

instincts ; it is reiterated then that every office in the gift of this country, from the lowest to the highest, belongs to the sons of this country ; and it will be the aim of the Society to have that right recognised. With party the Association is not concerned, but with politics in the broad and worthy sense it is. We have a noble heritage, but we should see that it is ours ; we have a great destiny and should seek to fulfil it ; we have many grievances and we should cease not till we have redressed them. But our rights can only be obtained and our destiny be fulfilled by building up a wholesome public sentiment, a potent political force, with patriotism for its impulse, and the ultimate self-dependence of Canada for its aim, and to this end is the Canadian National Association founded.

The Association considers that the present is an auspicious time for the appearance of such an organization as the Canadian National Association. Hitherto the question of Canadian Independence has been regarded as lying beyond the sphere of legitimate discussion ; now we hear men of high character and conspicuous public standing not alone admitting that we have the right to discuss such a question, but earnestly recommending us to discuss it. From being a mere theory, this question of a Canadian nationality is now a living, and will be in a little while a potential, force in our country. But it must have its advocates, and its organizations ; and worthy will the mission of the Canadian National Association be, if it can succeed in giving impulse towards these ends.

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