

NOT PARTY, BUT THE PEOPLE.

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A MONTHLY issue was found too constant a tie, and too frequent an interruption of other work: but THE BYSTANDER has reason to believe that there are some among his old readers to whom, in default of a monthly, a quarterly issue will not be unacceptable, and however few they may be, he writes for them with pleasure.

In beginning a new series, he has no new professions to make. He still is, or desires to be, loyal to that policy, and to that policy alone, which may promise to bring wealth, happiness, and the virtues which follow in their train to the homes of the Canadian people. To Party government he is more than ever opposed, and more than ever wishes to see it superseded by a government of the nation. But he takes things as they are, and judges the character and conduct of public men, as equity requires, by the standard of the established system. Few Canadian writers, as he believes, love the Mother Country better, or have more reason for loving her, than he. It is in her interest, and for her honour as well as in the interest of the Colonies, that he deprecates the perpetuation of dependency, and wishes to see it replaced by mutual citizenship, and England made the Mother of free nations. In this case, again, however, he takes things as they are, and only protests against the waste of the people's earnings in a hopeless conflict with the ordinances of nature.