

a true knowledge of their rights, their duties and their interests, and this is not denied them, except by those who are the slaves of prejudice, or deeply interested in the continuance of things as they are. The cause of truth and justice can never be injured by temperate and honest discussion. The working men of Great Britain have procured a reform, by temperate and honest effort and discussion. And it becomes the duty of the laboring classes of Canada to hastily advance a reform, which is yet in its infancy, and which appeals to the common sense of the country as of the utmost importance. They are called upon by their honor, by the constitution and institutions of the land and by the great stake they possess in the country, to claim a proper and equitable voice in the parliaments and government of the Dominion, and for the fair encouragement of their industry, and protection for the fruits of their labor.

Will the stability of the government or that of the country be weakened, when 6,000,000 people supported directly by labor are largely represented by farmers, miners, mechanics, artisans, fishermen and sailors, instead of by lawyers, doctors, merchants, speculators and millionaires? These 6,000,000, compose the working men and their families, and are 80 per cent. of the population of Canada at the present time. They have united the destinies of themselves and their children with this country, and their genius and character, and talents should be as freely and fully recognized as those of any class, as suitable for an honest discharge of public duty.

Canada is growing in knowledge, in wealth and in internal union. It is striding to independence and power, and those classes which have almost silently allowed other classes to use their privileges are beginning to move by honest and temperate effort to secure and guard their rights.