

principles of oligarchy that characterized the early governments of the various European countries.

In 1867 Canada started on her career. Her prosperity has exceeded the most sanguine hopes of those who brought her into existence, but the proud boast of Canada to-day is not her resources or her advancement, but it is that she alone, of all the countries in the world, began her career fully recognizing the rights and dignity of man. Rich and poor of every race and creed had a voice from the very beginning of Canada's career in making her laws, and the result is that she stands to-day as the symbol of human liberty and human rights.

For Canadians therefore the word "Country," has a meaning. To have the flag of Britain waving over us and her strong arm to aid us, is indeed a heritage much to be appreciated, because that flag and that arm guarantees protection to our homes, our altars and our dearest interests. To be a Canadian has to-day a significance the world over. Unfortunately our fellow British subjects in South Africa are denied the rights and privileges we are enjoying. To restore to them these rights and their manhood is our country's contention and strong resolve. It may be that this emergency, through the wisdom-like dispensation of Providence, has arisen to test British and Colonial patriotism to the highest pitch. From a national and imperial point of view it may be well, for patriotism long dormant might become diminished in strength, in the absence of resolute action to awaken and call it forth. The emergency has arisen, and the patriotism of Great Britain and, Ireland, and her colonies stands as sentinels in the watch towers. From the historic city of old Quebec, the Sardinian sailed away, carrying with her one thousand brave Canadians, who have voluntarily gone forth to assist the Motherland and to assure her that they and the whole Canadian people are now ready to espouse her cause and to aid in redressing the grievances and disabilities of their fellow British subjects when necessity requires it. Soon the Union Jack will triumphantly wave from Cape Town to Pretoria.

