

the learning of the past, so will the range for thought extend, the scope for active energy be enlarged, and the opportunities for each man's earnest effort be increased.

I have spoken of the dawn of a national spirit amongst Canadians. The masses of the people, however, have apparently not yet fully awakened to a sense of it. They are seemingly still in a condition of lethargy, from which they require to be aroused. But to effect this, is the work of time. A national spirit is not like a fungus growth, which appears to-day in all its development, where yesterday there was nothing but soil. It can, however, be infused more rapidly among the masses, if we strive to excite it. The people can be educated into it, and in the public spirit and enterprise of our representatives, and the influence wielded by the press in moulding public opinion, there are most effective media for accomplishing this purpose. An example of energy evinced by a nation's rulers in promoting measures for the country's advancement, backed by a progressive tone in the press, will excite strong emulation among the people. Our governments appear now to be more alive to their responsibilities in this matter. The old fogy conservatism, and contracted ideas of years ago, have in our parliaments given way to more liberalism, and to more enlarged views which make the future hopeful. But, as I have already said, we young men have an especial interest in this matter. From the present younger ranks of life must, in time, be drawn much of the calibre of the country. In youth we are more susceptible of new and permanent impressions, and as incidents of that period of life, we have more energy to pave the way for success, and more enthusiasm to make us love the work we are engaged in. If this spirit is carried by each one of us into every day life, it will bear its valued fruit in the course of years in an apparently new generation of energetic, public spirited citizens. This is the class of people which the country needs on every farm and in every village and city.

It is still a source of regret, that at times there is so much partisanship displayed, notably by the press. The lines are very finely drawn between political parties at the present