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Is Playing an Important Part in the Development of Canada--High Cost of Steel Occasioned by the War Has Helped Establish the Place of Concrete-- Is Helping to Reduce the Cost of Living on the Farm--Concrete Construction Needs Little Up Keep.

(By J. F. Rhodes, in Financial Post.) making of world-civilization. Concrete is advancing the cause of sanitation and of education, and paving the paths of progress everywhere. For some industrial and constructional purposes it is more suitable than for others, but there are few achievements of modern industry in which concrete has not had a share. Since the early days when concrete was used merely in its heaviest form for the most massive constructional undertakings wider and wider knowledge of its possibilities has become diffused in all directions, and all conditions of capital interested in construction work are sooner or later confronted with the choice between concrete and some other material of less modern and often more expensive character in several ways. More and more is this true of Canada. Concrete is today doing much towards the development of Canada. Indications point insistently to still greater achievements ahead for this most adaptable material.

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When, some years ago, the Frenchman, Monoyer, invented reinforced concrete as a constructional material for the less massive superstructure of buildings, and thus improved on the former idea of using concrete for foundations and heavy work only, he began an industrial process so far

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reaching that even in its much more advanced stages of today, it is only in its infancy. Great, and strong, and commercially important in a hundred and one ways in its very babyhood, concrete construction is on the way to becoming in its maturity an economic giant—a benevolent Titan helping the business and industrial world hugely.

Important Advantage of Concrete.

Reinforced concrete is now displacing structural steel in construction work to quite a marked extent. One reason for this, as has been pointed out, is the high cost of structural steel. Another reason is that while steel work is permanent is properly taken care of and painted from year to year, concrete requires no such continual attention to ensure its life. Maintenance charges for concrete construction are low. First cost is lower than first cost of steel construction.

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Both are good reasons for the wider use of concrete construction which is a feature of modern times. Reinforced concrete construction also requires less highly skilled labor for its processes. But the best reason for the use of concrete as compared to other materials of construction such as wood and steel, is that its cost of upkeep is so much less than that of the other materials. This has led to the increasing use of concrete for construction of storage tanks, reservoirs, country elevators, coal pockets and similar large structures.

Concrete for the Farmer.

Everyone interested in the subject of concrete at all associates reinforced concrete first with great engineering works, dams and barrages, foundations of bridges, and the construction of wharves and piers in which piles are used. It is in works of this nature that concrete construction has been tried out, and has made good beyond expectations in every aspect, from celerity of construction to permanent endurance, from comparative cheapness of initial outlay to undoubted economy in maintenance. But it is not yet widely enough realized that reinforced concrete and concrete construction generally have come to enter very largely into the economy of agriculture in Canada. To the average city dweller, for instance, it is something new to learn that concrete is a material of great importance to the farmer. Yet from that fact there are important issues of advantage to the business and domestic life of cities. Concrete on the farm is helping to reduce the cost of living. Wherever it is used on the (Continued on page 3.)

