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Editor's Talk

NOW that the war has settled down to a fairly regular routine, it is opportune to review the events which have turned the world upside down. Hence the feature of this issue is a general review of the struggle to date. Our staff writer has attempted to put events in their proper relation to each other and to paint a picture in which all the leading figures and important happenings are placed in the proper perspective.

Canada is settling down to business as usual, following the example set by the leading merchants and financiers of Great Britain. The panic is over. The foolish rush to store up unnecessary provisions has ceased. Foodstuffs have dropped to a normal level. The mistress has ceased to believe that she must discharge her maids. The business man who put his staff on half time has restored them to full time. The people of Ontario attended the Toronto Exhibition as freely almost as in peace years.

Patriotism was thought, during the same days, to consist in raising money for charitable purposes. Now it is seen that charity is not more necessary than in other years. What is needed is simply and solely a national policy of "Business as Usual." When industry and commerce pursue the even tenor of their way, there is little need of alms. Bankers, capitalists and manufacturers have a clearer grasp of what is demanded of them and are trying honestly to meet the situation. In this revival of business, every one can help. The financial articles in last week's issue indicated some of the needs of the moment, and others are dealt with in this issue. The press of Canada deserves some credit for having helped to steady the nation in the unusual circumstances of the period.

The story by Robert Barr, which was promised for this week, has been held over for one week, in order to leave room for material of greater current importance. This novelette is extremely interesting and has been appropriately illustrated by Mr. Lismer.



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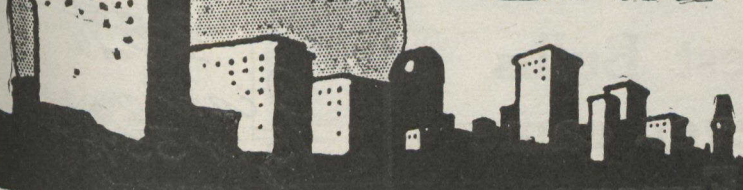
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