

in bounds. One result of the struggle is a new alignment of parties. The moderates of yesterday now find themselves by the force of events conservatives though they have not moved a hair's breadth. Other moderates have thrown away all their old conservatism and have joined the ranks of the left. The hope of the future, it is clearly seen by wise political observers, must be a new and sane liberalism — a liberalism, which, whilst working for the real interests of the masses and the supremacy of democracy, will not degenerate into dangerous extremes which could only have the effect of bringing about a reaction, that would be most detrimental to the people's cause.

We in Canada need not think that we shall escape where every other nation is affected. Keen students in other lands have awakened to the fact that one of the greatest needs of the new age is the renaissance of politics, their rescue from the degeneration into which they had fallen previous to the war and from the depths into which they have been plunged during the war and the elevation of political life to a new dignity and seriousness as an important channel for the expression of the national will. A readjustment of political parties in Great Britain is already regarded as inevitable. What will be the Tory party of the future will, it is predicted, become the rallying point for those who believe primarily in a strong and powerful Empire, in a large army and navy with conscription and with an economic war with the Central Powers after the present military conflict is over. To the support of such a programme some of those who have hitherto been regarded as Liberals are expected to give their adhesion. But most significant is the foreshadowing of the rise of a real liberal democratic or people's party with a three fold policy — international, imperial and domestic. In the sphere of foreign affairs such a party will stand for the promotion of peace, rather than for preparation for war. Not that in the present imperfect state of society it would be unarmed before the world; on the contrary it would be ready at all times to uphold international right, if need be by force of arms. But the emphasis of its foreign policy