

studies since I have been in this country has been spent, not in political machinations, but in aiding in an attempt on a small scale to build up Canadian literature, which however I fear is almost as obnoxious in certain quarters as Canadian nationality itself. Politically, I find here constitutions in the main such as I have always desired, and I feel no restless desire for change, much less any desire to take an active part in bringing it about. At the same time I believe that the future has rather better things in store, and I would advise any man under middle age, who means to take part in politics, while he avoids eccentricity and impracticable isolation, to keep his mind open for what is to come. There is no use in being prematurely anxious about organization. A principle, if it is sound, a sentiment, if it is genuine and strong, will in due time find an organization, and, if necessary, a leader too. Perhaps the voice of a leader has already been heard. A voice has been heard at all events, which is not everywhere welcome, which is disturbing, and which nevertheless, it is deemed necessary to