

ADVISORY NOTE.

The project of formulating a "Creed of Patriotism", such as is referred to in these pages, is a tentative one. Some people may be inclined to look upon it as being somewhat presumptive in its tone, and otherwise hardly in keeping with the rudimentary intelligence of any "Rising Generation". But the purpose of those, who have the issue of such a pamphlet as this in hand, is merely to place its suggestions before the more matured intelligence of the present generation of Canadians, so that they may be induced to leave some kind of a well-defined "Creed of Patriotism", embodied as it will no doubt have to be in a more elementary form, as a legacy to aid those coming after these unsettling war-times, in maturing a lasting Canadianism in line with a higher civic morality. Those in charge of the educational processes, that tend to promote a patriotism and a mutual good-citizenship for the time being, are not likely to eliminate from their horizon the ethical uplift of the future, whatever form may recommend itself to them as a fitting medium of getting young and old to appreciate what their fullest duty is towards their own homeland and those who share in its governance. When we Canadians of the present day and generation come to see what is amiss in that governance and its civic ethics, we are not likely to be long in agreeing upon a form suitable for the rising generation to learn how the State, through them, may be protected from a wayward citizenship, which is apt to turn its back upon the civic morality that makes for a stable and continuing nationhood and a wholesome national unity. The message is safe with the Canadian patriotic societies to whom it is dedicated. If they deem it worth while, they may bring it to the attention of their members, as a preparing of the way for a meantime or post-war improvement in our civic ethics, in line with all other suggestions as to the improvement of the conditions of living, when once a right kind of peace has been secured for Canada and the rest of the world at large.