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PUBLISHER'S TALK

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SEVERAL prominent men, including a premier and a university president, have written to say that our Voting Competition for "Canada's Ten Big Men" is founded in impossibility. One says popular opinion is unstable and fickle. Another says that there so many points of view that a decision is impossible. Another says the public have no standards, and do not know great men from pigmies. To these gentlemen, we have but one reply: Our purpose is not to decide who are the great men of Canada, but to find out who are the great men of the public. We admit that the result of the voting will not be the final word in this question, but we are satisfied that the public are not so far astray as some very intelligent people would have us believe. Next week we shall have an article on the subject, in which some of the peculiarities of the competition, so far as it has gone, will be discussed.



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