

THE NEW CANADIAN PATRIOTISM

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THE good citizen loves his country in the same way that he loves his family—instinctively. His passion is irrational. The patriot, even the unaggressive patriot who bears no feelings of hostility to other countries, still gives a preference to his own which is neither due to its qualities nor lessened by its defects. Patriotism will not be in place in a perfect world, and therefore Plato made a mistake when he provided his ideal Republic with armed defenders. There will be no defenders and therefore no Patriots in the Ideal Republic, for no state can be regarded as ideal which does not include the whole of mankind. The universal republic, the federation of the world, excludes the possibility of war. When the ideal state is constituted, the army and navy will have ceased to exist and patriotism will have given way to cosmopolitanism. I do not think Patriotism will disappear unregretted, for a more powerful sentiment does not exist, a sentiment more generally intelligible, one more capable of