here are gathered together some of the best articles and bits of information culled from papers and magazines the world over, written often by men of note, whose opinions are reliable and valuable.

NO little part of the progress of the present day is due to current literature. Books are a great means towards the cultivation of people; newspapers are essentially necessary for the chronicling of events; but it is in the magazines that the combined advantages of these two sources of information are accessible. Here we find the summing up in condensed paragraphs of the important events of the month, as well as photos that instruct and entertain. We escape the trifling local happenings,

and obtain not only facts, but valuable information in connection with the facts.

We have as well the advantages of the entertainment afforded by books. In these days of what is termed the strenuous life, when each moment is full to overflowing, often we cannot afford the time to digest a two or three hundred-paged volume. What many want in the form of literary entertainment is light reading which will pleasantly occupy a few hours, and this is where the magazine fills the want.

THE wave of prosperity of which we hear so much in Canada, is in reality no wave, but a steady, permanent advance in the development of the country, and comes as the result of long years of building up the nation.

Until recent years, the great West, as well as the James Bay district, and even Northern and Western Ontario, have been practically inaccessible. Formerly it meant untold hardships for the settlers in these districts, and consequently offered slight inducements to Canadians or to possible immigrants from foreign lands.

But now, with the railways rapidly extending their lines, across, up and down, and into the very heart of the incalculably wealthy outlying districts, the empty places are eagerly sought by settlers, and are quickly populated by an influx of immigrants who have here, perhaps, more surely than in any other country in the world, ample opportunity to succeed.

THE whole of Canada is practically new, and thus full of opportunities. The wealth has not been sapped from her veins by past generations, and it only remains for us to take advantage of our blessings, and not to hang back until our enterprising neighbors to the south step in and gain a monopoly of our birthright.

EVERY industry may be said to be in its infancy. As an instance, take the manufacturing industries.

Here we find a vastly insufficient supply for the size of the country, and particularly a lack of manufactured exports. Quantities of the country's natural products are exported in the raw state, such as wheat, lumber, and so on, whereas if these articles were used for manufacturing in our own country, and then exported, we would be reaping the benefit which now goes to other nations. However, great strides have been made in this direction, and much of the raw material is now being developed into manufactured articles before it leaves the country.

A RAILWAY is one of the greatest educational agencies in the world, as well as being the means of opening up a new country, and it is gratifying to observe what a vast amount of railway construction is being carried on, even during the last few months, throughout the Dominion. It is evident that the demands of the country are greatly on the increase, and it is no exaggeration to say that the railway is the most potent force in our advancement.