

threaten their ancient supremacy. If providence and the vote of the lieges decrees that the other provinces follow Quebec in allowing the sale of beer and wine, the rural community centres might be given a monopoly of the business and the problem of their upkeep would be solved. One room might be set apart for a library and museum, where books could be gathered and local curios and records accumulated. Or it might be dedicated to commemoration of the Great War, with a roll of honour for the surrounding district and groups of local platoons and contingents and photographs of the fallen on the walls. There has been much talk and discussion over the form which war memorials shall take, but there could be no more practical form of war memorial for the rural districts than such community centres. They would be there in daily use as a permanent reminder of the sacrifices which had been made and the trials which had been endured and they would constitute no small contribution to the newer and better Canada which our heroes died to create.

The scheme need not entail any great expense, and, if possible, it should not be made the subject of direct Governmental action and subsidy. It should be the product of spontaneous local effort. The local council might