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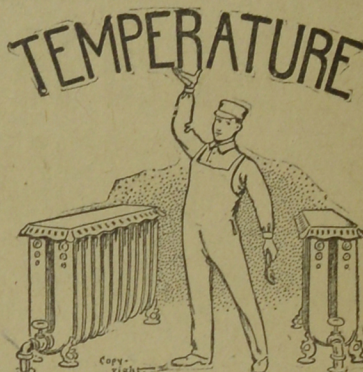
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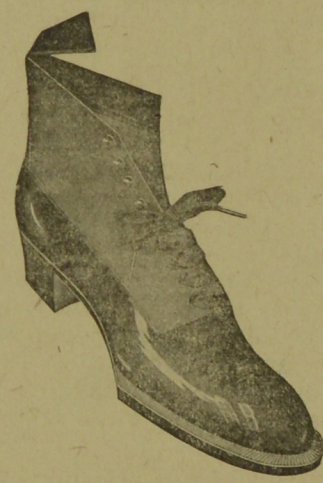
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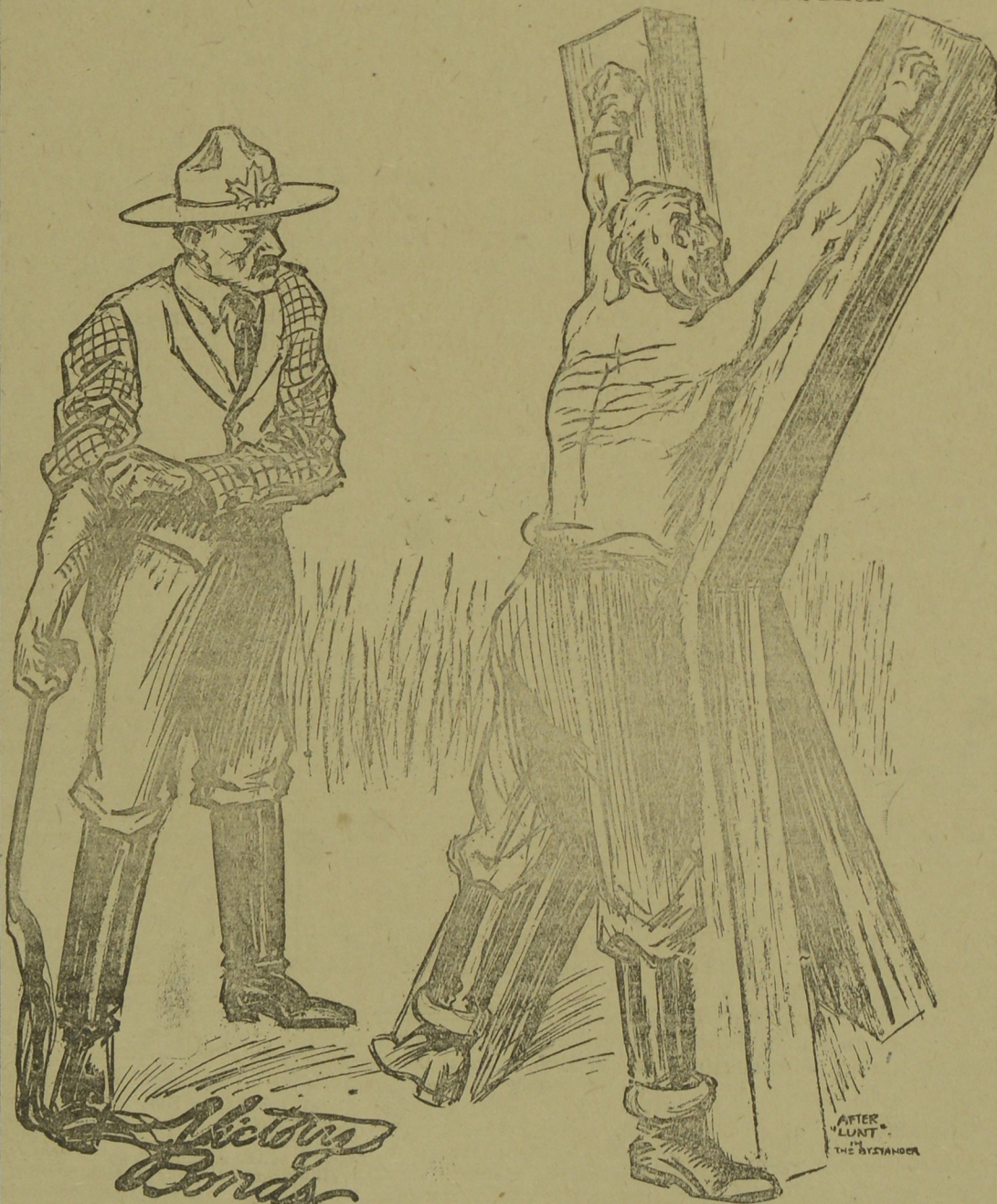
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