

seventy per cent of its people unable to read and write, crushed and broken, bankrupt, without national spirit, hopelessly given up to greedy political cormorants that feed upon her people

Yes, Canada will only be great, her national life will continue to rise and spread only on one condition, viz., that she render a pure, intelligent and devout worship to God. Without the ennobling, saving, regenerating power of religion her aspirations will end in airy nothings.

But we are hopeful for the religious life of Canada. The zeal and enthusiasm with which the people have proved their faith by their works in following westward our immigrants with religious ordinances, even to distant Yukon, the regard paid to religious life in the home, and the intelligent study of the oracles of the living God lead us to hope that the new Canadianism will be reverent, thoughtful, earnest and sedate.

#### PRESENT AND FUTURE.

We close by quoting the wise words spoken less than a week ago in Toronto by Lord Aberdeen, who has been a true helper in developing the Canadian idea, and whom all true Canadians follow with best wishes and deep affection.

He is reported as saying:

"What I have in view is that at this formative period it is essential

that we should do all in our power to develop not only material prosperity, but also a sound, healthy tone of public opinion and affairs. We all know that to the outlying portions of a country a number of persons are attracted, especially where there is mining development, who are, well, to put it mildly, not always of the most sober-minded and quiet and orderly description. We get various elements, but, fortunately, owing to the good name and force of the Canadian authorities, there has been no trouble in regard to order. Still the community is of a somewhat mixed character. Therefore I say that when we hear of young men going out there and settling, we feel something of the responsibility belonging to them, and do what may be done that they may best promote the interests of the places in which they settle. . . .

Speaking in more general terms, we all of us should do something to encourage those who go out to those regions some way or another to promote the building up of communities which will be the glory of the country. And for this reason: We do not know how soon the population of those regions may equal the population of these. It is possible that some day they may surpass ours. We must see that the foundations are laid by true Canadians."