

# Editor's Page.

## Political Education.

### *Why Not a "Young Canadians" Society?*

Thanks in some measure to the publicity and support of the *Edinburgh Evening News*, then under the editorship of Mr. Hector Macpherson, the parent organization of the Young Scots Society was formed in Edinburgh about fifteen years ago,—in October, 1900. As an association for the education of young citizens in matters political, the Society attracted many young men probably inclined respectively to all parties, and to none. Branches were afterwards formed throughout most of the Scottish cities, and most of them are active and flourishing today.

We happened to be among those who took part in the formation of the parent Society in Edinburgh, and the recollection of the experience, together with the political and economic conditions prevailing in western Canada in these days, may justify the raising of the question—Why should there not be in British Columbia and throughout Canada, a Society for the study of social questions and economics, and for the support of all that makes for progress towards purer politics?

As in the case of the Young Scots Society, it might be difficult to keep such an organization entirely free from party connection; nor perhaps need it be essential that it remain so, provided a first plank in its platform insists on the placing of clean government and Christian principles before any party connection.

According to the Constitution, the objects of the Society mentioned were: "To stimulate interest in Progressive Politics, to encourage the study of History, Social and Industrial Science, and Economics, and generally to promote Liberal principles; to further the National interests."

It was also stated that, "All interested in Progressive Politics shall be eligible for membership, it being left to the individual Branches to admit men, or women, or both."

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## A Citizens' Electoral Association.

Since the above was written we have learned that the suggestion herein made has been so far put into practice that there has been organized in Vancouver a "Citizens' Electoral Association," non partizan in its connections and prepared to support and work for a Social service platform whose aim shall be to introduce and uphold men who put principle before party. Doubtless more will be heard of this Association in the near future, and possibly it will begin a work which a "Young Canadians Society" may take up and carry forward into every considerable centre in the country.