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OUR BASE, OUR FIELD, OUR IDEAL OF SERVICE

“NOT secondary to any kind of community service, or social or ministerial work.” That, as we have thought fit to emphasize elsewhere, is our estimate of the worth of the service open to and aimed at by this magazine.

Our base is, as it has always been, Vancouver city. Our field is the Canadian West, and particularly British Columbia. Our ideal of service is plainly indicated beside the name of the magazine as “Promoting Social Betterment, Educational Progress and Religious Life.”

With the passing years we have at once a deepening sense of the need and utility of such work, and an increasing assurance, supported by commendatory words and letters, that many people “in City and Church and State” in our “Farthest West” are awake to the value and purpose of this periodical.

We need hardly note that long ere this we have seriously considered whether the time was opportune for seeking to give the Canadian West a British Columbia weekly in place of or supplementary to this monthly. But, however alluring it might be to be able to publish each week a journal serving such ideals, and however well fitted by practical journalistic training and literary experience our augmented staff might be for the task, we are satisfied that the time is not ripe nor the western population large enough to warrant weekly publication.

Also, the more frequently a publication is issued the more ephemeral must much of its contents be, and, whether or not higher critics reckon it vain, our idea is that the contributions of such a monthly should be not only educative and inspiring in the present, but become of the nature of literary records—next in value to the best in books—of the life and literature of a country or community; and as already stated, we reckon such work not secondary to any other form of human service.

Will *you*, reader, now take your BRITISH COLUMBIA MONTHLY more seriously, and co-operate with us by commending the magazine to neighbors and friends? You will? Thank you!

In accordance with our practice in beginning previous volumes, we are not disposed to set forth any elaborate programme. But with our strengthened staff we are more than confident that we can continue the

process of upbuilding this monthly until, as we said in changing the name, it "shall ultimately enter every home in the province where social, educational, literary and religious interests and ideals are cherished," and also "serve the Canadian West not only in this generation, but unto generations when the Pacific Coast shall have become as thickly populated as any part of the Atlantic Coast, and its people be wielding an influence in the councils of the British Empire not secondary to that of any other portion of its vast dominions."

The new features in this issue can be left to speak for themselves. We hope to continue these, and as the business section is increased we shall give more space to them, and probably add others. Suggestions and criticisms from readers are welcome.

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HASTY MINISTERIAL ENDORSEMENTS

NOTEWORTHY reference was made at the last meeting of the Vancouver General Ministerial Association to the tendency at meetings of the association to endorse movements of one kind or another without sufficient knowledge. Several members spoke strongly on the subject.

It might fairly be pointed out that some ministers, as individuals, have no less need to consider carefully what their endorsation means to a man or a movement; and that they should see to it that they do not too readily give their names in a public way, and the weight of such influence as they may have in the community as pastors, or otherwise, to men or companies or concerns who are to use them as "capital." A minister may not have cash capital to invest, but just as outstanding business men are sought for (whether or not at a price) by company promoters so that their names may act as influential inducements to others less informed, so the endorsement by a minister of the gospel may sometimes be reckoned as the investment of capital, and before any sensible man invests capital, in name or cash, he should know something not only of the theoretical side of any concern, but of its business methods and management as well.

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PICTURE SHOWS AND PICTURE SHOWS

AN article entitled "Another Menace of the Movies," in a recent number of the *Canadian Courier*, sounds a note of warning to which we in the West may well pay heed. The vogue of the film-play has become so great that the influence it exerts on the popular mind is far wider than that ever held by the ordinary drama. The latter was always, broadly speaking, confined to the adult population, but the former, by reason of its cheapness and the extreme facilities for its exhibition, has become as much the relaxation or dissipation of the children of all ages as of their more sophisticated elders. Where the drama, therefore, might be seen by thousands, the photo-play is seen by its tens or hundreds of thousands, and instead of catering to the public of "grown-ups" alone, it speaks its message, whatever that is, to the rising generation as well.

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The question, then, as to the general character of the films that are produced—whether they are of a healthy moral tone, improving and uplifting, or whether they are degrading and sensational—is one that is of vital importance.

There is a censorship, of course, of a kind, but it does not go far enough. One has only to walk along our main streets and look at the photos exhibited at the front of the theatres to see that there are many plays that are not of an elevating nature, sensational melodramas and trashy comedies, often savouring of vulgarity and erotic nastiness. Flaring posters representing brutal crimes prompt the minds of impressionable youngsters to run along such channels. Perhaps in some cases, by the strange tendencies to imitation of evil, even although painted in no very attractive guise, that often show themselves where the moral nature is weak, these may start them on the downward path to the life of crime. Those whose business it is to cope with criminals have often attested to the evil influence, especially on young boys, of suggestions of this nature, whether through books or plays or pictures.

There are so many pleasing and wholesome films, some of them exciting enough, but in an unobjectionable way, that it seems a shame that all should not be so. Such artistes as Mary Pickford and Mae Marsh, who only act in plays that are good, are amongst the most popular, showing that after all the taste of the public is not so much depraved. If we must take our film-plays from the United States, as we have to take so much of our magazine literature, let us see that we only get what is good when there is so much that is good to be got. There is a moral laxity that pervades certain strata of their social life down there which it would be a grievous pity to see introduced into Canada. We may be thankful that as yet the divorce news does not form the chief feature on the front pages of our newspapers, although we must be vigilant to see that such a thing does not come about through the influence of photo-plays such as we have spoken of.

