

students of political and social questions, make the advent of a magazine devoting a large measure of attention to such questions a national necessity, or at least a valuable addition to the equipment of a full political life. It is to the thoughtful, therefore, that the LAKE especially makes an appeal; not to the scholarly only, but also to that larger class who desire vigorous thought, and follow with profit and enjoyment the full discussion of public questions by leading statesmen and writers of our own and other lands. If in the attempt to supply this demand the refinements of literary culture, valuable as these may be, are in a measure subordinated to the urgent desire for well-mustered facts and arguments, it is because, in the judgment of the founders of THE LAKE, the magazine will better satisfy the tastes and wishes of a very numerous class of readers.

THE LAKE believes in a broad, national spirit: in the consolidation of Canada on a basis of mutual respect for the rights and prejudices of the various and grand elements that go to make up the Canadian people. It believes too that the full presentation of calm, deliberative reviews of many of the great questions of our political life can only result in aiding in the elevation of the general discussion of party questions to a higher plane, and in founding political differences rather upon a jealous regard for fundamental principles than upon the mere

accidents and exigencies of party warfare, a consummation devoutly to be wished by thoughtful students of our national life, who cannot fail to recognize that Liberals are anything but confined to the ranks of the Liberal party, or Tories to the ranks of the Liberal-Conservatives. Prominent politicians and political writers of both the great parties are expected to contribute to the pages of THE LAKE. These articles will, of course, meet with warm commendation from some and cordial disapproval by others; but we may trust that the general result will be such proper modifications of individual views as honest and intelligent thinkers are sometimes compelled to make.

In attempting modestly to fill in a measure the purpose which several of the English and American reviews serve in the discussion of great national questions, THE LAKE will not be neglectful of the widely diffused interest felt in scientific, social, and literary questions, and in that important feature of many magazines, the furnishing of wholesome entertainment of lighter vein.

As opportunity offers the bulk and variety of the magazine will be enlarged, and should the future reveal means of increasing, by further improvements, the warmth of the welcome to which the LAKE confidently looks forward, it may be taken for granted that such will not be overlooked.

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