

the large manufacturers, the foremost men in law, medicine, and science. It is a reward, in nine cases out of ten, of party political services; and, with the exception of occupants of the bench, and a few railway magnates and heads of colleges, it is never offered to any but party politicians. If the public services rendered are of conspicuous value to the country, they are never without the fullest recognition by the people, and no other sort of meritorious endeavour receives more honour than the work of the true statesman, who certainly requires no artificial social prop. It is an open secret that there are now living in Toronto, at least five men, who have been offered and have declined the honour of Knighthood. There is another instance, in the same place, where the *noli episcopari* was often and sincerely pronounced before the ribband was finally accepted. It is difficult to believe that the practice of bestowing such honours in Canada can be continued with success, when so many worthy men have felt neither the obligation nor the desire to accept them.

The time seems almost to have arrived, when the contumacious people of Toronto should be admonished on the subject of their refusal of titles. The Order of Baronets of Nova Scotia was never more grievously slighted in the days of Charles I, than has been the most distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George in the days of Victoria, at the good City of Toronto. Why should not the tide of Democratic sentiment be stemmed at once by the issue of another Royal Proclamation in the very language of the precedent established in 1626? It would run in these simple but expressive words:—"And thairfore we wairne all and sundrie "the gentrie of this citie that they either procure the said "dignitie for thameselffis, or not repyne at otheris for doing "the same; and that if thay do in the contrair, thay sal be "punist as contempnaris of Her Majestie's inclination, and "disturbaris of the publick peace."

While the United States constitution prohibits citizens from accepting titles of honour, it must be admitted that they are generally fortunate in finding some military or judicial