It is not a flabby, emasculated film drama that we want at all. Let it be as virile and red-blooded as possible, with boodlers, bandits and burglars galore, and such interesting people of predatory callings that supply so much of the piquancy of story life. Let there be plenty of love-making and a strong heart-interest, with a sprinkling of tears for the sentimental and withal a strong seasoning of humor. But let us bar whatever is morbid, unwholesome, or even depressing—for in these war times we have little need to have our feelings harrowed in our recreation—and we shall not need to view with alarm the increasing popularity of this class of amusement.

“God in His mercy grant that we
A wide-spread peace may live to see,
Good fruit be borne of agony,
When war shall cease to be.
Oh, shed the leaves of the Tree of Life!
To heal the nations and calm the strife.
Thy living waters, O Lord, release!
To cleanse the world and to give us peace
That man may worship Thee.”

—N. R. E.

An Easter Message

"Tell me where thou hast laid Him."

IS not that the cry that rises from the broken hearts of thousands of those whose loved ones have laid down their lives on the battlefields of France and Flanders or over whose bodies the restless wave rocks its ceaseless lullaby?

That was Mary's cry of anguish and yearning at the empty tomb when for her also the light of life seemed to have gone out. "They have taken away my Lord and I know not where they have laid Him."

The Death-conquering Christ, knowing all her sorrow and desolation of spirit, came to her, forgetful of His triumph, called her by name, and there was that something in His coming, in the tones of His voice, in His attitude, that changed her mourning into joy and filled to overflowing her spirit with peace, adoration and worship. He who had triumphed over Death returned to the empty sepulchre not only to comfort, but to make known to Mary her kinship with Him and with His Father.

"Touch me not." Thus did He raise her thought beyond the visible and tangible into the realm of the invisible and eternal. "I ascend unto my Father and your Father; and to my God, and your God." Is not that part of the wonder and gladness of the Easter message, not only that Christ is risen, but that all who know and seek to love and serve Him here are of the family of God *now*, and will one day, like Christ, go to dwell where He and our Father dwell? To realize all that those words mean, spoken by the One who had undergone the experience we call Death,

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will not only heal the broken-hearted today, but will cause to dawn upon their vision that transcendent Life for which the imperishable in us yearns.

Our loved ones who, at the call of God, went forth to fight in swift and awful conflict the battle for truth, righteousness and love, and who in such service yielded up life itself, have in spirit ascended and are even now rejoicing in God's nearer presence. Why, then, should we mourn because we know not where they have laid the outer wrapping of their spirit life? Today, when Heaven's arches ring with joy and gladness because of the thousands who are entering in, should not we also rejoice that their warfare is accomplished, and that God counted them worthy to be allied with His all-wise, all-loving, world-embracing purpose? Shall we not, with faces bright with the hope that one day we, too, shall mingle with that glad throng, so think and live and work that God's purpose in and through our individual lives may be fulfilled? Then we, too, shall pass into the Realm where our Lord reigns, the home of our God and Father, and our dwelling-place for evermore.

—M. W. M. C.

"O Love, that died for all the world,
Teach us Thy sympathies,
That we in love for all may learn
The joy of sacrifice.
O Love, that reigns for all the world,
Fulfil Thy victory,
Till all are subject to Thy sway,
And blessed, O Christ, in Thee."

Timely Topics

By Tim. Wise

THE VANCOUVER SCHOOLS ENQUIRY

AN EXPLANATION AND A CORRECTION

SOMETIMES when an explanation is difficult to make there is a temptation to avoid making it, but an unfortunate error crept into this column in last month's issue, which we feel ought to be rectified. An article on the above subject had been considerably curtailed owing to lack of space. Somehow one single phrase was left undeleted, and to make matters worse, a word occurred in it which the writer never intended to use.

The sentence in question read: "The municipal inspector shares the blame with the principal of the school." As intended, this would have read "shares the responsibility," and the phrase was used in connection with a matter of organization.

There was no intention of attaching blame to individuals so far as the writer was concerned, for as we said at the time:

"The public would like to have the matter cleared up, and it seems possible to do so without finding a scapegoat, but simply by adjusting conditions and rightfully apportioning authority."

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THE NORTHCLIFFE WAY

The super-journalist is "at it" again. This time he has been telling the exclusive set at the London Aldwych Club that he watched the war coming for twenty years. During part of that time he did his best to antagonize our loyal allies, the French. Just before the war broke

out he cabled from Germany appealing for a better feeling between the British and German peoples. In August, 1914, an article appeared in his pet monthly magazine, *The London*. It was entitled: "The German Military Bubble: Who Will Prick It?" During his visit to the States last year His Infallible Lordship declared in an article in the *World's Work* that the Germans had not many more than a hundred thousand men on the Russian front. His many newspapers are now telling us what hordes are piling up on the western front from the east. But because his Lordship controls all the newspapers of the shrieking "god-saker" type he escapes the scurrilous treatment which other and greater men than he have endured in the name of "efficiency."

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A GERMAN PEACE

There is only one thing to be said at the present time about the terms forced upon the unhappy Russians by Germany. It is that the Germans must be supremely victorious over all her enemies for such terms to stand. Just now the German people are undoubtedly hopeful that the army will bring a victorious peace. The war lords are in the ascendant, and their thinking is evidently confined to military matters. All the skill of German chemists, inventors, scholars, artificers, has been fully utilized to bring about victory. And the soldiers are claiming the credit. With minds steeped in memories of mediæval times they talk loudly of their conquests and turn their swords in the heart of the conquered. It is the

way of militarists. But the greatest test is yet to come. These "conquerors" of a people thrice betrayed must now carry the fight to the western front, where waits a vast host of enlightened warriors, whose numbers are growing rapidly as the free citizens of the United States add their great quota to the Grand Army of Democracy.

