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BERTHA GERTRUDE KIRKCONNELL
THIS LITTLE VOLUME
IS AFFECTIONATELY
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PREFACE

THIS book has been written, not as an addition to economic thought (presumptuous and vain hope!), but as a tract for present times.

Its conclusions are open to argument; for while they seemed overwhelmingly evident to the author during recent visits to a dozen of the more important countries involved, yet the same ground has been covered by many older and more experienced observers, whose published deductions have not always followed the same lines.

The volume may, however, be of interest as the mental reaction of a native-born Canadian to an international problem. <Canada has been reproached, sometimes not without reason, for the parochiality of her outlook; yet there are those who believe that this new nation has small contributions of her own to make to the counsels of the world.> Within her borders the primitive issues of human survival are still fairly evident; a man must work to live; society has no respect for the loafer, whatever his caste; and demo-

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cracy merges into an individualism that still acknowledges inherent human differences in natural ability and social worth. It is a country of hard work, where emphasis is still placed on duties more than on rights, on service more than on leisure. The mental attitude fostered by such an environment cannot but differ, for better or worse, from most of the typical views of English and European economists. Its Credo may occasionally be inchoate or inconsistent. It should be at least of interest and perhaps of value.

W. K.

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