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## THE CANADIAN LIBERAL MONTHLY

LIBERALISM in Canada has never wanted for advocates and upholders of its principles. It has been fortunate in the powerful support which it has received from the newspaper press and in the able and convincing exposition of its traditions and policies by the party leaders in parliament and in the country. But on these two influences the educational work of Liberalism in Canada has in the main relied. Of pamphleteering there has been but little, less in recent years than in the earlier years of our history. The writing of books on Liberalism has been the work of authors in other lands. What there is of recorded political history is mostly biographical. Our statesmen have been more concerned with the practical application of constructive ideas than with theory or precept.

The national and imperial questions of the present have revived a form of public discussion less fugitive than that of the press, and less ephemeral than that of parliamentary debate or the public platform. The question of reciprocity involved a consideration of issues which are fundamental as regards taxation and trade; the Naval question which has succeeded it, involves political considerations that lie at the very foundations of government and national well-being as they exist in the British Empire to-day. Both questions have produced a volume of political literature unequalled in previous years. Some of the methods and tendencies of public discussion on these subjects have compelled a reconsideration of first principles and a closer examination of the aims and objects of the political parties of the Dominion. In being thus forced to reassert fundamental principles, Liberalism in Canada has gained immensely in strength and vitality, and, its true significance and purpose being better understood, it gives promise of becoming increasingly powerful in moulding and directing public opinion.

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tions and honest, efficient and progressive government in Canada. It appeals to democracy in the best sense of that term, and is the natural outcome of sincere political convictions, and of a belief in the compelling force of an honest presentation of facts.

As its name suggests, THE CANADIAN LIBERAL MONTHLY will aim at recording from month to month, opinions and events which are of interest to the Liberal party in Canada, and the promotion of Liberal principles in matters of government. Its main purpose is educational. It will seek to give its readers an intelligent appreciation of Liberalism—what Liberalism stands for; what the Liberal party has accomplished for Canada in the past, and what are its present policies and aims. It will present a comprehensive view of the political situation in the Dominion, and of movements affecting Canada in her imperial and international relations. It will endeavour to make clear the lines of cleavage between Liberalism and Conservatism, between the present Government and the present Opposition in parliament. This will be done by fair and impartial statement of the facts as they are, and by a critical examination of the work of the Administration and of the respective attitudes of the political parties on matters of public controversy. The questions of our national defence, trade and transportation, the tariff, finance, agricultural and industrial development, labour, the franchise, social, moral and governmental reform will all receive careful attention. Matters affecting the resources and development of the Dominion will also be dealt with. Special attention will be given the administration of the several Government departments and to the proceedings of parliament. The humorist and the cartoonist will also have their place in the pages of THE MONTHLY.

For the present THE MONTHLY will concern itself primarily with federal politics, and will notice Provincial issues only in so far as they have a direct bearing upon the politics of the Dominion. The same restriction will be exercised in regard to political happenings beyond the borders of Canada. There will be no such limitations, however, with respect to expressed opinions or the experience of other countries or times where these appear to illustrate what Liberalism means and what it has accomplished.

THE CANADIAN LIBERAL MONTHLY will be published in a form which will permit of the several numbers being bound in a volume at the end of a year. A carefully tabulated index covering the contents of the twelve numbers will be issued to subscribers. In the preparation of current issues, while the interest of the general reader will be a first concern, the purpose of the publication as a work of reference will be kept in mind, as also its possible service to the student of politics, to members of parliament, and to Liberal writers and speakers.

"If there is one thing to which I have given my political life it is to try to promote unity and harmony and amity between the diverse elements of this country."—Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

"In our belief, if you give free and local autonomy, there will come the sense of responsibility, and the spirit of tolerance."—Rt. Hon. H. H. Asquith.