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COLONEL J. BAYNE MACLEAN

The name of a Canadian Northcliffe who is wise after the event, and who tells the truth—not the whole truth, but just as much of the truth as suits his purpose, which seems to be that of discrediting British statesmen and British policy. The Colonel has said a good deal lately about trading with the enemy by permitting indirect traffic in, say, British cement. He mentions British cotton, and blames British statesmen for not declaring it contraband in the early stages of the war.

The Colonel refrains from mentioning Canadian nickel.

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LO HERE! LO THERE!

We have it on the authority of Sir George Buchanan, who until quite recently was British ambassador to Russia, that Nicholas Romanoff, ex-Czar of Russia, was friendly to the British.

Now comes Dr. E. J. Dillon, amateur diplomat, correspondent to the London *Daily Telegraph*, who promises to make the flesh of the ordinary citizen fairly creep with the story he intends to tell about the wicked ways of secret diplomacy. He proposes to reveal the "disloyal methods" of Russian policy before the war, and of Nicholas Romanoff he speaks in this wise: "The plastic

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Russian Emperor cunningly concealed an inexhaustible spring of rank perfidy under the simple exterior of a shallow but ardent humanitarian, which entitles him to a place above Cagliostro in the sphere of sharpers and posture-masters."

THE LATE CHIEF McLENNAN
IN MEMORIAM

The deeds of men, as beds of golden sand,
Glean riches as each wave of time rolls by.
Their golden nuggets must be washed and panned
Ere we can tell the wealth that there may lie.

So, when man's last completed task is done,
The wealth of deeds, by him so well concealed,
Rises in triumph, counted one by one,
And stands for aye his monument revealed.

So, predestined, survives his hidden good,
E'en though his body be but honored dust;
Facing his end, as well a hero should,
Died as he lived, still faithful to his trust.

So in our memory, green survives today
He who was friend, yea, father to us all.
His noble heart now stilled in silent clay,
This be our grief, has passed beyond recall.

—HARRY SHAW,

Police Constable 130.
Vancouver, B.C., March 20, 1918.

An Open Letter

To British Columbia Business Men and Others Interested in British Columbia Business

(Particularly to those receiving marked magazines)

Our regrets at inability to call or write must be expressed. If you find your business absorbing, and believe it so well worth while that time passes quickly with you—the weeks like days, and the days like hours—you will understand our position.

As stated elsewhere, in every case, if possible, we seek “one chief, one meeting, one decision.” Why? Because there are so many real live business men to interview WHO WILL GIVE US THEIR ADVERTISING COPY JUST AS SOON AS WE FIND TIME TO SEE THEM AND SUBMIT THE FACTS.

That is a conviction AMPLY SUPPORTED BY EXPERIENCE, especially of late. The business contracts written with THE BRITISH COLUMBIA MONTHLY in the past two months have not only confirmed us in the belief that the change of name was apt and timely, but that we can rely upon most British Columbia business men who have any “businesses worth while” to advertise, using our space.

We hope now to be of use not only to the patronage-free governments of Canada—Dominion and Provincial—but also to advertisers at a distance from British Columbia who have a business appeal to make to

THE BEST HOMES OF THE WEST

For a time war conditions reduced this magazine in size, but it is in its seventh year, and at no experimental stage. If you put QUALITY before QUANTITY, join us now and have the satisfaction and credit of doing your part in a business way in giving British Columbia an increasingly useful monthly devoted to Christian journalism, independent of party, sect or faction.

Yours for Service and Business in British Columbia,

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

P.S.—One business man telephoned to us last month to call for his contract and advertising copy. If YOU wish us to do so, or desire more information at an interview, call Seymour 6048 and make an appointment.

ADVERTISING IN AN AGE OF SPECIALISTS

To THE BRITISH COLUMBIA MONTHLY Advertisers, Present and Prospective:

This is an age of specialists, and in keeping with our policy of seeking to make our business or advertising department more and more effective, we are arranging with a PRACTICAL EXPERT and university-trained COPY-WRITER now in business in Vancouver, that he will, by arrangement with us, call to consult with any advertiser, and if desired write advertisement copy for this monthly.



The Dominion Income

THE Dominion Income War Tax Act, passed at the last session of Parliament, is now in force and all those liable to taxation under the provisions of the Act must file the required returns for the year 1917 on or before 31st March, 1918.

The Act provides that there shall be assessed, levied, and paid upon the 1917 income of every person residing or ordinarily resident in Canada, a tax upon income exceeding \$1,500 in the case of unmarried persons and widowers without dependent children, and upon income exceeding \$3,000 in the case of all other persons.

Corporations and joint stock companies carrying on business in Canada, no matter how created or organized, shall pay the normal tax upon income over \$3,000. The fiscal year of corporations and joint stock companies may be adopted if desired.

YOUR IMMEDIATE OBLIGATION.—You are now required by law to fill out in triplicate one or more of the five special forms enumerated below. Read the particulars about the forms provided, then note the form or forms that fit your case. Don't forget to make three copies. You keep one copy, and in the case of Forms T1 and T2, deliver two to the Inspector of Taxation for your district. In the case of Forms T3, T4 and T5, two copies must be filed with the Commissioner of Taxation at Ottawa.

