

A FOREWORD

¶ THE INTERVIEW WITH SIR CHARLES TUPPER BY MR. BOYD IS FORTUNATE AS TO TIME AND IMPORTANT AS TO FACT. OF NOTEWORTHY SIGNIFICANCE IS SIR CHARLES'S STATEMENT THAT JOSEPH HOWE FIRST OPPOSED CONFEDERATION IN THE HOPES OF THEREBY GAINING A POLITICAL ASCENDENCY IN NOVA SCOTIA. THE ARTICLE HAPPILY PRECEDES DR. COLQUHOUN'S FINE STUDY OF CONFEDERATION, AND MR. BOYD, WHO IS NOW ENGAGED IN WRITING A HISTORY OF THE LIFE AND TIMES OF SIR GEORGE ETIENNE CARTIER, IS TO BE CONGRATULATED ON HAVING ELICITED FROM THE ONLY FATHER OF CONFEDERATION STILL WITH US IMPORTANT COMMENT ON A CRITICAL PERIOD IN OUR NATIONAL EVOLUTION. ¶ ONE GOES ON WITH ADDED INTEREST TO PROFESSOR DUCKWORTH'S ESSAY ON THE PRESENT SITUATION. WE ALL DO NOT AGREE WITH HIS CONCLUSIONS; NEVERTHELESS THEY WILL BE READ, NOT WITH ALARM, BUT WITH CLOSE ATTENTION. ¶ MISS BELL GIVES A VIVID DESCRIPTION OF THE "WARD" IN TORONTO, AND IT IS CONVINCING BECAUSE OF ITS SYMPATHY. ¶ IT IS GRATIFYING TO HAVE TWO POETS SUCH AS ISABEL ECCLESTONE MACKAY AND CHARLES MAIR WRITE THEIR IMPRESSIONS AND RECOLLECTIONS OF PAULINE JOHNSON, AND WE ARE FORTUNATE ALSO IN BEING ABLE TO GIVE FIRST PUBLICATION TO A POEM BY THE LAMENTED INDIAN POET HERSELF. ¶ MUCH COMMENT HAS BEEN CAUSED BY DR. WORKMAN'S FIRST ARTICLE ON THE HIGHER CRITICISM, AND IT IS SAFE TO SAY THAT THIS SECOND ARTICLE WILL BE FOUND TO BE EQUALLY ILLUMINATING. ¶ THE ARTICLE BY MR. PHILLIPS ON THE TREATMENT OF THE MENTALLY AFFLICTED WILL BE READ WITH GENERAL GRATIFICATION BECAUSE OF RESULTS ALREADY ATTAINED. ¶ CONTRIBUTIONS OF POETRY BY DUNCAN CAMPBELL SCOTT, PAULINE JOHNSON, L. M. MONTGOMERY, ELIZABETH ROBERTS MACDONALD, AND GEORGE HERBERT CLARKE SHOULD BE MORE THAN ENOUGH TO MAKE ANY ONE NUMBER NOTEWORTHY. ¶ THE REPRODUCTIONS OF PAINTINGS ARE FROM DIRECT PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE ORIGINALS, AND EACH ONE IS WELL WORTHY OF ATTENTION.