

press provides our chief source of light, though often of heat as well. The universities reach a narrower audience. Canadian Clubs and Boards of Trade supply a useful forum. Manufacturers, farmers, trade unionists, have their conventions, often inspired with encouragingly broad Canadianism but usually limited by natural preoccupations and prejudices. Charity workers or town planners have occasional or periodic conferences. The churches are endeavouring to stir the social conscience to activity.

There is still a need unmet. It has seemed possible, and necessary, to supplement these various agencies of discussion by an association of more general scope, free from the partisanship of parliaments, though with party politicians as well as government officials among its members; less hurried than the daily newspaper, though with newspaper men in its fold; less theoretic than professional economists, though utilizing their services as well; less specialized in view point than the banker or manufacturer or farmer, but including them all.

The Aims of the New Association.

The Canadian Political Science Association, organized in 1913, aims at providing a clearing-house for discussion of the most vital among our political, economic, and social problems. It seeks to bring together men who have something significant to say, men who realize the need of finding out the point of view of fellow-Canadians interested in the same questions. It commits itself to no policy, but offers a free field for presenting and discussing any policy. So far as one body may do, it aims at providing exact facts, and inducing thoroughgoing threshing out of opinions, upon a few important topics