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Editor's Talk

ONCE a year we publish an issue of the "Canadian Courier" in which we try to sum up the progress which Canada is making and to outline in a general way the possibilities of the future. It is difficult to do this comprehensively and yet attractively. Nevertheless, we believe that this number is worthy of the careful study of every person who takes a broad interest in the country's development.

A member of Parliament remarked to the editor the other day that he thought that he differed from most of his fellow-members in the House of Commons in that he regarded himself as being "a representative of Canada," not of any particular province or any particular constituency. We believe that this man lives up to his ideal. Too many of us are apt to look at Canada through our own provincial spectacles. We cannot always take the view that what is in the best interest of one province is probably in the best interest of all the provinces. To the world outside, Canada is an indivisible unit, not a collection of provinces with different aims and ambitions. It should be so with Canadians themselves.

The "Canadian Courier" is trying to take the view that it is "a representative of Canada." For this reason it offers this "Greater Canada Number," in the hope that all its readers will for one week at least take an interest in Canada as a whole and think of its progress, its possibilities, and its future to the exclusion of all local interests.

If this number commends itself to our readers we would suggest that each and every one shall mail his copy to a friend in the United States or in Great Britain. If for any particular reason the subscriber desires to retain his copy, we shall be glad to mail a duplicate to any address sent us on a post card until the edition is exhausted.

Owing to the particular nature of this number it was deemed advisable to hold over Dr. Workman's second article for another week. In it he will deal with the question, "Is there a Universal Religion," a subject which is being very widely discussed at present. Dr. Workman takes the view that the various forms which religion has assumed among the various peoples is the natural outcome of their peculiar habits of life and thought.

Dr. Clark's second article in reply to Professor Leacock appears in this number, and this closes the discussion. In the near future we hope to have some further contributions from Dr. Clark setting forth more extensively his views as to the best national policy for Canada.

Next week's issue will contain the monthly "Country and Suburban Life Supplement." One of the features is an article entitled, "Planning a Suburb," by Mr. W. S. Dinnick, of Toronto, who has had considerable experience in work of this kind. His knowledge is practical as well as theoretical and hence most valuable. Mr. E. T. Cook will write the March instalment of "A Year in the Garden."

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