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PRODUCTION

The Victoria Colonist has suddenly discovered by means of some extraordinary Matsonian brainstorm that if British Columbia could produce all its own farm produce in the next ten years, it would mean an additional expenditure of \$250,000,000 within the province in that period. The Colonist stands aghast at the fact that British Columbia has been spending \$80,000 a day on supplies from the outside. The Colonist's economics are not easily discerned, in fact the Matson organ naively states that "the economic principles cannot be gone into fully." This is the most truthful statement in the article. The fact of the matter is that, now that the resources and the credit of the province have been "pot-latched," as Parker Williams described it, the Conservatives are trying to slide along on a production campaign, even if the law of economics has to stand aside in the meantime. What does any law matter to Sam Matson?

British Columbia undoubtedly needs more production, and the first step in that direction is to give the lands of the province back to the rightful owners—the people. When that has been done, and the ordinary individual gets a chance instead of the capitalist speculator, the necessary production will naturally follow. The unfortunate thing is, however, that an enormous increase in production in this province will be absolutely necessary in order to take care of the huge mountain of debt piled up by the McBride government. The Colonist for

years has been used to talking and thinking in millions, other peoples millions, and it evidently cannot overcome the habit. It talks of the \$250,000,000 which would be spent in the province in ten years as a result of a production campaign. Out of this will have to come the cost of carrying \$90,000,000 worth of railroad bonds, which are guaranteed both as to capital and interest, with no possibility of either being taken care of by anyone but the people of British Columbia. In a nutshell, the Colonist is right when it says that there must be a tremendous increase in production, but it is vitally wrong when it says that the people of the province will have all that increase to spend. The money is already spent.

The Colonist deals at length with the theory of the circulation of money, going on to show that the more money circulates the more wealth is increased. "Hence it is, that a community which receives no aid from extraneous sources can prosper and become wealthy." This is a delightfully gentle way of warning the people of British Columbia that in future they must help themselves, as the outside has shut down on this province in the meantime. As Parker Williams so clearly pointed out on Saturday night, if the resources of British Columbia had been developed, instead of debauched, this province would today, in spite of the war, be perfectly sound financially. British Columbia is entering upon a long uphill fight towards solvency, when it ought to have had millions in reserve.



MONTREAL PREACHER DENOUNCES U. S. STAND

The peace policy of President Wilson and the general stand of the United States since war broke out came in for denunciation when the Rev. W. D. Reid preached his Thanksgiving sermon on "President Wilson and the war" at Stanley Presbyterian Church.

"The cause for thanksgiving," he said, "is that we are in this war; when historians come to write upon this war one hundred years hence, they will say that the United States, in trying to save her life, lost it."

"When this war broke out, the two great Anglo-Saxon nations were in the same position. If anything Britain was even in a better position than the United States, and could have retired within the ring of steel ships and said: 'I will have nothing to do with the struggle,'"

"One nation plunged in, and with her fleet and her men has saved civilization. Had she not taken that plunge the war would be over today, and Europe would be under the iron heel of Prussianism and the mailed fist and spiked helmet. Then in about ten years, she would have overwhelmed Britain, and the last stand of democracy would have been made in America and the 'Government of the people, for the people, by the people' would have vanished from the earth. Had we not gone in many a brave Canadian who sleeps in the blood-stained fields of Europe would have been safe at home, and not a single man in Britain would have been touched, but in trying

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