

a corporation than to make a just defence of a corporation. It takes courage to turn in the teeth of a mob or a wave of sectarian or national prejudice and strike a man's blows for one's own opinions. But, after all, the citizen who speaks his own mind, rests on his own judgment even in the face of press or caucus or pulpit, is the only free man and the only man worthy of representative institutions. A needless war against corporations is a menace to credit and a drag upon progress, but we are far more likely to surrender unduly to the corporation lobbyist and the concession hunter than to be over-vigilant for the rights of the people in public franchises and natural resources. We cannot hold for the people too much of what is left; we cannot too soon establish the right of control and of taxation over what has been surrendered. But, after all, the outlook is hopeful. We are neither oppressed nor in peril of war or famine. We live in a land of plenty and a time of peace. Within the past year or two there has been a wonderful upgrowth of Canadian feeling. Here at home we feel a new impulse to progress, a splendid confidence in ourselves, and across the old world the name of Canada is ringing as it never rang before. It is not a time to bicker and snarl as to what man or what party is responsible for these happy and hopeful circumstances and conditions. It is not a time to revive the memories of old quarrels and deliver judgment on the mistakes and follies of earlier days. Are we sure that we would have done better if we had had to bear the responsibilities of the fathers? Let us rather unite to honor all men who give us faithful public service, to recognize the good intent of all men who labor for the public betterment, and to make the splendid promise of to-day the more splendid achievement of to-morrow.

The golden fleece is at our feet,
Our hills are girt in sheen of gold,
Our golden-flower fields are sweet
With honey hives. A thousandfold
More fair our fruit on laden stem
Than Jordan's tow'rd Jerusalem.