

world has been made safe politically, now it must be made safe economically.

Great Enterprises Ahead.

The great lesson of this war is the necessity for careful planning of all operations and their correlation. The Japanese in the Russo-Japanese war showed how sickness among the troops could be prevented by careful planning. The Germans showed what a definite national aim and planning can do for a country and their detailed plans and preparations almost won the war at the first rush. The fact that their aim was a wicked one defeated them. It was only when the Allies settled down to coordinated operations under a single head, when they had learned to plan ahead for every possible contingency, that the war was won. Remember how our attacks were planned in the most minute detail. This system should now be employed to make our country the best in the world. We must choose a high aim, to make Canada in every respect a truly great nation.

We must plan first of all for a better educational system. Our present one is inadequate and antiquated, our teachers paid little better than day laborers. We must plan for better housing and hygienic conditions so that our future citizens may grow up sound and healthy men and women. We must teach them their duties as citizens so that they may understand and appreciate their part and duty in our development.

We must plan for good roads which will make it possible for the children in rural communities to take proper advantage of the schools and the farmers to get their produce to market and keep in touch with the outside world.

State Control Essential.

One of the questions which has been waiting for a sensible settlement is that of the care of the greatest of our national resources, our forests. We must face and settle this question at once. We must see that our forests are secured from the fate which befell those of the United States and guard them, by keeping them in the hands of the Governments. The time required for the growth of trees makes it imperative that something should be done at once and that the authority managing them should have a definite policy which shall be continuous. We need land classification so that non-agricultural lands shall not be opened to settlement. Where they have been settled or where settlement has been tried we see misery and squalor, illiteracy and the abandoned farm. We must have adequate fire protection so that carelessness cannot

wipe out millions of dollars worth of irreplaceable timber in a day or so. We must have proper care in cutting so that our supply will be continuous and we must have replanting so that the increasing needs of the future will be taken care of.

A Work for Government Services.

Had it not been for the foresight and carefully worked out plans of the French Foresters in planting up their waste lands and keeping up their supply of timber we should in all probability have lost the war, as there were not enough ships to take over the huge amounts necessary. The planting of the Landes district in France took a lot of courage and entailed the expenditure of millions of dollars but it has paid financially and in the time of need helped to save France.

A scheme is now on foot to reforest the British Isles which will require the expenditure of some fifty million dollars but which will ultimately pay back large revenues and go a long way toward making England independent of the outside world for a large part of her timber and, in case of another war, give her all that she would need.

Here in Canada we need some sort of definite policy for our forests. Our Government Services do little but administrative work and are letting the future pretty well take care of itself. Now that the fire hazard has been reduced by better protection methods, it is high time that plans for the proper use and continuation of our forests should be made and put into execution.

Employment for Soldiers.

Our soldiers who have been fighting abroad have been living out of doors with plenty of exercise and lots of action; it will be very hard for many of them to return to shops, factories and offices and our forests offer ideal employment for them, good physical work in the open, the constant change of scene which nature offers, and work which is fascinating and which has a high end in view. The kind of work is especially valuable for those who have been shell shocked or gassed and there are many kinds of work which can be carried on by those who have been wounded. Many of the returned flying men will be able to find work in the forest protection services where they can engage in patrol work and mapping. The large sections of this Dominion now uncharted can in a few years by means of flying boats and moving picture cameras be completely and accurately mapped. Not only that but the photographs so taken will give us at once the areas and lands