PENALTIES.—Default in filing returns renders the person or persons liable on summary conviction to a penalty of one hundred dollars for each day during which the default continues. Any person making a false statement in any return or in any information required by the Minister of Finance shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding ten thousand dollars or to six months' imprisonment, or to both fine and imprisonment.

Don't wait till the last minute. Get the necessary forms made your Forms may be obtained from the District Inspectors of Taxation and from

Department of Finance, Ottawa

Postage must be paid on all letters and forwarded by mail

Inspector of Taxation, G. McCandless
Molson's Buildings, Vancouver, B.C.



Income War Tax *Its Meaning and Application*

FORMS TO BE FILLED IN AND FILED

INDIVIDUALS.—Form T1 is for all individuals having the requisite income. Fill in pages 1, 2 and 3, make no marks on page 4.

In giving particulars of dividends received, state amount received from each company, listing Canadian and Foreign companies separately.

Partnerships as such need not file returns, but the individuals forming partnerships must.

CORPORATIONS AND JOINT STOCK COMPANIES must fill in Form T2, showing total income. Amount paid during the year to Patriotic and Canadian Red Cross Funds, and other approved war funds, should be shown under Exemptions and Deductions. A financial statement should also be attached. In giving particulars of dividends received, state amount received from each company, listing Canadian and Foreign companies separately.

TRUSTEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS OF ESTATES AND ASSIGNEES use Form T3, to state particulars of the distribution of income from estates they are handling. A separate form is required for each estate and total incomes must be given as well as distribution thereof.

EMPLOYERS.—On Form T4 employers shall make a list of the names of employees and amounts paid to each in salaries, bonuses, commission, or other remuneration wherever the combined sum of such remuneration for the calendar year 1917 amounted to \$1,000 or more. This applies to all classes, regardless of number of such employees.

CORPORATIONS LISTING SHAREHOLDERS.—Corporations and Joint Stock Companies shall list on Form T5 Shareholders residing in Canada to whom dividends were paid during the calendar year 1917, stating the amounts of dividends and bonuses paid to each.

Make your information accurate and complete. Contact Inspectors and from the Postmasters at all leading centres.

Department of Finance, Ottawa, Canada

All letters and documents should be forwarded by mail to Inspector of Taxation.

Inspector of Taxation, G. McCandless
Molsons Building, Vancouver, B.C.

BRIGHTEN UP!

The season is coming when your home and other buildings will require freshening up, to be in keeping with Nature's work. The dull, drab appearance of so many of British Columbia's buildings, which has been commented upon by many of our visitors, could have been avoided had

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Canada's Foreign Trade and the Share British Columbia Should Get

By Guy Cathcart Pelton
(President International Chamber of Commerce)

TWO important features of Canada's trade in the period prior to the war stood out as warnings for the future—first, that we were importing much more than we were exporting, and second, we were only getting about two per cent. of North America's export trade. The other ninety-eight per cent. was going to the United States.

It did not speak well for Canada that the United States was and is sending more manufactured and other products to all foreign countries than is Canada. Should there be any excuse for the unfortunate truth that the United States sends more exports to Newfoundland than does Canada, when all these exports must pass through Canada?

The people of the United States have always been organizing for the fostering of foreign trade. They have their South American Union, their Russo-American Chamber of Commerce, their Domestic and Foreign Trade Bureau, and numerous other bureaus for the fostering of foreign trade. Canada has had no such organizations. The only place in Canada that information could be had regarding Canada's exporting manufactures as a whole was from the Department of Trade and Commerce at Ottawa, and the information given there was very limited.

It was the need of getting more foreign trade for Canada, both now and after the war, that originated the idea of the establishment of the International Chamber of Commerce.

It is a new organization, but it portends great possibilities.

But the purpose of this article is to point out some of the Canadian foreign trade which British Columbia ought to get. We are boasting of a probable closer alliance in trade between the British colonies after the war, and what province in Canada has more possibility of trade with New Zealand and Australia than has British Columbia?

Our aggregate trade with Australia in 1916 amounted to \$7,773,000, while the United States aggregate trade in the same year with Australia amounted to approximately \$70,000,000. Canadian exports to Australia in one year amount to a little over \$6,000,000 in normal times, while United States exports to Australia in one year amount to about \$40,000,000.

Let us look at New Zealand. Our aggregate trade with New Zealand in one year is around \$6,600,000, while the United States aggregate trade with New Zealand in one year is around \$12,000,000. Canadian exports to New Zealand in a year amount to approximately \$3,000,000, while United States exports to New Zealand amount to approximately \$8,000,000.

Take British India as another example. So aloof have we stood from our sister colony, British India, that we have not even attempted to cultivate our trade with her. While we in Canada have been standing idle, the United States has been capturing

trade in British India. The United States sends exports every year to British India valued at over \$10,000,000, while Canadian exports to British India amount to a little over \$900,000, or less than \$1,000,000—and the latter are war exports, for prior to the war our exports to British India were something under \$500,000 in one year.

Let us add up the total export trade with these British colonies, which Canada should get and which, because of the Pacific Ocean, would especially benefit British Columbia. The total exports from the United States to New Zealand, Australia and British India in one year amount to around \$56,000,000. Add to this the large exports to these countries which Great Britain and other European countries sent, and we have an enormous total, something over \$100,000,000—foreign export trade which should be going largely to B.C. producers and manufacturers.

This, let our readers remember, is a trade entirely with British colonies in the Pacific, now scarcely touched by the exporters of Canada.

