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THANKSGIVING DAY.

If ever a nation had cause for giving thanks to the Divine source of all blessings, Canada is pre-eminently under that joyful obligation. Joyful because to all healthy minds the sense of gratitude is a pleasure heightened when expressed. National unity becomes weak when no opportunities occur for its display. As the population of the Dominion enlarges, the need increases of developing the sense of national unity, in order to obviate the evils that grow out of territorial divisions. Our people need to be trained to act in public affairs as Canadians, not as residents in this or that Province. They need also to have instilled into them the duty of every freeman to share in the government of his country.

It is the spirit of pauperism which isolates citizens from public service, for he who enjoys the political privileges and social blessings of national government and of a well organized community without making any return is like a mendicant living upon charity.

Canada has everything to inspire gratitude and devotion to public duties. In no other land is there such social peace, kindness and good will amongst all classes. This is eminently the land of hope and opportunity, of equal rights and equal justice. It is the land rich with the promise of developing into a great nation, endowed with the potency for fulfilling this high destiny.

Thanksgiving Day, besides being the nation's grateful recognition of dependence upon the Creator and Bestower of all good gifts—the God of nations as well as individuals—is a lesson in political wisdom.

Transvaal Gold Production.

Up to the end of September last, the production of gold in the Transvaal amounted in value to \$76,997,000. The total this year will almost certainly exceed \$112,000,000, as compared with \$80,000,000 in 1904, \$62,900,000 in 1903, and \$36,260,000 in 1902. In 1900 and 1901 the total was \$12,250,000, and 1899, \$78,690,000.

Press Misrepresentations.

Strong pressure has been brought to bear upon the British Foreign Office to induce Lord Lansdowne to give an official denial to certain false statements in the Press. It is a most deplorable feature of the day that irresponsible, grossly ignorant, and conscienceless persons utilize the Press for the meanest purposes. To create a sensation that will sell a few extra papers, reports are published which are known to be wholly false, reports that do serious injury to business interests by disturbing the markets for securities. The daily Press of the day is most grievously deficient in self-respect.

Newfoundland and American Fisherman.

It is reported that trouble is brewing over the action of American fishermen in pursuing their business in the waters of Newfoundland without authority, in fact, "poaching" as they do so audaciously off the coasts of the Maritime Provinces, and in Lake Erie. Canada has interests in this matter which need watching and defending, as the Americans are pushing their operations into our waters beyond the limit fixed by treaty. Along the shores of Labrador, to and through the Strait of Belle-Isle and Northwardly the Americans have certain fishing privileges, which, it is alleged, are being used to establish territorial rights in that region. To check this movement the Dominion Government has placed