LOYALTY IN CANADA.

The following readable extracts are taken from an essay submitted by Mrs. Warwick Chipman in the prize competition of the Montreal Local Council of the National Council of Canadian Women:

Gratitude has been defined as justice made beautiful.' Lovalty is duty (whether self-imposed or not) made lovely. Mingled with the obligation implied in the root of the word, over and above the exactions of the 'loi,' there is the hint of fidelity, of obedience, of reverence, of trust, of love, of enthusiasm.

So many brilliant examples have drawn it out to the measure of their noblest self-surrender and most devoted service, that it cannot easily contract to fit a bare discharge of duty. Precedent leads us to expect with the quality large perquisities to the credit of humanity.

No galled and sorry drudge is true loyalty, but so full blooded and gallant as fitly to bear against all odds the flower of chivalry, heroism, and generous emulation.

Emblems and symbols in relation to Loyalty may at first appear matters of but slight relevance, but we in Canada, with our large Celtic admixture, must see their importance, especially in dealing with the

Attention to the beginnings of great national events and movements shows the symbol to occupy a prominent place. As illustration, millinery, ecclesiastic, m. ary or civic is found practically necessary to render the machinery of the several functions perfectly effective. Spontaneous and involuntary respect is yielded to persons whose dress (a mere symbol) denotes their in stiture with authority. Deference becomes an instinct before a uniform. .

Love of home and early associatio s has given us many symbols. The Eastern fig tree, the English fireside, even the American old oaken bucket, all are symbols to conjure sweet thoughts of home.

A cry to rally round the flag brings love, pride, fortitude, and daring-do, in easter crowds to the front. The in eager crowds to the front. very tatters of the fluttering emblem are several lashes to the torrent of glorious memories, high emprise, and noble emulation, which swell the tide of battle to full flood. .

How heart-inspiring too is a national air, a symbol that alike cheers the soldier on the field and fires with patriotic zeal the civilian at home. A national anthem, like England's, lifts the emotions beyond vulgar boast and lust of glory to the region of religious duty and loyal piety.

If the doctrine of loyalty become part of our school system, educationists well know the value of suitable emblems and symbols, and the trained instincts of the growing generation will rise obedient to whatever call Maple Leaf or Union Jack shall make, and the great bulk of the nation will yield as ready a re-

flag are a good start in the right direction.

We would have our youth taught their relation to the State, and its dependence on their faithful dis-charge of dutiful service for a happy condition of affairs. And since the hero's part may be played by but few, the only outlet for the loyalty of the vast majority lies in upholding the hands of authority in worthy citizenship, to the full capacity of each one.

The impulse, the spirit of this new individualism, is aboard and ripe for guidance.

Communism, in the vulgar sense, is but its misdirected energy pushed to insane use. But the ideals of Plato's Republic, of Sir Thomas More's Utopia, of Primitive Christianity, held the mutual interdependence of State and individual a first essential to the common. .

It is a happy-go-lucky faith and deserves the rebuke of disaster. . .

To sum up, this virtue of loyalty is of the highest ethical value to the

As a factor in national success its presence is imperative:

To be perfectly effective it should be cultivated and directed to the wisest use, by all practical means.

There is nothing chimerical in the idea of a community, a province, a widely spreading nation, so deeply imbued with a sense of duty and cordial service toward a State that is administered with closest attention to public welfare, as to make loyalty the distinctive characteristic of that people. It would be difficult to dare or daunt a people so equipped; well nigh impossible to bar the happy progress of a people so conditioned. Life amid such circumstances must become a gradation towards that existence

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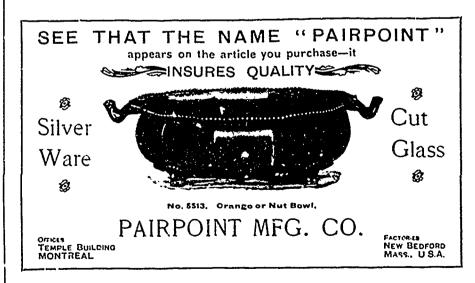
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