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EDITORIALS

After being twelve years in power the McBride government has just found out that a farming community is necessary; that you cannot build up big thriving cities unless the country behind them is developed; that you cannot continue to buy unless you have something to sell; that production is the first law of prosperity and that without production the country is bound to go to the wall. They are now seeking a new lease of power and are willing to make all kinds of promises. They tell us that they are going to advance \$50,000,000 to the farmers but they have also promised all kinds of things within the last few years. They promised Prince Rupert a road round the Island. They promised us a Provincial building that would cost half a million—and what have we got? Nothing but promises.

But there is another aspect to the case. The financiers in London are aware that the McBride government has squandered a large amount of their borrowings. Those men are accustomed to loaning money to men who will handle it to the best advantage. They have lost faith in McBride and if the opinion of London bankers is worth anything his borrowing there is all over. In order to raise this \$50,000,000, therefore, it will be necessary to produce some evidence of good faith. The province will have to do some house cleaning. We will have to show the London bankers that we have punished the offenders of the past and that we have put honest men in charge and that every dollar borrowed will be spent in production and not in carfares and banquets for California millionaires.

There is another reason why a change of government would do good. Under any circumstances, the next few years are likely to be lean ones. A government, however, that has just taken office is bound to put forth every effort to make good. They will not leave a stone unturned in order to bring about this desired end. Besides that, the present government doesn't seem to understand the art of economy. Huge sums are wasted on trivial affairs while the real needs of the province are neglected. The government has developed the spendthrift habits of the gambler, a habit that is fatal in anybody that promises efficiency and

economy. It is very unwise—it is dangerous to leave the destiny of the province in the hands of such men. Let us have a change.

The message of Dr. Herridge was well timed. It comes at a time when men are thinking of the realities of life. In a prosperous and frivolous age men are inclined to throw their faith to the winds. A few years ago it was seriously debated in theological circles whether the Church was going to persist; whether, indeed, it had not outgrown its usefulness. Suddenly the props of civilization have been removed and men are groping around in the dark and yearning for a guiding hand. Automatically the faith of their fathers returns and they begin to find out that after all there is a fundamental truth in the Church that humanity needs in its trying hour.

The hopeful thing about the future of the Church is the broad and charitable outlook that predominates her leaders. The big men in the Church today have forgotten their dogmatism; they are not insisting on every jot and tittle in the interpretation of truth: they are allowing a little room for the individuality of every man's point of view. There is no doubt in the world but that humanity is "incurably religious." There is not the slightest doubt either that a sane and moderate practice of that principle has an elevating tendency on the race. To many men it has a charm not unlike the emotion associated with music and poetry; to others it is a stern law of morals—morality, perhaps tinged with emotion—but at any rate a force that adds to the stability of human character.

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selves, however, to positive creeds. We may not be able to subscribe to any of the articles of religion in force and still we may profit by the influence of the Church. The presence in the community of a strong and wholesome man is a power for good; that power is very much greater when week after week he is permitted by the force of his personality to create new atmospheres of thought and to inject into life a current of wholesome ideas. There are few who do not believe in the fundamental principle of Deity and who would not be profited by a thoughtful discourse of His relation with man. The Church will probably change with the changing years as it has in the past, but so long as man is constituted as he is at present that institution, if wisely guided, is bound to play a vital part in his well-fare.

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Process From the Iron Mines to The Last Stage of Manufacture Described in Full Detail

Each truckfull of iron, as it is raised from the mine, is weighed and checked, then the truck is pushed into a huge wheel, which turns slowly over and empties its contents into a big iron railway wagon waiting below, says a weekly London paper.

Thence to the furnace, and since the furnace depends on fuel, this is usually close to the coal. Also, if possible, near to the sea, for, besides ironstone and coal, limestone also is essential to the reduction of the ore.

First, the limestone is calcined in a kiln, then from the kiln it is swung up in huge lifts to the top of the tall blast furnace, which burns unceasingly day and night year in and year out.

Ironstone, coke and limestone in their appointed proportions are flung into the great "bell" which covers the mouth of the furnace; then the bell is lowered. There is a great gush of superheated gas, and down go the tons of stuff into the flaming heat below.

Go back to the base of the enormous pile of brickwork, and the first thing you will notice is a steady stream of white-hot liquid pouring from an opening about ten feet above ground level.

But this is not iron, merely "slag," that is, the dross which rises to the top, leaving the heavier iron beneath it. The dross is run away to the slag heap.

Four times in each twenty-four hours the furnace is "tapped." A hole which has been carefully plugged with fireclay is opened, and the iron, glowing with a beautiful rosy light, comes rushing out in a cataract of fire.

Ready to receive it are numbers of little trenches made of river sand. There is a main run in the middle, and smaller ditches called "sows" running off it at right angles. Each sow has ten tributaries called "pigs," and here the molten iron lies until it cools into "pig iron."

Pig iron is a long way still from being steel. Such iron as is reserved for steel goes to the "mix-

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"BLOCKADERS" BIG CONTRACT MAPPED OUT.

What a great task the Germans have undertaken in endeavoring to smash Great Britain's sea trade is indicated in the above map, showing the island's chief ports and their distance from German naval bases. The German submarines probably will operate against the North English and Scottish trade routes from Heligoland and Cuxhaven and against the Channel and the South English ports from Zeebrugge, the Belgian port where a German naval base has been established. Germany also has indicated that she will place mines at the mouths of all British ports.



MR. AND MRS. NERLICH.

Chief Justice Sir Wm. Mulock, in the Criminal Assizes of the Toronto Police Court, decided that "conspiring to trade and give information to the enemy" did not come under the list of treasonable offences and the conspiracy charge against Mr. E. Nerlich and his wife was reduced to that of "conspiring to commit an indict-

able offence." This ruling does not affect the charge of treason against Mr. Nerlich, upon which he will be tried as soon as the conspiracy charge is finished. The indictment charges the Nerlichs with conspiracy to assist Arthur Zirow, alleged ex-German officer, to leave the country, conspiracy to give information to the enemy and conspiracy to trade with said enemy. Mrs. Nerlich has been acquitted by the court but Mr. Nerlich was found guilty.

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