

subsides. One sees the principle illustrated in the case of the small child who is, seemingly never tired of repeating his first feat. Indeed, one finds it exemplified in every stage and grade of life, from the small boy who builds his toy tower again and again only to show his power in knocking it down, to the circumstances in which the ancient Hebrew sage represents the Creator himself as glorying in the works of his hands and pronouncing them good. As self-education is the only effective and permanent education, so is self-appreciation, with its correlates, self-reliance and self-control, the only reliable stimulant to correctly foresee and appropriately utilize the probable expressions of one's tendencies.

We have seen that activity is the law of life,—that expressions of activity occur at every instant; that some of these expressions are reflected back in their entirety into the original tendencies giving thus solidity and consistency to mental life and action in the form of habits; that again others of these expressions are so varied and complex in character, that it is necessary in order that they may become mediated or fitted in to the tendency as expressed, to take the most accurate survey of the situation, or, other-wise expressed to act in such a manner that the probable outcome of the affair may most fully express the Self on the one side and attain the goal set up by society on the other. We have seen too that the place and function of the educator, the moralist, and the administrator fall into line with reference to the principles discussed,—that in short the relatively uncertain elements in an experience not only furnish the stimuli to reconstruct one's ideals, but they become directly instrumental in the acquiring of new facts and in the mastery of new acts.

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* See Psychological Review, March 1898, for a more technical exposition and experimental consideration by the present writer of a typical habit.

The Mineral Wealth of Canada.

Only the past few years have revealed to Canadians the vast wealth that Canada possesses in her mineral resources. Discoveries have shown that from the coal mines of Sydney to the vast gold fields of British Columbia and the Yukon valley Canada is immensely rich in minerals. Hitherto this had stood fourth among her natural resources but from the great discoveries of the last decade we have reason to think that the asset from her minerals will be the principal one and that Canada in this respect will rank foremost among nations.

Canada possesses a great source of wealth in her boundless acres of fertile soil. These are a perennial source of wealth which under good management can never be exhausted, have hitherto formed her principal asset. The annual production of both our forest and fisheries ranks very high and amounts to many million dollars. The reason for the products of our mines being the least