We might find more startling possibilities if we turned to the trade

of China and Japan, for these are countries which would get their Canadian imports from the ports of British Columbia. In one year Canada now sends China products worth about \$500,000, while the United States sends products to China worth over \$16,000,000. United States exports to Japan in one year amount to over \$40,000,000, while Canadian exports to Japan amount to something over \$900,000.

In our trade with Japan there is at present an unfavorable balance, for our imports from Japan amount in a year to over \$4,000,000, while our exports to Japan are less than \$1,000,000.

The combined North American exports to Japan, China, New Zealand, Australia and British India amount to approximately \$125,000,000, of which less than \$12,000,000 is from Canada.

This is all trade which would benefit the producers of British Columbia. We might leave the European trade to the eastern provinces and make a bid for this Pacific trade, since it offers markets with which there would be little competition from the eastern provinces.

The First United States Casualty

A Presbyterian divine from Toronto told a story in this connection to the Vancouver Ministerial Association the other week which was noteworthy. He did not mention where he got the report, and probably Principal Vance got it from the same authentic source. At any rate, from the applause which greeted the story as told by Principal Vance to the Vancouver Life Underwriters' Association last week, it was apparent that the story was new to most

of them. It is said that shortly after the first U. S. troops reached the front a soldier was brought to the casualty clearing station rather badly marked and mauled and in a somewhat dazed condition. On being asked how it happened, he replied to this effect: "Well, I went up the line and met an English Tommy and told him that we Americans had come over to show them how to run this war; and that is all I remember."

The Educational Page

IN the titanic struggle now on in Europe, on the issue of which the world hangs breathlessly, society is being shaken to its foundations. If democracy wins, as it must, a new social order must and will unquestionably arise—a democracy in spirit as in name. In the working out of this new social order, readjustments, social, economic and educational, as undreamed of as was this Armageddon in the pre-war days, must be made. This will call for the largest tolerance, the widest sympathy, the keenest insight and the profoundest wisdom of our best thinkers and our practical educationists.

It is a hopeful sign for the future that already the trend of thinking on educational lines is toward increased demands for broader and more general education for every citizen. It is particularly gratifying to note that both the American Federation of Labor and the Workman's Educational Association of Great Britain, the latter an affiliation of one hundred and sixty or more societies, after many conferences and long study of the problem, have concurred in the general demand that all facilities for the highest education the state affords be made possible for and at the disposal of every child. More gratifying still is the fact that they agree with the best educators that much broad cultural training should precede the vocational.

It is hardly necessary to say that this points to a new and fuller community life in which the ideal of social service will displace the individualism and materialism that have characterized the present social order, and that out of the present

chaos must arise, nay, has already arisen, the new and wider ideal of world brotherhood.

This will surely mean great and sweeping changes in much of our educational work. History will gain a new and vital interest and significance. Sociology must become the common possession of all. Everything that interests and affects the lives of the nations with whom we have recently formed new and lasting friendships, cemented in blood, will take on a new value for us. Preparation for all this should be well in hand now. In view of the tremendous potentialities of the schools of the nation in influencing in the broadest possible way our great foreign population, in informing the whole citizenship of Canada on the great industrial problems and instilling true and enlightened ideas of duty to the state, it would seem not unreasonable to have at the present moment an educational commission at work from one end of Canada to the other. Much preparation is always necessary before any sweeping change, in order to get the best results with the least friction.

The slogan adopted by a recent national conference of teachers in the United States was, "Not only to 'carry on' as usual, but to do extraordinary things to meet extraordinary conditions." When we hear that at the recent woman's conference at Ottawa the statement was made that a thousand schools in Alberta would be closed this year unless a supply of teachers were obtained from outside provinces, and when we recall the intensity and proportions of the recent struggle in Saskatchewan by which an alien

population sought to impose its language on Canadian schools, we wonder if our leaders in Canada are as keenly alive to the need and as ready to meet extraordinary conditions as are our southern neighbors. The public school is the real melting-pot of the nation, hence such conditions call for immediate action and open up an avenue for true patriotic service of inestimable value to the nation at the present time.

It is for our governments, federal and provincial, to so co-operate with the teaching body as to make this service possible. A more elastic educational system is required to meet the present need. Lack of flexibility in any school system leaves it open to criticism, because the whole problem of education is one of *growth* and *development*, and this means constant change and readjustment.

The press, too, has a great responsibility and opportunity just now in

turning the attention of its readers to the educational problems confronting us as a nation and of emphasizing the supreme importance of the school in the national life. Bismarck said: "As the school is, so is the nation." We may say truly, as our schools are so will be our new social order.

In opening its pages to the teachers of British Columbia for the discussion of educational problems, this magazine is showing its appreciation of values and of the truly important place of educational work in all countries. We trust that the courtesy extended by the management will be appreciated by making this page meet a real need in the life of the West, and that each succeeding issue may have something of inspiration and practical help for all who are interested in the higher life of the nation.

—B. J. M.

Abracadabra

The Wayside Philosopher

(All Legal Responsibility Assumed by Author)

IF England had more Repingtons there would be fewer military and more political "resignations."

The present provincial government seems to be most like that noted character who, being in a dangerous and uncomfortable position, was equally afraid to remain still or move.

Since the Vancouver School Commission has asked for more of the Minister of Education in our public school system, why not go further and secure a real educational council?

If Dean Klinck can organize the present "war scare" interest in agri-

culture into a permanent peace-time interest, the university will already have paid all its cost.

