

MR. E. W. THOMSON

Mr. E. W. Thomson, the well-known correspondent of the Boston Transcript, recently contributed a letter to that paper, which is one of the oldest and most reputable in the United States, dealing with public affairs in the Province of Alberta. Few men the continent over have had so long and varied a literary and journalistic experience as Mr. Thomson. His early years he spent on the Canadian press, in the course of which he furnished a rare example of a newspaper man's devotion to principle. When occupying the position of chief editorial writer on the Toronto Globe, one of the great prizes in Canadian journalism, he found himself unable to agree with the Liberal party's policy and immediately resigned his post, contributing in no small degree to the success of the Conservatives at the succeeding elections. He has supported both Liberal and Conservative Governments since that time. There is nothing of the partizan about him but when a choice has to be made between two parties he believes that it is the duty of the journalist to state his preferences for one or the other. For the course which he adopts he is always able to offer the most cogent reasons and there is no Canadian whose views on public questions, are entitled to more careful consideration. Mr. Thomson, it should be mentioned, is a constant contributor to many of the foremost publications of the English-speaking world and his name is a familiar one to every close reader of the magazines and reviews. That the opinions of such a man on matters of intimate concern to Alberta are worthy of paying the closest heed to goes without saying.