

direction as a community bank, with which every citizen will have more or less business relations, which must awaken a community spirit and interest in other ways.

There recently appeared in Maclean's Magazine an article on this subject by Sir George Bury, that ought to be given a larger circulation than can be given it in a magazine, and ought to be read by every thinking Canadian. I quote from it as follows:

"In national affairs I believe we have got to get down  
"to justice and a square deal for our citizens, high and  
"low, intelligent and less intelligent. The State that al-  
"lows its weaker people to be maltreated or exploited by the  
"stronger cannot develop a real, lasting and indigenous  
"morale.

"To build up and maintain the morale of our Canadian  
"people we must have equitable treatment for all citizens.  
"We should be quit of the exploiter of low-class labor and  
"the speculator in the necessaries of life. We should see  
"that working conditions and living conditions for our peo-  
"ple are right. Sooner or later we shall thus be enabled  
"to create a national consciousness capable of formulat-  
"ing plans for our future as a nation."

Coming from the source it does, it ought to commend itself to those eminent gentlemen who, through their financial control, so largely dominate our national activities, but whose vision of national life does not seem to rise above the contemplation of dividends. What Canada needs is industrial expansion that will enable her to meet the added obligations occasioned by the War. The place to begin is with the basic industry, Agriculture. Given the requisite credit, Agriculture will expand and carry with it the expansion of every other activity in our national life. This will give us growing pains, other than those caused by the growth of debts and taxes, and will soon put us in such a position that we may expect and receive such recognition and consideration from the nations of the world as our territorial area and natural resources entitle us to. This can be done without hurt to our present banking system, and will diffuse the money and credit of the country in such a way that it cannot be controlled by any combine, and the farming industry will be assured of adequate