Those shipbuilding enthusiasts who are shouting over the present industry "I told you so!" had better await the effect of a few years of peace before they shout. This, of course, applies to the steel shipbuilding more especially. We welcome the shipbuilding and wish it well. Its permanence is, however, not yet assured.

"Felix Penne" has not withdrawn his mistaken criticism of certain English journals over the "Panther" incident. Time yet, Brother Felix.

We have had some very interesting addresses on Shakespeare. Wonder why someone did not think to give us Ingersoll's address on this subject! Whatever one may think of Ingersoll on other lines, he is worth hearing and reading on this.

The ladies should thank the provincial government for the Equal Guardianship Act. It is creditable legislation. They must not, however, overlook Bowser on the granting to them of the franchise.

"Lucian," "Diogenes," "Felix Penne"! What a splendid work you are each and all doing! With an Ambrose Bierce to act as unsparing critic, what could not such a trio do?

The *Province* might add to "Lucian's" duties a column devoted to the review of our school-book literature. Who better qualified?

"Felix Penne" is at present waging a highly desirable campaign in the interests of art. More power to your elbow, Felix!

Apropos of St. Patrick's Day, just passed, one becomes sadly convinced as time passes that Irish literature and music are all too little known. When a clergyman apologizes for the brevity of an Irish concert programme on the ground that there is so little Irish poetry and music, we realize that the unfortunate fashion prevailing in certain circles is robbing many of our children of a precious dower. If that clergyman or other interested person will drop a card to the editor of this column, care of 1317 Haro Street, he will get material enough for one evening's entertainment, at least.

Librarian Douglas is doing a good

work locally in having those Saturday evening lectures.

QUERIES

Why do the Vancouver schools attempt to teach spelling by sound only, when it is admitted that our 26 letters represent 42 sounds?

Why does the Vancouver *Daily Province* take such a decided stand on all public issues, more particularly local ones?

If all the artillery of Europe cannot enforce a lie, why worry as to whether Germany will win the war?

What, from a patriotic standpoint, have those to say who are keeping thousands of dollars beyond necessary reserve in our banks and refusing to make them work for city, province and Empire?

What is to be done to lessen the excessive cost of local government spoken of recently by A. H. Macneill, K.C.?

What would happen if our press dispensed with F. A. McKenzie, Windermere, Draper, Simms, et al, and gave us more official information?

Is it not about time we got clear of such "spread-eagle" headlines over the news of our soldier boys as "Canadians Whip Kaiser's Finest," etc.? Our boys do not need it.

Does not the sympathy shown at Brewster's sad death show that everybody respects a *man*?

S-t-e-e-l industry or s-t-e-a-l industry, which?

The Passing of the Pioneers

MR. GEORGE ALBION BESSELL

WITH the passing years, Western Canadian old-timers who have been associated with Vancouver from its early days become fewer. This month a venerable Vancouver pioneer "crossed over," in the death of Mr. George Albion Bessell (78), who had had his home with his son-in-law, Mr. F. S. Garner, 1865 Thirteenth Avenue West. The late gentleman, who came from Bristol, England, had been 24 years in the city, and in the way of business enterprise was responsible for the introduction of street-car advertising into Vancouver. Before failing health laid him aside about eleven years ago, he was employed on the assessor's staff at the court house. Mr. Bessell was a keen advocate of single tax. He took an active part in the work of First Congregational Church during Rev. Mr. Pedley's pastorate. An attractive personality, he was also known as an earnest student of affairs. He and his wife, who survives him, were within three months of celebrating their golden wedding. Rev. Dr. E. A. Henry, who officiated at the funeral, referred to the gentle nature and humility of the deceased,

and the real interest he exercised in every movement for the uplift of humanity. Concerned as he had been about the effect of the war on democracy, he had never faltered in his faith that all would be well in the end.

MRS. M. A. CLEVELAND

In the same week another pioneer passed away in the person of Mrs. M. A. Cleveland (82), at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. Alfred Huggett, Jervis Street. She had been a resident of Vancouver since 1890, and was known as one of those motherly and saintly souls who make life rich for relatives and friends. Rev. Dr. Campbell, of First Baptist Church, officiated at the funeral service, which was impressive in its suggestion of Christian resignation and hope. Dr. Campbell, who himself is approaching that period of life—beyond the allotted span—which might well entitle a person to the name "venerable," read and spoke with characteristic sympathy. Mrs. Cleveland came of U. E. Loyalist stock. There were many floral tributes, and the funeral arrangements were in charge of Messrs. Center & Hanna.

A PRAYER

For work undone and faith unkept,
For virtues that unused have slept,
For sins o'er which Thy pity wept,
O Lord, forgive!

For erring steps and weakling will,
Which sought the good, yet did the
ill;
For sin and pride that hold me still,
O Lord, forgive!

For wasted years and misspent days,
For lack of zeal and prayer and
praise,
For conduct that Thy Cause betrays,
O Lord, forgive!

When life's brief darkness turns to
day,
And form and shadow pass away,
Be Thou, O God, my help and stay!
O Lord, forgive!

—C. N. H.

Notes and Comments

By Rev. R. G. MacBeth, M.A.

