

policy, the appointments and the elections of the Dominion. If this fear, which is wide spread, should prove well founded, elective institutions would be a mockery and worse. It is into this fold that the assistants of its shepherd are trying to scare and worry us back. But before we go, we must be satisfied that in giving our allegiance to such a power we shall be doing what is consistent with the interest and the honour of our country. These parties have played their part in the past, but what is there to attract any young man not seeking for government employment to either of them for the future? One of them styles itself Conservative; yet nobody can tell you what it purposes to conserve. It certainly is not evoking the moral forces which in a community essentially democratic can alone exert a conservative influence worthy of the name. It has even shown a disposition, like some other Conservative parties, to evoke from the very depths of democracy, forces which are anything but moral. At best it is clinging to some planks from an old dam which has long since been broken up by the stream.