

ciple of one man, one vote, with all votes of equal value, will in due time be extended to one person, one vote, each vote counting alike. The franchise cannot justly be given to those that have no right to it as Canadians, whatever service they may have rendered to the Empire or even to Canada.

In the bitterly fought struggle for the extension of the franchise in the United Kingdom I was old enough to participate. I was in England when Hyde Park railings came down, and the common people won the right to be represented. I heard the reply of the people to the age old claims of Autocracy. "If they will not rule us as we wish they must be made to do so." I remember the extended franchise being condemned as a leap in the dark, and have lived to see from it only the happiest results. I have seen the autocratic House of Lords oppose the will of the people expressed through the democratic House of Commons, with a fine contempt for the consequences conveyed in unparliamentary language, and have seen as a consequence the Lords deproved of their autocratic power. I have lived to hear the most Conservative British statesmen declare that the will of the people must prevail. Now I find that autocracy which has been driven out of England and the United Kingdom has gained a footing