THE LATE CHIEF McLENNAN

IT is a year ago this month since the gallant and highly-respected Chief McLennan, in the discharge of his duty in Vancouver, fell at the hands of a drug-crazed degenerate who was terrorizing a peaceful district of the city. The year has been crowded with great events of world significance, but locally the memory of a good man, who was intent in his purpose for a clean and law-abiding community, has been kept green in the minds and hearts of people whose opinion is worth while. McLennan had much of the cool courage and the wistful mysticism which blend so remarkably in the character of the Highlander. His courage was evidenced up to the moment of his death, and his mysticism appeared in his profound respect for true religion and his strong devotion to the welfare of children. The shock of his death emphasized the immense importance of the policeman in human society, for the anarchy against which every officer stands on guard at the risk of his own life would, if unchecked, land the world in chaos. It is good to know that McLennan's work has been ably and successfully carried on by our present Chief Constable McRae and as fine a corps of officers and men as can be found in any city in our own country or elsewhere. They deserve the respect and the support of all right-thinking men and women in Vancouver, and their services ought to be recognized in a tangible as well as a sentimental manner.

THE RETURN OF THE FIRSTS

In acknowledgment of the immensity of their labors and in realization of the terrific strain to which they have been subjected since the outbreak of the war, large bodies of the Canadians who went forth at the outset are being permitted by the Dominion Government to return home for a time. This is as it should be. They have done their part nobly and have written the name of Canada high on the scroll of fame. Synchronising with the return of these battered but undefeated men, it would be well for the government to suppress the persons who talk sedition too freely amongst us. Talk of that kind is an insult to the men who are returning maimed and broken from the great conflict for human freedom. It is well enough to prate about free speech, but there is no free speech or free anything else where the Hun is in control. And men at home who help the Hun with their mouths should be given short shrift.

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THE POLITICAL FUTURE

Political partyism can run wild into unreasoning partizanship if men choose to abrogate their right to independent thinking. But though party names may change with the years, it is probable that no free state can exist without party in some form or other. A free people will not be disposed permanently to entrust the duties of government to men without the desirable check which comes from a watchful opposition, because the frailties of human nature in a world of tempting oppor-

tunities to wrongdoing will be better of a brake of some definite kind on the executive car. In a crisis time there may be coalitions, because all other matters than the one causing the crisis drop into the background. But in regard to these other matters it is not only likely but necessary that men should resume thought and action when the critical hour as to the main question is passed. And this will inevitably lead to differences in opinion, for most ordinary questions have two sides. Parties may be more or less transient in name, for often the names have lost significance. But party in some form under ordinary circumstances will probably always be found in a free state. No man, however, should give up his right of private judgment and submit to be unchangeably tagged with a party label. But independence within the party will avert that calamity.

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SCHOOL DEBATES

It is a good thing to find teachers in our schools placing emphasis on

the value of cultivating the gift of public speech. Scholastic instruction may pack the mind with facts, but oratory, in the best sense of that word, will release the facts into the open field of active life for the good of the world. And the excellent system which the teachers suggest to the judges for marking the merits of contestants will indicate to the young debaters that fluent utterance must be bulwarked by logical argument if they are to succeed. Both these qualities are important and neither should be despised.

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THE LEGISLATURE

Everything is running under full pressure at Victoria, where the legislators are in session. The people expect them all to be alive to the seriousness of their duties and are not disturbed even though there is a sharp clash-at-arms now and again. But the people will have more confidence in the legislature if discussions are kept on a high level without unwise recrimination or unnecessary personalities.

The Trail to Happiness

By Milo Milton

TRIVERS McMANN had shaved that morning. It was an experience the memory of which still dwelt with him. But he was younger now; the heavy beard-growth was gone; he was already in the humor of a man who, having successfully undergone a serious and critical operation, makes fresh overtures to happy and pulsating life. Cold water and a dull razor—he abhorred these; but just then, standing in the doorway of his little shack and looking westward to Judgment Mountain, he

realized that through their agency he had advanced many miles along the road to happiness.

For it was happiness that McMann sought. He had searched long for it. Often he had followed closely on its trail. In lonesome lands, in remote ports, in wilderness places, in east and west and north and south, where men seldom go, went McMann, always looking for but never finding this one thing he wanted. Yet he found other things, both good and bad. He found hunger and thirst,

misery and despair, sudden riches and absolute penury.

Just when he had ceased to hope, the beginning consciousness of it stirred within him. It was invoked by a woman. The melody of life hung on that woman's lips. Her hair and eyes reflected life's subtle radiance. Her whole person breathed forth the spirit of ever-living, eternal joy.

McMann had seen much of her—but not enough. He was her friend. He met her as often as he dared. He talked with her, walked with her, sat long hours by her side, basking in the warmth of his new-found happiness. He learned the little tricks of her speech. He studied her with close but unnoticed scrutiny. He endeavored to understand her varied moods, just as he had endeavored to understand the myriad problems and mysteries which had heretofore confronted him along the journey of existence.

Standing there in the doorway, McMann's thoughts reverted to the day when he had first met her. Even now his pulses quickened at the memory of that unexpected meeting, and, with glowing eyes, he recalled how wonderful it had all been. The day before he had left Moose Portage with prospector's kit and grubstake and had rafted down the Pelly. At night he had camped in the open, under the stars, choosing for his purpose a lonely sandbar, over whose surface was scattered sufficient driftwood for his campfire. When morning broke he had walked shoreward, rifle in hand, looking for game. He had clambered up the precipitous bank and had paused a moment, his eyes turned toward the mouth of a small ravine, half expecting to see a moose or deer spring forward from

the protecting thicket which lined its curving sides.

Suddenly he drew back. Excitedly he had tiptoed his way a few steps and stood again, breath bated, eyes widening in amazement at the sight before him. Not fifty yards ahead, squarely facing him, apparently cool, calm and unflinching, was the figure of a woman. Further back, in a shelter of spruce and pine, wonderfully picturesque in the radiant morning light, nestled a tiny log cabin.

