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CO-OPERATION

The keynote of the business world today is co-operation. The fact that there must be unity to gain results has long been recognized by capital and labor, the result being huge business corporations and large trades unions, both assuming international importance. One of the results of the war is to emphasize the advantages of united action and today we find Britain, France, Italy and Russia joining forces for the purchasing of war supplies in the United States and elsewhere, with a view to doing away with competitive bidding by these countries, which would tend to drive up prices, with detrimental results to all concerned.

The housewives of the United States have now combined to take decided action in regard to the enormous advances in the prices of eggs and poultry, while they claim that the produce dealers have combined in order to drive the price of those valuable food commodities still higher. It is thus apparent that, while "union is strength," that strength is often used in ways which are not to the best interests of the people at large, and there is a strong suspicion that such detrimental union is at work in Canada, as well as in the United States. The "get-together" idea has two sides to it. When the movement is for the benefit of humanity, and the improvement of food supply or of working conditions, it is good, but when it is a combine on the part of producers or manufacturers with the object of holding up the public at large, it is simply scientific highway robbery.

Another form of co-operation is being inaugurated early

next month by the business men of British Columbia when a business men's dinner is being held in Vancouver. This movement is not designed to deal with the problems of the business men particularly, but to discuss the various problems which confront the people of this province now, and the problems which will arise out of the war. From the advance notice, it would appear that it is a "get-together" movement of the right kind, designed with a view to general advancement. The question of dealing with the thousands of returned soldiers will be one of the most important matters brought up, and the question of trade after the war will be another. Both are of the utmost importance, and both demand the efforts of the best minds of the province. The question of the production and marketing of the various resources of British Columbia will also be dealt with, and an united effort will be made to cope with the difficulties confronting the producer generally.

If such co-operation leads to greater production, it will lead to cheaper food commodities for the people of this province. It will mean a lessening of the importation of foods which we can, and should, produce ourselves, and will lead to a larger export of those lines of which we have abundance, thus paying for the lines which we are forced to import. If this co-operation of business men sets itself seriously to go into the high cost of living it may do more in a week than any government, with its round-about methods, will accomplish in months. The only offset to co-operation amongst those who seek to profit individually by their united efforts, is co-op-



eration amongst those who seek to combat the individualistic grabbers who unite simply that they may grab. We cannot have too much of the right kind of union, and we should not tolerate for a moment the other kind.

STIRRING ADDRESS BY
A. M. MANSON, M. L. A.

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Going on to deal with the growing demand for pulpwood for paper making, Mr. Manson said that there is an enormous supply of pulpwood throughout this district, within easy reach of transportation.

Dealing with the mineral resources of this district he described the gold properties of the Kitsumkalum, of Lorne Creek and Manson Creek. He also dealt with the showings at Fiddler Creek, Copper River, Usk and Pacific and went on to tell of what had been done and is being done in the Hazelton district, dealing at length with the various mines of Roher De Boule and Hudson Bay Mountains and Nine Mile, Howson and Hunter Basins, Dome Mountain, Grouse Mountain, Owen Lake, Sabola, White Sail Lake, the Babine Range, the Groundhog country and Fraser Lake.

Mr. Manson pointed out the great possibilities of extensive gold mining in the Omineca and Findlay River districts by hydraulic and dredging. He pointed out that mining development meant business for the agriculturist, the store-keeper, the wholesaler, the manufacturer, in fact for everybody. After dealing with the enormous water power waiting to be developed, the speaker dwelt on the necessity for refineries and smelters. He advocated a government smelter for northern British Columbia and also stated that Dr. Wilson, an expert who had reported on the subject of a refinery to the government, had shown that this district would be the proper one for a copper refinery.

He dealt at length with the difficulties the farmer has to encounter, showing that, with the miner, he is the man who builds up cities. Broadening his view, the speaker said that our hinterland extended much farther than the valleys and the mountains behind us, and reached right across the continent to the Atlantic. "Through our gates should come the Oriental traders and the treasures of the sea for manufacture and consumption in the east," said Mr. Manson. He believed that, as a result of the war, commercialism of the future would be saner, more socialistic and more altruistic than that of the past.

In conclusion, he dealt briefly with the problem of the returned soldier. He said "The duty of the men who have had to remain at home is to see to it that the men who return from the front, return to a progressive province which will offer them opportunities. What our returned warriors ask is not charity, but a chance."

A vote of thanks was moved by L. M. de Gex, and seconded by T. H. Johnston, who coupled with it thanks to the G. T. P. for the

use of the steamer. Mr. de Gex said that he thought that had Sir George E. Foster been present he would have changed his mind.

CHEERY LETTER FROM FORMER RUPERT BOY

George R. Naden has received a most interesting letter from Alex. A. Cannon, who formerly worked for Mr. Naden in this city and later for the late Duncan Ross. The following is an extract from the letter:

"When we first came out we had a shot at the Ypres Salient but that was an absolute summer picnic compared with this spot. Life is a continual round of mud, rats, shells of all descriptions, and more MUD.

"Even CAPITALS cannot express it: In fact if it is not over our knees now we think it is dusty.

"Have been very lucky so far personally and of my personal chums in the Battalion only one has been killed and one wounded, although we have had quite a few casualties.

"Being Pioneers our boys are out almost every night and the great part of the work is done in "No Man's Land" and no cover but darkness, which doesn't amount to much with flares of all kinds.

"However, it has been a wonderful experience and, if I come through all right, I shall never regret it.

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