

Canada has had: Macdonald, Abbott, Thompson, Laurier, Borden, and, as a lawyer, with pride I mention Meighen. Gentlemen, we have not all or always agreed with Premiers, their policies or their methods, nor is that expected. But should we not regard our citizens who with high purpose volunteer for public service as we regarded our soldiers who, impelled by inward conviction, fought for us. Each though in a different sense takes his life in his hands, each has to deny himself, each is endeavouring to do his duty, each is influenced by one thought, how best to serve his country. Ours to criticize and enquire, but in that charity which thinketh no evil and is kind, to condemn unequivocally the wrong, but to encourage and applaud every sincere and honest effort. Canada has had a wonderful beginning. To our people sprung from vigorous races, Great Britain willingly and in kindness gave protection while we established in this new land these fundamental British principles, protection of person and property, fair and prompt trial of offences and disputes by a system of qualified Judges, of advocates and juries, freedom of religious worship, of speech, of press, of assemblage, government of people by themselves and indeed all those things which pertain to our civilization, a civilization which rests upon Christianity.

"If we only had that intense race consciousness that characterized Jewry, we might hear the British spirit which enfolds us proclaim:—

"Behold I lay in (Canada) for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation,' and the rule for the building of our superstructure is declared:—

"Judgment also will I lay to the line and righteousness to the plummet.'

"As our British parent built not in haste but steadily, not for passing pleasure but for permanent good, not at any angle or curve or crookedly but on the straight lines of judgment and righteousness, so should we endeavour to build a stately national structure, the truest, most beneficent, and the most enduring of the ages.

"There are three prospects which Canadians should contemplate—Canada as a developing nation and its duty to itself,