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WE are still in Canadian politics; but our next number will bring a respite. If we mistake not, readers of the class to which THE BYSTANDER is addressed are beginning to care less for these contentions and more for broader and deeper questions. This is well, so long as politics are not neglected. They form a small part, a very small part indeed, of the life of most of us; but they are a part of life which must be kept in right order, or all the rest will go wrong. You cannot afford to let demagogism have its own way. It will lay its unholy hand in time upon everything; upon the relations between the sexes, upon the happiness of domestic life.

—The Session of the Dominion Parliament, according to the Ministerial journals, was a display of legislative energy and wisdom which has endeared the best of Governments more than ever to the heart of an admiring people: according to the journals of the Opposition, it was an ignominious blank relieved only by outrages on the Constitution. The first part of it was expended in fighting the battle of the Ontario elections: governments must live, and party governments can live only by beating the opposite party. Then came a period of manœuvring and counter-manœuvring of which Orange Incorporation was the chief feature. At last, when it was too late for deliberation, three measures of importance were