

an interest in the question as to whether union government is a practical project in the times of peace or not. The liberty of the subject is certainly only partially protected by party government just as the public interest is too often overlooked altogether. With this recurrence of party-rule for party-rule there is apt to be a recurrence of the grossest of self-seeking within its initiating tyrannies. Justice and injustice become too often, from certain hastening activities, the strangest of bed-fellows, with their heads in close proximity on the pillows of an overturning patronage. There is too ready an escape for the latter, and too open an impatience with the former, when once the public interest demands attention from both of them. And, when they are brought to confront one another, the liberty of the subject is too often also confronted by ridicule should public opinion espouse the cause of justice against its accidental bedfellow. The choice of the people, if he be a party-man, finds it difficult to escape becoming a slave to party rule, or a too ready victim to its vengeance. In a word, party government is a poor kind of an arena wherein to cultivate the broader-minded statesmanship. Yet it has not altogether failed to present the country with the most striking redeeming results, which cannot but plead in its favour as a ready means of getting at public opinion. And, were it only to be stripped of its ethical obliquities of action "in getting there and while being there", it may never come to lose favour altogether as the "best means to an end" democracy can have for ruling itself. Meanwhile, all "good and true Canadians", irrespective of what has happened or may happen, have their eyes turned sympathetically and patriotically on the experiment of a union or non-party government, as the fires of a past partyism smoulder in its vicinity to help it maintain a rectitude of administrative rule, and in time, perhaps, illumine the consummation of the nation unity Canada is longing for, as an outcome from the Canadian patriotism that has been aiding in the winning of the most momentous war the world has ever witnessed.

