

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE.

Ottawa, 11th December, 1905.

Dear Mr. Dougall,—

Permit me, as an old friend, to offer you my hearty and sincere congratulations upon the jubilee of your paper.

In the city in which you live, and in the community in which the "Witness" circulates, a large section of the population does not share your religious convictions, and to that section, I myself belong; but whether agreeing or disagreeing, all must recognize and admire the elevated tone with which you have always maintained your views in the discussion of all questions, and especially with regard to those vexed problems too often recurring in our national life.

Personally, it has always been a source of high gratification to me when you have found it consistent with your own conception of public duty to support me on the different subjects of public policy with which I have had to deal.

On the other hand, whenever you differed from me, and thought me in the wrong, your criticisms derived all the greater force from my intimate conviction that they were inspired by that same sense of public duty.

Please accept the expression of my sincere wishes for your continued success.

Believe me, dear Mr. Dougall,  
Yours very sincerely,  
WILFRID LAURIER.

J. R. Dougall, Esq.  
"The Witness," Montreal.

THE REV. DR. ARMSTRONG.

Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, writes regarding the "Witness" Jubilee:—

OTTAWA, Dec. 7, 1905.

Editor of the "Witness":

Dear Sir:—Most heartily do I join in the congratulations that are pouring in upon the "Witness" in connection with the completion of sixty years faithful and unique service.

I have been a reader of the "Witness" ever since I was able to read anything, and sincerely acknowledge my indebtedness to it.

What your paper has done in the past in creating wholesome, moral sentiment in the community and maintaining higher ideals of life, only the Great Day will reveal.

It is a serious question with parents what paper they shall admit into their homes. We always felt safe with the "Witness."

May your paper continue through many generations, the champion of Truth, Purity and Righteousness, and vigorous as ever in smiting the evil and upholding the good.

Yours sincerely,

W. D. ARMSTRONG.

THE MONTREAL 'WITNESS' JUBILEE.

(From the Toronto 'Globe'.)

Sixty years ago the first number of the Montreal 'Weekly Witness' was sent out to the people of Canada as a specimen, and it was followed shortly afterwards by the first number of a regular series that has gone on uninterruptedly ever since. Forty-five years ago the 'Daily Witness' began its course, and that has been one of steady continuance in well-doing. Both the weekly and the daily editions have reached a stable and well-recognized position in Canadian journalism, and all who admire a courageous, though sometimes discouraging, struggle for the right will be glad to believe the opinion of the 'Witness' about the future of Canada is applicable to itself, that 'there never was a time when its outlook was more buoyant and hopeful.'

Not many Canadian journalists of the present day can recall the personality of the founder of the 'Witness,' the late Mr. John Dougall. He was a strenuous and persistent advocate of temperance in times when the constituency to which he appealed, and which he did much to develop, was far from being as extensive as it is now. With growing experience he broadened the outlook of his journal, without abating a jot of his ideal or compromising on a single one of his principles, until it took its present well-defined place as a high-toned, independent newspaper, enterprising in the collection and dissemination of news, fearless in its denunciation of wrong, and generous in its recognition of all that makes for righteousness.

The present proprietor of the 'Witness,' Mr.

John R. Dougall, has worthily carried out the ideals and more than maintained the reputation of the 'Witness.' Under his management its character has been improved and its influence strengthened, while it has retained its uncompromising attitude to the liquor traffic and all the evils which are associated with it. This attitude has made it more difficult to achieve financial success, but a struggle of this sort heroically and fully maintained never fails to secure recognition, and the wide circle of friends, sympathizers, and supporters which the 'Witness' has gathered around it is the best proof that the practice of self-denial has not been unappreciated.—

INDEPENDENT JOURNALISM.

(From the Ottawa 'Journal'.)

The Montreal 'Witness' is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee, the close of the sixtieth year of its publication by father and son. John Dougall, the father, founded the 'Witness' in the earlier part of the last century and John Redpath Dougall, the son, is conducting the 'Witness' to-day on the same lines as those upon which it was instituted. These lines are the lines of truth and righteousness, as the Dougalls have seen them. They have been inspired apparently of the loftiest ideals. In the wide range of subjects upon which the modern press must serve in the shaping of public opinion—a range so wide that few persons outside the newspaper business recognize its extent—the 'Witness' has been able to adhere steadfastly to its original ideals of cleanliness and fair play.

It is not the only newspaper in Canada in which these ideals are cherished. But that the 'Witness' should have pursued them so consistently, so effectively and for so long a time, is a fact which cannot fail to have stimulated the wholesome emulation of many of its contemporaries. In the domestic and public life of Canada, the 'Witness' must have been the means to the accomplishment of much good.

It is receiving congratulation and a practically unstinted praise in all quarters in Canada, even from newspapers, representing phases of thought entirely different from those which seem to have governed the 'Witness' policy. Generalities, perhaps, would hardly serve to tell what the 'Witness' has been doing. A few concrete facts as to the nature of its work are worth mentioning. Its news columns, covering an immense variety of subjects, set all things fairly before its readers. Its editorial columns are notable for their fairness and calmness of reasoning, and for an unusual literary ability. On one point alone, perhaps, has it maintained an attitude of absolute and unbroken antagonism. It is utterly opposed to the existence of the liquor traffic in all its forms. In politics it has shown an inclination to advance the cause of the Reform or Liberal party, but evil in that party has found in no quarter, stronger condemnation than it has found at the hands of the 'Witness.'

The 'Journal' joins in the wish that the 'Witness' and Mr. Dougall may be long spared in their field of conspicuous usefulness.

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