

May I ask the citizens of Canada, the uncrowned kings who at the ballot-box express their sovereign will with regard to the destiny of a country one-hundred times the size of Scotland, if they concur in this definition of a State? If so, how many of them will bring to the discharge of their duty as electors the courage of those men who took their lives in their hands; men who fought bloody battles, defied principalities and powers, and even deposed Kings, that their children might enjoy what John Milton called "the liberty to know, to argue and to utter," according to the dictates of their own conscience. How many of them will guard the political honor of Canada, as they would guard their homes against the pestilence that wasteth at noonday, and repudiate every appeal to self interest if not consistent with the prosperity of the whole people? How many are prepared to act upon the advice given by Wolsey to Cromwell:—

" Let all the ends thou aim'st at be thy country's,
Thy God's and truth's; then if thou fall'st, O Cromwell,
Thou fall'st a blessed martyr."

Blessed country when the majority will so do.