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THE TRUE IDEA OF CANADIAN LOYALTY.

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IN the November number of this Magazine a distinguished writer, eminently qualified for the task both by the nature of his studies and by his peculiar opportunities for observation, undertook to discuss the question whether Canadian loyalty was 'a Sentiment, or a Principle.' The discussion, as it seemed to me, opened somewhat abruptly, no attempt being made to define what was meant by 'Canadian Loyalty.' Yet, that such a definition was highly necessary is obvious enough, and has moreover been illustrated in a somewhat singular way. In glancing over the index to the Magazine for the half year just closed, I find the article to which reference is made quoted under the title of 'Is *Loyalty to Canada* a Sentiment or a Principle?' Here is a transformation of the most significant kind. 'Loyalty to Canada' is a much more definite thing than 'Canadian

Loyalty,' which, if capable of being interpreted in the same sense is also capable of being interpreted in one widely different, namely, the Loyalty of Canada to the Parent State. This in fact is the sense in which the term is used throughout the article, nothing whatever being said about the duty of loyalty to Canada. Understanding then Canadian loyalty in this sense, and not in the sense so oddly suggested by the index, Mr. Todd proceeds to enquire whether it is 'a Sentiment or a Principle,' and concludes that it is the latter, not the former. The aim of the following pages will be to show that Canadian loyalty, if understood in the sense of loyalty to Canada, is—whether sentiment or principle or both—the one thing which it is of the greatest importance to the future of this country to strengthen and promote; but that, if understood in the sense adopted by Mr. Todd, it repre-