

The Dominant Note in the New Era

Opinions of Representative Western Canadian Citizens

In time reckoning up to 1914, "B.C." and "A.D." were sufficient for most historical purposes. Shall we in future have some other initials in use, such as "A.W.," or "P.B.," for Post Bellum—"After the War"?

Meantime, the BRITISH COLUMBIA MONTHLY considered the time peculiarly appropriate for asking representative citizens in various circles, what they hold should be the dominant note for Western Canada and British Columbia particularly, at this epoch-making period.

The question was submitted to people engaged in the public, professional, literary, educational and business life of the community, most of whom are subscribers to the BRITISH COLUMBIA MONTHLY.

In more ways than one the responses were gratifying as well as revealing and noteworthy. We shall publish as many as possible in this issue. The replies are not arranged in any order of precedence. We believe that all the "Notes" will be found of genuine interest.

MRS. ISABEL ECCLESTONE MACKAY
Author of "Up the Hill and Over," etc.

It seems to me that one of the outstanding problems which British Columbia, in common with the rest of the world, will have to face in the new era is the arranging of a working agreement between Capital and Labour. We have been fighting tyranny abroad and we want no tyranny at home. When Capital tyrannizes, Labour is uneasy and rebellious; when Labour tyrannizes, Capital withdraws and industry suffers. Surely sane and just men and women can find some solution which will mean at once a fair wage to the one and a fair profit to the other?

MR. JAMES KERR
Business Man

In the new era, on the threshold of which we now stand, the dominant note in British Columbia, as else-

where, should be a new and loftier conception of human values. Our province occupies a strategic place in the map of the world, the country is teeming with natural resources, rich and varied in kind, the air is throbbing with plans for commercial and material betterment, but beneath all must assuredly run the strong undercurrent of love and appreciation for the priceless things of character, which alone enrich a nation.

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Professional Man, ex-School Board Member

The war was won by great leadership and organization, based on self-sacrifice and a true sense of justice. Our future success as a nation will depend upon the continuance of these same factors, with emphasis on leadership of a Christian character. This applies to our so-