It was her home. In a wilderness this woman lived, and that very hour their friendship had begun, and he, unwittingly, had stumbled into a new and delightful existence. The days that followed were dream days, for love had come into the world, touching all therein with the magic of its making. Bit by bit he had learned her history. Two years before Edith Patterson had come north with her father, whose health had been broken in a city's close and unhealthy environment. They had come here to earth's most successful physician—the Great Outdoors—and had profited thereby, incidentally learning to love the silent and mysterious wilderness which had so befriended them.

Following a hurried but monotonous luncheon, McMann was in readiness to depart. His original plan had been to take the trail which ran directly to the Patterson home; but now, after mature deliberation, it occurred to him to make a wider detour north to Wolf Creek. By doing this he would see Dagg, a fellow-pro prospector, who, in addition to the Patterson family and himself, was the only other person residing in that part of British Columbia.

Two hours later he made his way down a wooded slope toward the

Dagg cabin. It was already mid-afternoon. The sun, still high over a jagged horizon, was rapidly sucking up the moisture occasioned by an early morning rain. The humid breath of the soil was tempered by the sweet smell of blossoming wood flowers. Numerous small streams glistened and splashed over rocks, running riot as soon as they reached the precipitous incline which fell away abruptly to the level of white sand bordering the shore of the creek.

McMann's pulses were tingling with the exuberance of health. He stood for a moment before making the final descent, his grey, untroubled eyes looking out across the valley. On the opposite side he beheld the green of forest growth. Three hundred feet below Wolf Creek, a narrow and turbulent ribbon of water, was flecked with foam and broken by many rapids.

Curiously enough, he found Dagg unemployed.

"Glad you came," said the big man, motioning his guest to a seat on the improvised bench in front of the cabin. "Just happens I'm taking a holiday myself. Well, how's dirt?"

"I'm not prospecting," McMann explained. "At least, I haven't been lately."

A queer smile puckered the corners of Dagg's expansive mouth.

"You're all shaved up," he observed, "an' you got a clean shirt on, an' your eyes have a sort of I'm-not-at-home look. I kind of suspect that you're going over to Patterson's."

"Right," admitted McMann.

"She's a nice girl," declared the big prospector, "an' her father's an

interesting ol' chap, too. I was over there yesterday."

A mild irritation pricked McMann. He fumbled in his pockets for tobacco and papers.

"She's the most sensible woman I ever met," continued Dagg. "She's got refinement an' education an' good looks, an' her voice is smooth an' low—just like music."

"I'm going to ask her to marry me today," stated McMann.

Conversation waned. Dagg turned, suddenly interested in the flight of a lone mallard, which was darting from point to point in search of its kind, now and again its squaking, anxious call faintly heard.

"I wouldn't if I was you," said the big prospector, at length, squarely facing McMann, his voice vibrant with suppressed feeling. "Maybe you'd be sorry," he hinted, darkly. "I got a notion that you're not the man she wants."

Mentally, McMann was stunned. He gripped the side of the bench. He rose, confronting Dagg, his face flushed, anger and resentment shaking him.

"I don't need your advice," he exclaimed, caustically. "I'll do as I like in this matter. If I happen to feel like asking a woman to marry me, that's my business."

The big prospector did not answer immediately. His mouth had widened into a grin. His left hand was stroking the black muzzle of a dangerous-looking automatic.

"Let's not quarrel about it," he said, happily. "McMann, won't you sit down?"

McMann did.

(To be continued)

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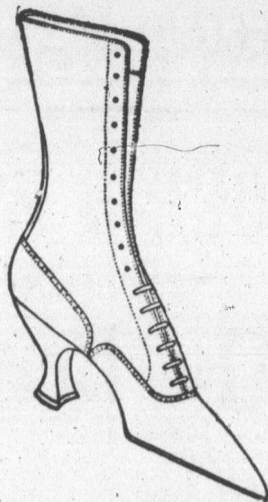
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The Value of Life Insurance

"If I were not a preacher I would be an insurance agent."

—REV. J. L. GORDON, D.D., Winnipeg.

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA MONTHLY agrees with Dr. Gordon in so far that, next in importance to ideal public service through the production and dissemination of helpful and inspiring literature and the influence on life of Christian journalism independent of party, sect or faction, we might bracket preaching and life insurance work. Both alike promote prudence and unselfishness concerning the life that now is for the individual, and that which is to come for his or her relatives who remain.

PROTECTION by life insurance is PATRIOTISM beginning at home. Many people need no argument in favor of life insurance as involving both protection and investment. They recognize that PREMIUMS PAID ARE BETTER THAN MONEY BANKED.

Neither a preacher nor a special salesman, therefore, should need to impress the value of life insurance nowadays. All-life policies and policies of 20 or 25-payment life have much to commend them. An endowment policy for 20 or 25 years carries a guaranteed payment of \$1,000 in case of death at any time after payment of the first premium, or the repayment at maturity of \$1,000 or more to the person insured.

Thus, from a personal point of view, a life insurance policy is a GOOD INVESTMENT, but it is also a SENSIBLE AND UNSELFISH PROVISION for one's nearest and dearest. Accordingly, we believe that THE BRITISH COLUMBIA MONTHLY may, in this respect as in others, do good work. We therefore purpose making this monthly extend its usefulness by promoting among its readers the prudent and unselfish course of life insurance.